

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



April

Spiv 2019

For the Lord is good; his steadfast
love endures forever, and his
faithfulness to all generations. Psalm
100:5, RSV

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm Scouts	2 4pm Religious Award Meeting for Cara Weaver	3	4 	5	6 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions 6pm Deacon
7 5th Sunday of Lent 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	8 6pm Scouts	9	10 8:30 am Session 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	11	12	13 9am Spanish Worship 5pm Deacon Setup
14 Palm Sunday 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Children's Program 11:30 am Egg hunt/ Party	15 6pm Scouts	16	17	18 9:30am Bagging 	19 Good Friday	20 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
21 Easter 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ One Great Hour of Sharing	22 Office Closed	23	24	25	26 7pm Scout Campdill Meeting	27 9am Spanish Worship
28 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Lunch "Choosing new pastoral leadership "	29 6pm Scouts	30 4pm Religious Award Meeting for Cara Weaver	31			

~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

Apr. 7 Elaine L.
14 Gerry R.
21 Jennifer B.
28 Anthony V. Jr.

May 5 David C.
12 Ruth B.
19 Joan D.
26 Dustin B.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

Apr. 7 Shirley W, Cara W.
14 Betty P, Mary P.
21 Joan D, George S.
28 Arvid H, Gail H.

May 5 Megan J, Norma M.
12 Beth M, Lori R.
19 Madhu S, Molly S.
26 Shirley W, Cara W.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Apr. 7 Elaine L, Faith Mc.
14 No Nursery
21 No Nursery
28 Sherry & David K.

May 5 Jenn & Dustin B.
12 No Nursery
19 Christine V, David C.
26 No Nursery



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

Apr. 7 Joan D, Lisa B.
Apr. 21 Megan J, Gail H.
May 5 Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

Apr. 7 Joan D, Madhu S, Arvid H, Gerry R.
Apr. 21 Megan J, Dorothy R, Shirley W, Gail H.
May 5 Stephanie M, Dorothy R, Sherry K, Gerry

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Apr. 7 Sherry K, Betty P, Shirley W
May 5 Molly S, Joyce S, George S.

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

Gail Hawkins, Dorothy Rhodes, Arvid Holt, Joyce Solanki, Molly Solanki, Jill Berwick, Megan Jarvis

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)

Jill Berwick Megan Jarvis

Sherry Kuo Stephanie McAleer

Elizabeth Pinella Shirley Weaver

Deacon's Monthly Update

The Deacon's will continue to take 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 us know.

We would like to invite our members and children to our Palm Sunday Egg Hunt/Party on April 14, after service.

We just got the date for this year's Bowl for Hunger, it will be on July 18th at Majestic Lanes from 5:30pm-7:30pm. \$25 per person, see Shirley if interested. Last year our food pantry received \$1,000. from this event.

~ Shirley Weaver

Food Pantry News

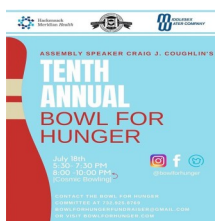
As we opened the doors of the Pantry once again, we thank God for abundantly supplying all our needs and also, for giving us good weather, so our recipients can come out to collect their food. This month we received loads of physical assistance and items from our church family, members of the community and our friends at Zeta Phi Beta. Our recipients continue to display their thankfulness and gratitude by the smiles on their faces. We served 65+ families.

~ Megan Jarvis

Items that we need for the Food Pantry :

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

10th Annual Bowl for Hunger



Thursday,
July 18th, 2018

5:30 - 7:30 pm

at Majestic Lanes.
\$25 per person.

Includes 2 hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a "Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.

See Shirley if you want to sign up on this year's team.

This event supports our food pantry.

RSVP needed by June 30th



April Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Apr. 3 Ervant Mansfield

Apr. 6 Jean Greene

Apr. 9 Jill Berwick

Apr. 9 Shirley Weaver

Apr. 11 Angie Vella

Apr. 26 Norma Moretti

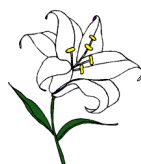
Want to see your special date listed?

Give the office your info.

Ordination and Installation

Jill Berwick was ordained and installed as a Deacon on March 24, during service.

Time To Order Easter Lilies

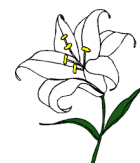


They are **\$7.50 each**. Orders due by April 14th. See order forms in the bulletins.

Also, 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 to "Cash". To place an order or if you have any questions please contact me.

-Jean Greene



The Board of
Deacon's
and Our
Missions
Committee

Welcome you to their:
**Annual Egg Hunt &
Easter Party
on Palm Sunday
April 14th
following worship.**

Save the Date for

**Boy Scout's
Annual
Spring
Dinner**



The Boy Scouts
will be holding a
Spring Dinner on
May 7th
from 5-7pm
in Fellowship Hall.
More info to come

Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed our **Warm Hearts and Warm Homes dinner** last Saturday. As we surveyed the packed room all we could see were happy faces, enjoying food catered by The Palms and desserts donated by Shop Rite. Did you notice Pastor Suzanne on that crowded dance floor, dancing to the fine music provided by The Echoes? Thanks to all the local businesses and individuals who donated such super gifts for our very successful tricky tray. You could feel the joy and love in the room, making our Warm Hearts and Warm Homes *mission* accomplished. We can now serve more families with need of assistance to warm their homes. Stay tuned for our next event, you will not want to miss it! ~ Ruth Beselinoff and Stephanie McAleer, Mission Committee Co-Chairs



Sayreville-South Amboy Girl Scouts
2019

RELIGIOUS AWARD
GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION
God and Church



Girl Scout
Cara Weaver
Cadette Troop #80534

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

For: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador
Girl Scouts and Volunteers
Date: Sunday, May 5, 2019
Time: 10:30 A.M. Worship Service
Place: First Presbyterian Church
150 No. Broadway
South Amboy, NJ 08879

Coffee hour to follow after Worship Service
Hope to see you all join our Celebration!

R.S.V.P. By Monday, April 22, 2019

Mary Beth Wisniewski 732-277-6176 mbw112959@gmail.com

Pretzels for Lent



Did you know that the humble pretzel — believed to be made by an Italian monk in the 6th century—is a symbol of Lent?

Pretzels look like arms folded over the heart, a once popular position for praying. The word “pretzel” may come from the Latin word “bracellae” meaning “little arms”. It’s also possible that the word is derived from the Latin “pretiola”, meaning “little reward”, as monks gave them to children as treats for their recited prayers. Germans named the treat “bretzel”, which became “pretzel”. Pretzels were a substitute for bread during Lent, particularly in Austria, Germany, and Poland, for those who were fasting from milk, eggs, and fats. Today, certain restaurants in Europe will only serve pretzels during Lent as a tradition.

One of the ingredients in pretzels is yeast, which Jesus talked about in a parable: *"Again He asked, 'What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough'" Luke 13:20-21*

The kingdom of God will increase and spread just as yeast does in dough. As yeast makes dough rise from the inside, God’s influence starts internally in our hearts. Yeast acts invisibly throughout all of the dough, as God does throughout Creation. Enjoy some pretzels this Easter season and cherish their spiritual symbolism!

~Submitted by Molly Solanki

FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2018

Offerings	\$ 11,958
Covenant Income	2,875
Total Income	\$ 14,833
Disbursements	\$ -15,986

LUKE 6:37 - 38 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

Andrew Sedlak A Beloved Friend to All,

when home to be with the Lord, on Feb. 22, 2019. He was a member here for 57 years before moving to Tennessee. He was and Elder, Sang in the choir and repaired anything and everything. We will be praying for his family and friends. His obituary is hanging on the bulletin board for those who wish to see it.

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.

Mission Committee

We are meeting on April 6, 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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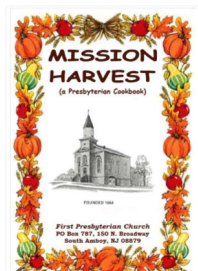
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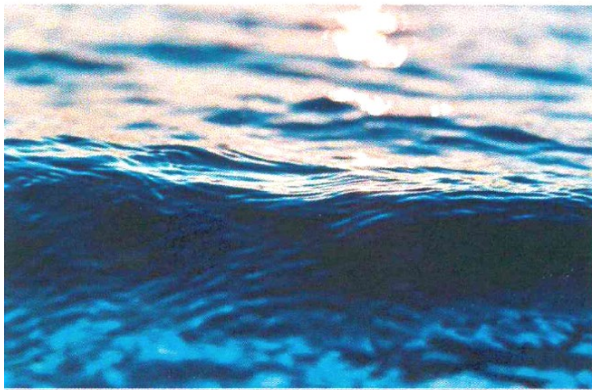
INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

God has a great plan, as usual!
Now our Sister Church Trinity Methodist are saving cartridges for us. So of course we will thank them and buy office supplies for them with a portion of our Rewards. This month we bought ink cartridges for our Pastor's printer. Cost \$52.00, received \$40.00 in Rewards, paid \$12.00 thanks to you. Keep up the good work.

Elaine Lopez



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Inpatient Withdrawal
Management

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South Amboy, New Jersey 08879

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Upcoming Events

April 14

10:30am

Children's Palm Sunday
Program



**EASTER EGG
HUNT**



April 14

11:30am

Palm Sunday
Egg Hunt Party

April 21

10:30am

Easter Sunday Service &
One Great Hour of Sharing

*Easter
Sunday*

April 28

11:30am

"Choosing New
Pastoral Leadership"
Luncheon

**BUILDING
OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER**

Lent series will be on Thursdays

All services will begins at 7PM.

April 4th - 1st Presbyterian of Sayreville.

April 11th - Christ Church

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



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

**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



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From the Interim Pastor.....

The month of April is a beautiful month here in New Jersey. The trees begin to bud out and put on their summer clothes, Spring flowers bloom, blossoms are everywhere, and the breeze begins to feel warm instead of shivery, the days lengthen, and even the proverbial April showers give us a sense of the ground being watered instead of flooded.

Except for allergy sufferers, the world is suddenly a happier place.

Liturgically, this month serves up the most heartbreak, in our journey with Jesus we follow him into the Garden of Gethsemane, and then to his arrest, torture, torment, and excruciating death. As we sit in the darkness of Good Friday, we seem to hear the taunts that echo from Old Testament passages, "Where is now your God?" And we sit with that and we hold on to our faith as strongly as we can, remembering the Jesus candle on our communion table that speaks of the Light of the World that can never be extinguished. And on Easter, our hearts are mended with threads of Joy, as we see that even death cannot hold our God, and with songs of "Hallelujah!" we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Come and worship with us this month of heartbreak and joy. Going to the cross with Jesus makes the joy of his resurrection turn our mourning into dancing!

I am glad to be a Presbyterian. But when it comes to a church looking for and choosing a new pastor, I sometimes wish I was an Episcopalian or a United Methodist or a Roman Catholic. What would it be like to have a Bishop say, "Here's your new Pastor" or "Here's your new Priest." "S/He will start on July 1st...."

But like other non-hierarchical churches (Congregational/UCC, Reformed, Baptist), Presbyterians believe that God speaks to and through a congregation when it comes to choosing pastoral leadership.

So there's work ahead of the congregation of The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. No one is going to gift us with a new pastor. Not Presbytery, not the Session. The congregation - in our case, members and friends who worship together regularly - have to come together to talk and pray about what we want in our next pastor, what kind of leader do we want? Where do we want our church to go in the years ahead? We won't all agree, but I believe with love and respect for each other, we will come to a consensus and be able to find the person God is preparing for our church.

Session will be hosting a luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, April 28th. Elders will begin by leading a discussion, but this is an opportunity for us all to listen and speak. All the work will not be done at this one luncheon, we will need to have more opportunities to get together in the months ahead. Session members are already working toward and praying about this meeting.

Members and Friends, please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this "Choosing new pastoral leadership" luncheon on Sunday, April 28th.

~~~Pastor Suzanne