

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



# LENT



# March

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer	2 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
3 <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	4 6pm Scouts	5 4pm Religious Award Meeting for Cara Weaver	6 <b>Ash Wednesday 7pm Service</b> 	7 	8	9 9am Spanish Worship 2:30pm Private party
<b>10 Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> <b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 11:30 am Deacon	11 6pm Scouts	12	13 7:30pm Scouts Leaders 8:30 am Session	14 9:30am Bagging	15	16 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
17 <b>St. Patrick's Day 2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 	18 6pm Scouts	19 4pm Religious Award Meeting for Cara Weaver	20 <b>First day of Spring</b> 	21 	22	23 9am Spanish Worship 5pm Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Dinner
24 <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Pinewood Derby	25 6pm Scouts	26	27	28	29	30 9am Spanish Worship
31 <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am 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

Mar. 3 Anthony V. Jr.  
10 David C.  
17 Ruth B.  
24 Joan D.  
31 Dustin B.  
Apr. 7 Elaine L.  
14 Gerry R.  
21 Jennifer B.  
28 Anthony V. Jr.



## GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

Mar. 3 Arvid H, Gail H.  
10 Megan J, Norma M.  
17 Beth M, Lori R.  
24 Madhu S, Molly S.  
31 Kenny H, Dorothy R.  
Apr. 7 Shirley W, Cara W.  
14 Betty P, Mary P.  
21 Joan D, George S.  
28 Arvid H, Gail H.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mar.3 Sherry & David K.  
10 Martha M, Jennifer B  
17 Betty P, Christian D  
24 Christine V, David C.  
31 Mike & Shirley W.  
Apr. 7 Elaine L, Faith Mc.  
14 No Nursery  
21 No Nursery  
28 Sherry & David K.



## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

Mar. 3 Shirley W, Betty P  
Apr. 7 Joan D, Lisa B.  
Apr. 21 Megan J, Anna L.

## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

Mar. 3 Shirley W, Betty P, Beth M, Megan J.  
Apr. 7 Joan D, Madhu S, Arvid H.  
Apr. 21 Megan J, Dorothy R, Shirley W.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Mar. 3 Peggy & Arvid, Gail H, George S.  
Apr. 7 Sherry K, Betty P, Shirley W

## 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)*

Megan Jarvis Sherry Kuo

Stephanie McAleer

Elizabeth Pinella Shirley Weaver

## Deacon's Monthly Update

The Deacon's will start taking communion to those who are homebound or in the hospital. If you know of anyone who would like to receive communion at home, please let them know.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Valentine's day luncheon we had on Sunday after service. Thank you all for your donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries.

We will have a table set up out front on Sat. March 16th during the St. Patrick's day parade. Please stop by and say Hi if you go!

~ Shirley Weaver

## Food Pantry News

In Matthew 14, we read of Jesus feeding the five thousand. When reading this scripture the word opportunity comes to mind. The opportunity to serve others as Jesus did. Through our sharing, we are humbled to meet the needs of others and in doing so we let the lives we live speak for us. They will know we are Christians by our love. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money, food and toiletry items to our pantry! We couldn't do it without each and everyone's help. This month we served about 60 families.

~ Megan Jarvis



## Items that we need for the Food Pantry :

Bar soap	Laundry detergent
Bread	Mashed Potatoes
Canned chicken	Pancake mix
Canned hash	Pancake Syrup
Canned soups	Paper towels
Cereal	Peanut butter
Coffee	Pudding
Conditioner	Sardines
Dish detergent	Shampoo
Facial tissues	Tea bags
Jello	Toilet paper
Jelly	Toothpaste
Juice	Tooth brushes

**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**





# March Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

- Mar. 3 Megan Jarvis
- March 10 Patty Van Horn
- Mar. 11 Molly Solanki
- Mar. 16 Gail Hawkins
- Mar. 16 Carolyn Nappe
- Mar. 25 Jen Harmsen
- Mar. 27 Beth Mottley

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

## OPEN DOOR FINANCIALS

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### JANUARY 2018

Offerings	\$ 7,128
Covenant Income	<u>3,556</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,684
Disbursements	\$ -24,797

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops: then your barns will be filled to overflowing.” Proverbs 3:9

Elaine Lopez  
Treasurer

### Installation of Officers was on Feb. 10.

George Schaefer and Christine Vella were re-installed as Elders and Stephanie McAleer and Megan Jarvis were re-installed as a Deacon.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

- March 17 New Member Class 9:00 am
- March 24 Meeting Session 9:45am
- April 7 Join Congregation during Worship

### One Great Hour Of Sharing

Easter Sunday April 21, at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

#### With your gift, you...

- Loose the bonds of injustice
- SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)
- Share your bread with the hungry
- PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)
- Bring the homeless poor into your house
- PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

—Not to give up our bread, but to share it. In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge—to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. **One Great Hour of Sharing** is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share.

This Easter season, please give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, through your congregation, use envelopes in the pews or online. Look for more info on in our mailroom.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BECOME A CHURCH MEMBER?

It is important to pray and read the Bible daily so that we do not lose contact with God. Failing to join in weekly worship and fellowship isolates us from our family of faith. To be faithful disciples of Christ requires constant care and attention to our connection to God and to our family of faith. Without these connections, we are in danger of dying spiritually and missing out on all that God has in store for us. **Hebrews 10** tells us: “Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other.”

The Upper Room February 10, 2017

### March 10th Don't Forget



# 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**  
First Presbyterian Church  
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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*

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over  
and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the  
time of singing has come...

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Vernal equinox is the first day of spring. *Vernal* is Latin for "spring" and *equinox* is Latin for "equal night." Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the spring equinox, which is usually March 20th or 21st. Trying to balance an egg on its end is no easier on spring equinox than on any other day. Birds are more vocal in spring -- they sing to attract mates and warn rivals. The word "season" is from the Latin *sationem*, which means "sowing" or "seed time." The National Association of Realtors says spring is the most popular time to sell or buy a house. While there are more houses to choose from, property prices are highest then. Children grow faster in the spring than during other times of the year.

From: <https://www.factretriever.com/spring-facts>  
Submitted by Molly Solanki

## Mission Committee

We are meeting on March 02, 2019  
at noon 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.



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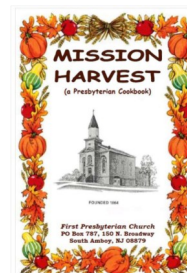
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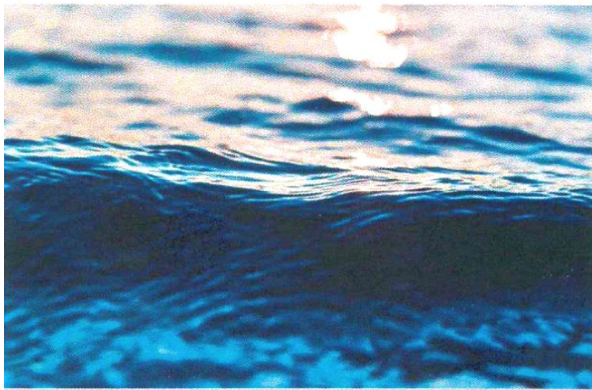
This month we bought \$52.00 worth of ink cartridges for our office. Thanks to you we paid \$12.00. \$40.00 worth of rewards because YOU brought in your used cartridges. Thank you!!!!

Elaine Lopez



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# Upcoming Events

March 6

Ash Wednesday Service  
at 7pm



Please  
JOIN US

March 17

New Member Classes  
At 9am

March 23

Warm Hearts, Warm Home Dinner  
At 5pm



March 24

New Member meeting with Session  
At 9:45am

April 7

New Members Join Congregation  
during worship service



Lent series will be on Thursdays

*All services will begins at 7PM.*

March 14th - 1st Presbyterian of South Amboy

March 21st - Messiah Lutheran - Parlin.

March 28th - Trinity United Methodist of Sayreville.

April 4th - 1st Presbyterian of Sayreville.

April 11th - Christ Church

April 19th - The community Good Friday Service will be at Christ Church.



## 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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## Musings from the Interim Pastor....

This year of 2019 is passing quickly! At the end of this month of March we'll be a quarter of the way through the year! Your Session has been busy thinking and praying about the search for a new Pastor for our church. We are blessed to have The Rev. Rick Boyle, Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Matawan as a consultant from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. He has suggested, and Session has agreed, to begin this month, and following in subsequent months, to introduce you to the process of a Pastoral Search. This first presentation will be on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, so stay tuned!

Also in March, on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. We will have an Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 7 pm that evening, including the imposition of ashes, for those who wish them. We will again participate with area churches in a Lenten study, this year to occur on Thursday nights at 7 pm, beginning at our church on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The dates and places for the subsequent Lenten Study programs will be on our calendar in this copy of the Open Door.

Lent is a season of 40 days (the count excludes Sundays) leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Some Christians use Lent as a time to fast and pray, and to set aside pleasurable things in order to share, in a mystic way, Christ's sufferings as he fasted and prayed in the wilderness at the beginning of his ministry. In our tradition, we tend to see Lent as a time of contemplation and prayer as we journey with Jesus to the Cross, and then to the Glory of the Resurrection, and this is what we will focus on in our worship on Sundays.

Another aspect of our tradition's Lenten focus is, instead of "giving up" something for the period of Lent (alcohol, cigarettes, chocolate, coffee, are traditional Lenten denial objects), to "take on" something for the period of Lent. For example, you could "take on" the challenge of setting aside a sum of money every day to give to our One Great Hour of Sharing offering which will be received on Easter, or you could "take on" the challenge of doing a random act of kindness for someone every day, or "take on" the discipline of reading from the Bible or a devotional book every day, or "take on" a period of time when you will devote yourself to praying. Whatever you choose to "take on" for Lent, it should be something that on Easter, when you look back across the forty days, you will feel that you have grown closer to Jesus, who is both our example in life, and our Savior who will bring us home in the life to come.

Have a Blessed Lent.

~~~Suzanne

*PS~ Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 10th*