

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy  
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## THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am

WORLD  
  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY



# October

# October 2018



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer...  
Rejoice with those who rejoice;  
mourn with those who mourn.  
Romans 12:12,15, NIV

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	1 6pm Scouts	2	3 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	4 	5	6 9am Spanish Worship
<b>7 World Communion Sunday</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>8 Columbus Day</b> Office Closed 	9	10 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	11	12	13 9am Spanish Worship
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21 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	22 6pm Scouts	23	24	25	26	27 9am Spanish Worship
28 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	29 6pm Scouts	30	31 <b>Halloween</b> 			

# ~Schedules~

PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DATE. RECORD CHANGES IN SCHEDULE ON MASTER COPY LOCATED IN OFFICE, ROOM 2.

## READER SCHEDULE

OCT.	7th	Elaine L.
	14th	Jennifer B
	21st	Ruth B.
	28th	Jennifer H.
NOV.	4th	Sherry K.
	11th	Joan D.
	18th	Dustin B.
	25th	_____



## GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

OCT.	7th	Lori R, Betty P.
	14th	Mary P, Elaine L.
	21st	George S, Joan D.
	28th	Arvid H, Gail H.
NOV.	4th	Megan J, Norma M.
	11th	Shirley W, Cara W.
	18th	Madhu S, Joyce S.
	25th	Lori R, Betty P.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

OCT.	7th	Christine V.
	14th	Betty P
	21st	Jennifer B.
	28th	Elaine L.
NOV.	4th	Mike W.
	11th	Sherry K.
	18th	Martha M.
	25th	Christine V.



## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

OCT.	7th	Joan D, Megan J
NOV.	4th	Elaine L, George S.

## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

OCT.	7th	Joan D, Megan J
		Dorothy R, Arvid H.
NOV.	4th	Elaine L, George S, Mary P, Gail H

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

OCT.	7th	Curt G, Jennifer H, Dee S.
NOV.	4th	Lori R, Stephanie Mc, Marcy N.

## Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

### **Beverly Mezger**

250 South Broadway, Apt 511, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

### **Ervant Mansfield**

8 Anne Terrace, South Amboy, NJ 08879

### **Virginia Porter**

at Care One Somerset Valley  
1621 Rt. 22, W. Bound Brook, NJ 08805

### **Debbie Sargeant Sr.**

3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

### **Agnes Schaefer**

at Madison Center  
625 State Rt. 34, Matawan, NJ 07747

*Please remember our homebound with a card  
and prayer.*



## **2018**

INTERIM PASTOR – Suzanne Schafer-Coates

CLERK OF SESSION - Joan Downes

TREASURER - Elaine Lopez

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT -

**Position Open**

SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver

ORGANIST - Kevin Shoemaker

## OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

George Schaefer, Megan Jarvis,  
Molly Solanki, Jill Berwick, Ken Gibson,  
Gail Hawkins, Dorothy Rhodes

## YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

*(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)*

Joan Downes	Gail Hawkins
Elaine Lopez	Dorothy Rhodes
Gerald Ring	Christine Vella

## YOUR DEACONS

*(Responsible for Assisting our Church and  
Community in Times of Need)*

Jennifer Harmsen	Sherry Kuo
Ken Gibson	Stephanie McAleer
Elizabeth Pinella	Shirley Weaver



## World Communion Sunday & Peace Making Offering

World Communion Sunday celebrated the first Sunday in October – is one of the most venerable of “Special Sundays.” On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department’s executive secretary, Jesse Bader, led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world.

Our congregation will be having a “**Peacemaking Offering**” on Oct. 7, 2018. Envelopes will be in the pews and mailroom. Please place your peacemaking envelope in the offering plate. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



## Remembering...with a pumpkin?

Halloween – or Hallowe’en, a contraction of “All Hallows’ Evening” – is observed before All Saints’ Day (November 1), which is a time to remember saints and martyrs in the life of the Church, and All Souls’ Day (November 2), which honors those Christian souls who have passed away.

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, “It’s like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, washes all the dirt off you, and scoops out all the “yucky” stuff.” Jesus was willing to become “messy” for us, so that we might become clean.

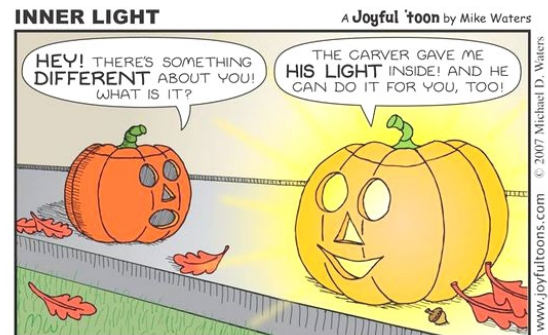
If you are carving a jack o’ lantern this year, you might find this a reflective exercise:

1. Select your pumpkin. Just like us, no two pumpkins are alike. The outside is what people see. The inside is like our soul or our heart, which only God truly knows. This pumpkin will eventually rot and die, as we all will someday. *My flesh and my heart are **wasting away**: but God is the Rock of my heart and my eternal heritage.* (Psalm 73:26)
2. Carve a hand-sized opening in the top of the pumpkin. For God to change our hearts (our “insides”), we must become open to Him! *Let your search be for the Lord and for his strength; let your hearts ever be turned to him.* (1 Chronicles 16:11)
3. Clean out the insides. Through Christ, God takes away the seeds of fear, doubt, hate, impurity, and greed! *He saved us, not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.* (Titus 3:5)
5. Carve eyes, a nose, and a smiling mouth. Remember that in Christ we are transformed! *...A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.* (Ecclesiastes 8:1)
6. Add a light. A pumpkin without its insides is only hollow. Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’ (John 8:12) When Christ lives inside of us, we glow!

Adapted from DLTk's Bible Crafts for Kids

[http://www.dltk-bible.com/how\\_a\\_christian\\_is\\_like\\_a\\_pumpki.htm](http://www.dltk-bible.com/how_a_christian_is_like_a_pumpki.htm)

~Submitted by Molly Solanki



For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 KJV





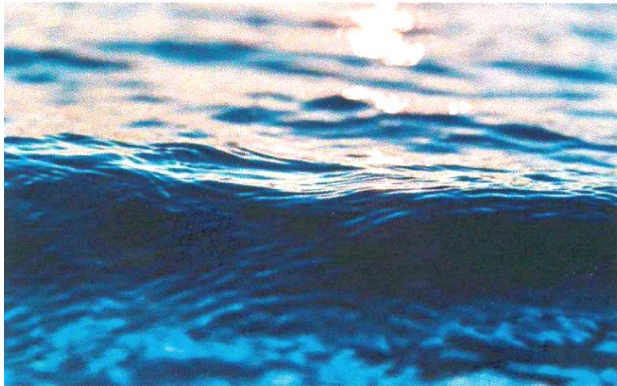
## Please Donate to our Organ Fund

Our Organ Fund (for repairs) is growing due to memorial gifts. When you make a donation in memory of someone. The family of the loved ones and the givers are both given a certificate recording these gifts of love. This is a special way of remembrance. Flowers are short lived. This is a forever gift.

~ Elaine Lopez



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## Deacon's Monthly Update

### Caring for Our Members

The Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy want the people in our community to know that we are a caring church. Therefore, we want to make sure that our own members are well cared for - especially in times of need. If you know one of our members who is in need of a meal, a ride to the store, a visit from one of us or something else, please let your Deacons know. Thank you.

~Jennifer Harmsen

### Food Pantry News

To God be the Glory, Great things he hath done. On Saturday Sept. 19th, we once again opened the doors of our Food Pantry to smiling faces of the recipients and volunteers. We served sixty three families. On bagging day, we were visited by Pastor Suzanne, who learned the system by which our pantry operates. Thank you for coming. Also thanks to our Deacon's who assisted by purchasing some well needed items.

~ Megan Jarvis

## Scouts Fish Dinner - Nov 6th

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation  
Fish Dinner will be held on



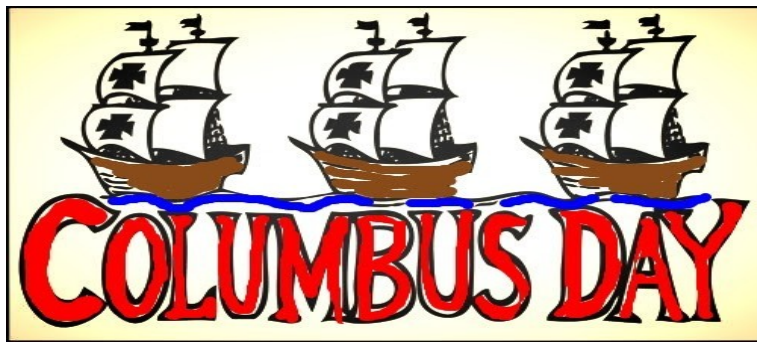
**Tuesday ,November 6th,  
in Fellowship Hall,  
5 pm - 7 pm.  
Eat in or take out.  
See Ruth or Joe for tickets.**

TO A BOSS WHO  
*guides with*  
INSIGHT & INSPIRATION,  
RECOGNIZES ACCOMPLISHMENTS,  
ENCOURAGES  
*and appreciates*  
EMPLOYEES,  
AND MODELS  
*Thoughtfulness*  
DAY AFTER DAY.

**Happy  
Halloween**







## October Birthdays



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*Oct. 8th Mary Dieker*

*Oct. 18th Don Hawkins*

*Oct. 25th Lenny Jastremski*

*Oct. 29th Rev. Suzanne Schaefer-Coates*

Want to see your special date listed?  
Give the office your info.



**Sunday School  
starts Oct. 7.  
9am—10am**

We will start the year learning about "Creation" and "Noah's Ark". I'm sure the kids will really enjoy it.

Please remember to register your child. Forms are in the mailroom.  
~ Shirley Weaver

## Congratulations

Jackson Cochran-Carney completed his Master's Degree this summer at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA in Mechanical Engineering. He is living with his parents in California while he is looking for a job.

## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



### ATTENTION EVERYONE:

We are running low on recycled ink cartridges. So make a point of saving yours and bring them into the church office. We bring 20 a month to Staples in order to receive \$40.00 rewards credit. Every month we order and apply the \$40.00 credit. Just completed our September order. Two ink cartridges, cost \$59.98. Paid \$19.98. Thanks to you. Keep up the good work. ~ Elaine Lopez

## Fall Harvest Dinner

*Planning! Planting! Sowing Seeds!*

**Come Join Us At:**

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**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

**5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

A great night of wonderful food, fun and fellowship is in the making.

Catered by: *Palms Plaza* Entertainment by: *The Echo's*

Tickets: *Adults \$20.00*

*Children \$10.00*

AD book: *Half page \$75.00*

*Full page \$125.00*

Proceeds will be used for major repairs in the Church

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**August 2018**

Offerings	\$ 8,680
Covenant Income	+ 3,218
Total Income	\$ 11,898
Disbursements	\$ -9,211

**Lord, please help us live with full confidence in Your faithful provision, so we can give freely and fearlessly to You and others.**

**DID YOU KNOW:** There are copies of detailed Treasurer's Report in the Mail Room. Take it home, study it, please ask questions and give me input.

## Beautiful Cards



**4 Cards per pack**

Blank inside, these and other designs available.

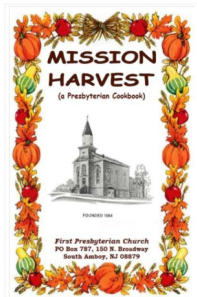
**\$5.00 Each**

Proceeds to continue work in Fellowship Hall.  
Order forms at the church or call the office for more information.

## MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

**\$12 Each**

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**125**  
YEARS OF TRADITION

## The Mission Committee



**The Mission Committee** needs members to help us help people in need. Our next meeting is Sat. Oct. 13th at noon. We have food, fun and fellowship. Please join us at the next meeting. All are welcome!

**We still have a lot of shirts left. Please consider buying one to support our Food Pantry**

**T-shirts \$15 each**

**Sizes Available:**  
**S, M, L, XL, 2XL**

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**Sunday Worship Flowers**

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. I have many openings. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks payable to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions please contact me. - Jean Greene

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# the OPEN DOOR

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Although my job as your Interim Pastor is to be for 20 hours per week, as I look at my September calendars (and yes, I have two identical Presbyterian Program Calendars, one for the office and one for home, so that I can - hopefully - always keep track of what I'm meant to be doing!), I find that every single one of the 30 days that September hath is filled with meetings and tasks, most which focused on my ministry here at First Pres. And in between these meetings and tasks I am thinking about sermons and bulletins and what is happening in the life of the church and in your lives as I get to know you, and I am praying for you individually and for our church, asking God to guide me as I set about the ministry God has for me to accomplish here.



September has been a good month as we picked up momentum after a quiet summer. One of my tasks as your Interim Pastor, has been to assess the health and strength of the church, both by observation, and in consultation with the members of Session and some of you, as I get to know you. I am happy to say that I find our church to be quite healthy. You obviously love and care and pray for one another. You reach out in Christian hospitality to all who come through your doors. Your Session is strong and focused, and the Elders provide good leadership. Finances are a perennial concern, especially when we have unexpected problems with the fabric of our 150+ year old church, but several members provide creative ways of raising money to offset these unexpected expenses. The monthly food distribution is labor intensive, yet there is a good spirit among those who work on this mission, and there's a feeling of gratitude on the part of both the givers and the receivers of this bounty.

An area of concern is our beloved Sunday School, which is still in need of a Superintendent, but Shirley Weaver and I have been working together to find a suitable curriculum and we have planned a teachers' meeting following worship on September 30th to lay out the weekly lessons for the Fall term. Sunday School starts on Sunday, October 7th at 9.00 am. We are grateful for our devoted teachers who not only teach our Sunday School lessons, but who show great love for the children of our church.

There are so many things I want to discuss with you, and will do so in the months to come. But of all the many things we do together, the most important is worship. World Communion Sunday is October 7th, followed a month later by All Saints' Sunday, and before we know it, we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving, and then it's full speed ahead into Advent, Christmas and the New Year. I am looking forward to being with you on these holy-days, and all the days in between.

~ Pastor Suzanne

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This time last year, when only God knew that being the Interim Pastor of First Pres. was in my future, my husband and I booked a vacation from October 12 - 28. I'll be away for three Sundays! The Rev. Barbara Hicks will be leading worship and preaching on October 14 and 21, and John Mottley will be filling the pulpit on October 28. I look forward to returning to the office on October 29 and to worship on November 4.