

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

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



November

November 2018



As summer into autumn slips
 O give me grace today
 To rise and turn as summer's leaves
 Draw life and strength from heavenly rays.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Daylight Savings ends 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6pm Scouts</p>	<p>Election Day 5pm Scout's Fish Dinner</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
<p>Veterans Day 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon</p>	<p>6pm Scouts</p>		<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> 9am Spanish Worship
			<p>14</p> 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	<p>15</p> 9:30am Bagging 		<p>17</p> 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
<p>18</p> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	<p>19</p> 6pm Scouts	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p> 9am Spanish Worship
<p>25</p> 10:30am Worship/Communion	<p>26</p> 6pm Scouts	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> 9am Spanish Worship

~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

NOV.	4th	Sherry K.
	11th	Joan D.
	18th	Dustin B.
	25th	_____
DEC.	2nd	Anthony V. Jr.
	9th	Ruth B.
	16th	Jennifer H.
	23rd	Sherry K.
	30th	Joan D.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

NOV.	4th	Megan J, Norma M.
	11th	Shirley W, Cara W.
	18th	Madhu S, Joyce S.
	25th	Lori R, Betty P.
DEC.	2nd	Mary P, Elaine L.
	9th	George S, Joan D.
	16th	Arvid H, Gail H.
	23rd	Megan J, Norma M.
	30th	Shirley W, Cara W.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

NOV.	4th	Mike W.
	11th	Sherry K.
	18th	Martha M.
	25th	Christine V.
DEC.	2nd	Betty P.
	9th	Jennifer B.
	16th	Elaine L.
	23rd	Christmas –No Nursery
	30th	New Year's –No Nursery



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

NOV.	4th	Elaine L, George S.
NOV.	25th	Joan D, Dorothy R.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

NOV.	4th	Elaine L, George S, Mary P, Gail H
NOV.	25th	Joan D, Dorothy R. Arvid H. _____

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

NOV.	4th	Lori R, Stephanie Mc, Marcy N.
DEC.	2nd	Elaine L, Joan D, Norma M.

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

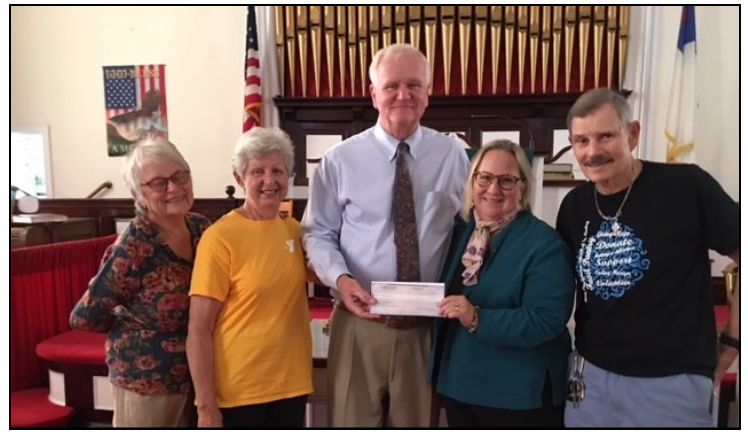
Sherry Kuo

Ken Gibson

Stephanie McAleer

Elizabeth Pinella

Shirley Weaver



With Sincere Thanks

Thank you to The Amboy Foundation for once again coming to our aid. This is year you as a community bank went above and beyond recognizing our need to keep our building and grounds in continuous repair.

Without your generous gifting to our Church, we would find it difficult if not impossible to keep our property in good repair.

Update/Volunteer Forms

We have only received back 12 completed forms. Most of the congregation has not returned them yet. There are extra forms in the mail room. Please complete the forms and return them to the office **by Nov. 30, 2018**. Also, if you already have planned vacations or times that you know that you are not available in 2019, Please give a list of those days to the office so we don't schedule you on those days. ~Shirley

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

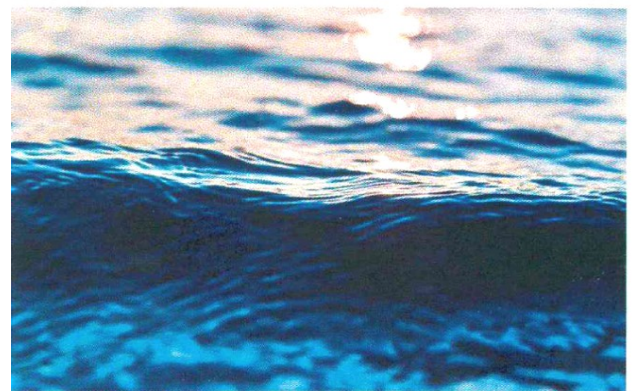


Scouts Fish Dinner - Nov 6th

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.**



**Substance Use Disorder and
Inpatient Withdrawal
Management**

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November Birthdays



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Nov. 3rd Edith Hanmore
 Nov. 5th Renny Travisano
 Nov. 6th David Coates
 Nov. 8th Christian Dwojeski
 Nov. 10th Joseph Beselinoff
 Nov. 11th Dom Vigliante
 Nov. 18th Jackson Carney
 Nov. 19th Peggy Holt
 Nov. 23rd Dorothy Rhodes
 Nov. 21st Anthony Vella Sr.
 Nov. 25th Joyce Solanki

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2018

Offerings	\$ 8,190
Covenant Income	+ 1,595
Total Income	\$ 9,785
Disbursements	\$ - 9,495

THE GIVER IS THE GREATEST RECIPIENT

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.

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Thank you for reading last month's request for more used ink cartridges. All together you turned in thirty five cartridges. I used our maximum (20) per month and ordered a cases of legal size copy paper. Cost \$65.00, paid \$25.00. Thank you.

~ Elaine Lopez

Attention All Committees



All reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27, 2019, **must be given to the office by January 6, 2019.** Please have all reports typed, clearly written, or clearly printed on 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper, on one page if possible.

~ Shirley Weaver



Sunday School

In October our children learnt about "Creation" and what a precious gift the world He gave us is. As their arts and craft project they created a

"Recycle" banner made of recycled cardboard to remind others to recycle as a way of taking care of the earth God gave us. I encourage each of you to please go into Room 1 and take a look at there beautiful work and remember to care for God's creation.

~ Shirley Weaver



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

TIME TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias will be \$7.50 each. Orders will be taken until December 9th.

You can also order flowers "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one for Sunday worship. Sunday worship flowers are \$25.00 for both urns. Please make all checks out to **CASH**.

Thank you.

Jean Greene 732-727-8690

Deacon's Monthly Update

Happy Birthday, Jesus/ Breakfast with Santa

The Deacons are preparing a Christmas celebration for December! This year the children who are registered for the *Happy Birthday, Jesus/Breakfast with Santa* party will receive a meaningful gift and an advent calendar, courtesy of the Deacons and Missions Committees. Of course, everyone is invited to attend the celebration on Sunday, December 9th, right after the service. Come celebrate Christmas with friends and see the children open their gifts!

~Jennifer Harmsen

Food Pantry News

What a mighty God we serve. Our last pantry was held on Sat. 10/20. At the beginning of the month our pantry has lots of room for much more food. At ordering time it seems the Food Bank has less and less, to offer. Despite this when we open our doors and our recipients began streaming in there is lots of food to offer them. This month we were blessed to have in our midst a team of sorority sisters as volunteers and who pledged to assist us in receiving donations. We served 77 families.

~ Megan Jarvis



ANGEL TREE



In the spirit of sharing the blessing the Lord has bestowed upon us, we are sponsoring an Angel Tree, to share His blessings with those less fortunate. Anyone wishing to help a child for Christmas can take an angel card off the tree and buy an age appropriate gift for that age child and return the gift under the tree. Please return the angel card with the gift. Gifts will be picked up weekly. When all the angels are adopted, the tree will have all crosses on it as a reminder of The Lords "Christmas Present" to us, "His Son". Please have all gifts back by Dec. 15th. So we may get them to their families.

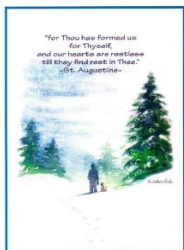
~Shirley Weaver

Wow What a Night!

We give thanks to the Lord. Once again, He, has found favor with our Church. With happy hearts we went about getting everything in place for this affair. The proceeds are too be used to replace the floor and ceiling tile in fellowship hall, kitchen and hallway. With his guidance we have raised enough to get the job done! On Saturday, October 20th, 2018 we celebrated a wonderful Harvest Feast. With great food and fine entertainment, we enjoyed music, dancing and fellowship. The spotlight guest of the night was Brian Croak one of our former Pastors. I would be remiss if I didn't give special thanks to all for the helping hands, such as but not limited to Joe Beselinoff, the Weaver's and certainly the community service gang.

In His Service, Mary

Beautiful Cards



4 Cards per pack

Blank inside, these and other designs available.

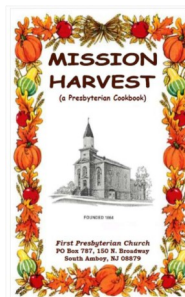
\$5.00 Each

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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CELEBRATING
125
YEARS OF TRADITION

The Mission Committee

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 3rd at 12noon. Please come out and join us, all are welcome.



Save the Date

“Warm Hearts, Warm Hands”
fundraiser dinner on 2/16/19 from
5:00pm-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

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

Phone: 732-721-4516

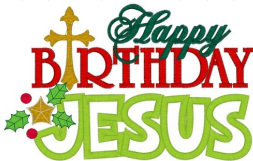


VENETIAN
Care & Rehabilitation Center

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Happy Birthday Jesus Breakfast with Santa Dec. 9th



The Deacons and Missions Committees will be hosting a Happy Birthday Jesus/Breakfast with Santa after service on Dec. 9th. Please **register** your child by Nov. 25. If you would like them to participate. We need to make sure Santa knows who's coming. Registration forms are in the weekly bulletins and mailroom on the bench.

- Deacons & Missions

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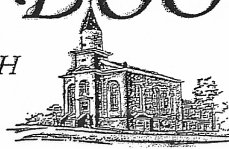
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We begin our 30 days of Thankfulness (another name for November) with a sense of the year drawing in. Days are shorter, darkness begins around 5pm, and we're turning on the heat and bringing out our sweaters and coats. As we begin the month, we pause to take a deep breath because we know that in a few days time will start moving at warp speed and before we know it, we'll be in 2019.

In worship this month, every Sunday has a theme. **November 7** is All Saints' Sunday, and we will be celebrating the saints of our church and in our lives, both living and gone ahead of us into heaven, and we will share together the Lord's Supper. **November 11** is, yes, Veterans' Day and we will be honoring and thanking our veterans, but it is also the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I and we will be remembering before God the 40 million soldiers, sailors, medical personnel, and civilians (dead from battle or disease, missing, and wounded) from the 30 countries that were involved in what was called at the time "The War to End Wars." **November 18** we will be "gathering together to ask the Lord's blessing" as we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday, and **November 25** we will again be celebrating the Lord's Supper as we mark Christ the King Sunday, the theme of which is Christ coming again in Glory. I hope that you will be with us in worship on these Sundays as we pause in our headlong rush toward the Christmas holidays to worship the God who comes to us every day of the year.

Sunday School has made a great start, as teachers and leaders Christine Vella, Judy Scharff, Shirley Weaver, Jennifer Bellina welcomed our children. We will be focusing on two stories from Genesis this Fall, God's creation of a Garden and of Man and Woman, and the story of Noah and God's promise and covenant. As December approaches, we will be working on the Children's program for Advent.

I am enjoying learning the ways that you live out your Christian faith here in First Pres., in big ways and small - both ways are important. Your hunger ministry/food pantry is a major effort that you carry out month by month, and the way that you pray and care for one another, although it might seem to be a smaller effort is, in fact, what undergirds your life together as the People of God - the Body of Christ - in this place.

During the 30 days of Thankfulness that mark the month of November, I will be continually thanking God for the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy, its members and friends, and for calling me to be in your midst as your Interim Pastor.

God bless you all.

~~~~~Pastor Suzanne

