

Friends, Visitors, Guests

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



Groundhog Day



Presidents Day




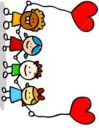
Valentines Day

# February



# February 2019

But God demonstrates his own  
love for us in this: While we  
were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.  
*Romans 5:8*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3 Scout Sunday</b>  9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	<b>4</b> 6pm Scouts	<b>5 Chinese New Year</b> 4pm Religious Award CW	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 	<b>1</b>	<b>2 Groundhog's Day</b>  9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
<b>10</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Installation of Officers 11:30 am Deacon	<b>11</b> 6pm Scouts	<b>12</b> 4pm Religious Award CW	<b>13</b> 7:30pm Scouts Leaders 8:30 am Session	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 9:30am Bagging 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
<b>17</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Valentine's Luncheon	<b>18 President's Day</b> Office Closed 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> Giftfriend's Getaway Weekend Begins	<b>23</b> 9am Spanish Worship
<b>24</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm Blue and Gold Dinner	<b>25</b> 6pm Scouts	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</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

Undetermined  
Need more volunteers



## GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

Undetermined  
Need more volunteers

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

Feb. 3 Betty P, Christian D.  
10 Christine V, David C.  
17 Mike & Shirley W.  
24 Elaine L, Faith Mc.  
Mar. 3 Sherry & David K.  
10 Martha M, Jennifer B  
17 Betty P, Christian D  
24 Christine V, David C.  
31 Mike & Shirley W.



## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

Feb. 3 Christine V, Jean G.  
Mar. 3 Shirley W, Betty P

## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

Feb. 3 Christine V, Mary P, Lori R, George S.  
Mar. 3 Shirley W, Betty P, Beth M, Megan J.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Feb. 3 Boy Scouts  
Mar. 3 Peggy & Arvid, Gail H, George S.

We need more volunteers especially for Readers and Ushers. However, Coffee Hour, Nursery, and Communion could use more helpers too. If you did not return your Purple Update and volunteer sheet, in November, I don't have you confirmed to volunteer again for 2019. If you are willing to help out and volunteer for 2019 please see Shirley. Thank you and Happy New Year!!

## 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**

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

### **Debbie Sargeant Sr.**

3058 Bordentown Ave.  
Parlin, NJ 08859

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

## **Feb. 2019**

INTERIM PASTOR – Suzanne Schafer-Coates

CLERK OF SESSION - Joan Downes

TREASURER - Elaine Lopez

SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver

ORGANIST - Kevin Shoemaker

## OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jill Berwick, Arvid Holt, Joyce Solanki,  
Molly Solanki, 2 elders & 1 deacon  
TBD

## YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

*(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)*

Gail Hawkins Elaine Lopez

Dorothy Rhodes Gerald Ring

George Schaefer Christine Vella

## YOUR DEACONS

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

Jennifer Harmsen Megan Jarvis

Sherry Kuo Stephanie McAleer

Elizabeth Pinella Shirley Weaver

## Deacon's Monthly Update

The Board of Deacon's invite all of our members to a free luncheon downstairs on Feb. 17th. We are happy to "Spread the Joy of Jesus Love" with you all! Please remember to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item or toiletry for our Food Pantry.

~ Shirley Weaver

## Food Pantry News

There is no secret in what God can do. As the date of our pantry distribution came closer, there was some concern because of weather forecasts. But on the morning of the Pantry, we were blessed with a beautiful day. Our volunteers turned up in full force to assist us as they always do bring their big smiles and eager hearts. We had the privilege of re-registering all the recipients, old and new. God never fails, He prepared us for every task, He had us do. At the end of the day we send XX families home with bags of staples, meat, snacks, toiletries and big smiles on their faces.

~ Megan Jarvis



## FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2018

Offerings	\$ 14,558
Covenant Income	+ 4,131
Total Income	\$ 18,689
Disbursements	\$ - 20,092

**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



Thanks to our Sister Church Trinity United Methodist Church who gave us 15 used ink cartridges to add to our monthly supply. Plus your diligent steady bringing in used ink cartridges we were able to recycle 20 ink cartridges and receive \$40.00 in rewards. Recycle, Recycle is part of our way of life. We need to help our environment survive. Every small amount of recycling helps. Keep up the good work!

Elaine Lopez



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



## Mission Committee

We are meeting on February 02, 2019 in Room 1. All are welcome to join. We have a snack and a good time while we discuss ways to help people in need.



## "And on the seventh day, God rested."

Our Office Secretary, Shirley Weaver, works very hard for the Lord at our church. For some of her work, she is paid (as she should be, although

she is worth her weight in gold, and we don't have any gold). It seems as if Shirley is always at church, making sure that our systems run smoothly and God's people are cared for.

But Shirley comes to church on Sundays to teach Sunday School and to worship (as do we), and to observe the Sabbath. If we bombard her with, "Shirley, can you photocopy this? Shirley, would you do that? Shirley, what are you going to do about....???", she finds that she cannot sit in church and clear her mind for worship.

I am as guilty of bugging Shirley on Sundays as many of you. So..... Unless it's a flat out emergency (someone fell down the stairs, the photocopier blew up, the church is on fire) please write down what you want/need Shirley to do and put it on her desk in the church office, she will deal with it on Monday. Or you could telephone her on Monday to ask your question or make your request. There are few things that won't last 'til Monday. Let's give our "worth her weight in gold" Shirley her day of rest.

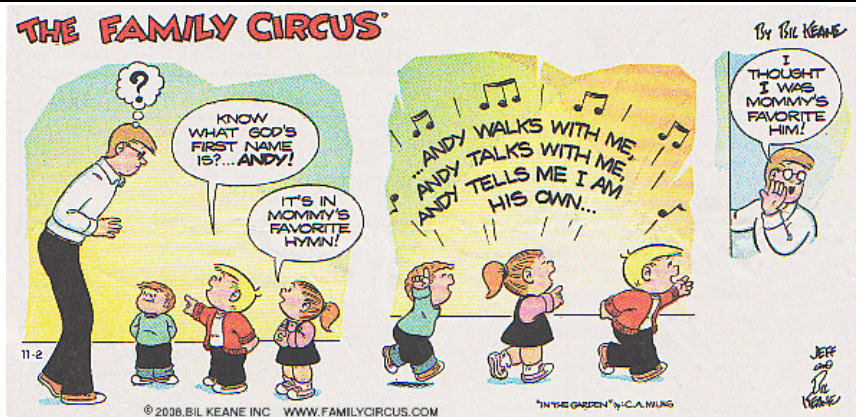
~~~Pastor Suzanne

... but on the  
seventh day  
you shall rest ... you must rest.

-Exodus 34:21

**Sunday School** is going well. Last month our children learnt about peace & welcoming others, and listening to & trusting God, through 1 Kings stories of Elijah and King Ahab. This month they will learn about God's love for us and justice and righteousness in the Book of Amos.

Shirley Weaver





## February Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*Feb. 10 Rev. Jeffrey Carney*

*Feb. 12 Debbie Sargeant Jr.*

*Feb. 14 Arvid Holt*

*Feb. 17 Nimish "Norman" Solanki*

*Feb. 24 Amanda Vella*

*Feb. 26 Ken Gibson*

Want to see your special date listed?

Give the office your info.



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## Warm Hearts, Warm Home



Entertainment by

"The Echo's",

Buffet Dinner,

50/50 Raffle,

Tricky Tray

and lots of fun!!

**Sat. March 23, 2019 at 5pm**

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### Tickets Prices:

\$15 per adult, \$8 per child (12 and under)  
through March 16<sup>th</sup>.

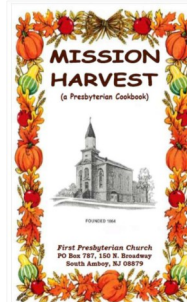
Tickets sold at the door will be \$20 per person

*Proceeds to benefit the Missions Committee*

## MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK

**\$12 Each**

**Phone: 732-721-4516**



**R** Relying on God's Word  
**E** Encouraging and building each other up  
**L** Long-lasting  
**A** Always be patient, for God is writing your love story  
**T** Telling them they are beautiful as they are  
**I** I trust in both God and you  
**O** One that is Christ centered  
**N** Never lead each other astray from what is important  
**S** Seeking God first  
**H** Humble yourself before everyone  
**I** I am committed to loving you like Jesus has loved you  
**P** Pray for each other  
**S** Share the word with each other



# Upcoming Events this Month

Feb. 3th  
Scout Sunday  
10:30 am



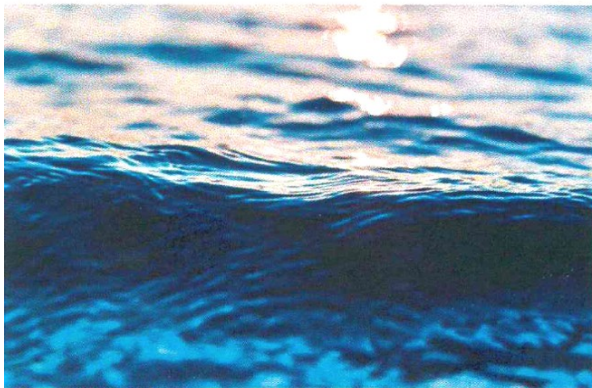
Feb. 17th  
Valentine's Day Luncheon  
11:45 am



Feb. 10th  
Installation & Ordination of  
Officers 10:30am



Feb. 22-24  
Girlfriend's Getaway Weekend  
in Ocean Grove



Substance Use Disorder and  
Inpatient Withdrawal  
Management

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*Spreading the Joy of Jesus' Love*



*The Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy  
would like to Spread the Joy of Jesus' Love  
and welcome our members to a*

**Free Luncheon**

*(there will be no charge for this lunch, but a donation of a  
non-perishable food item for our pantry is always welcome.)*

**Sunday, February, 17<sup>th</sup> 2018**

*At 11:45 am*

*In Fellowship Hall*

*This Valentine's Day let us remember that God's  
Love is the greatest gift we received.*

**1 John 4:7-11** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves  
has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God,  
because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his  
only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have  
loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if  
God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## 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

# the OPEN DOOR

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Musings from the Pastor..... A colleague who was a hospice chaplain, asked me, “Do you know what people want to know as they are facing death?” I answered, “What is heaven like?” “No,” my colleague answered, “they want to know ‘did my life make a difference?’”

That conversation happened many years ago, but I have never forgotten it. Even though I hope it is many years before I go home to be with the Lord, I often ask myself, “Will having lived \_\_\_\_ years on this earth have made a difference some how, some where, to somebody? And then this thought follows, “How will I be remembered?”

I think these are good questions to ask ourselves as we journey through life on this earth, because I think they can influence how we live in the here and now.

When I was editing the l o n g Martin Luther King, Jr. sermon, “The Drum Major Instinct” to present to you on the Sunday of MLK, Jr. weekend, I read his answer to these questions, and I thought, “Yes, yes,” let these be my answers also. I share them with you now, so that you may read them over and over, and let them influence how you live in the here and now, too.

*If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long. (Yes) And every now and then I wonder what I want them to say. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize—that isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards—that's not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school.*

*I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others.*

*I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to love somebody.*

*I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question.*

*I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry.*

*And I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked.*

*I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison.*

*I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.*

*Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won't have any money to leave behind. I won't have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind. And that's all I want to say.*

*If I can help somebody as I pass along,*

*If I can cheer somebody with a word or song,*

*If I can show somebody he's traveling wrong,*

*Then my living will not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,*

*If I can bring salvation to a world once wrought,*

*If I can spread the message as the master taught,*

*Then my living will not be in vain.*

*Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your left side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition. But I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth.....*

And let God's people say, “Amen.”

~ Pastor Suzanne