

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



May




2019



The bond between mothers and their children is one defined by love. As a mother's prayers for her children are unending, so are the wisdom, grace, and strength they provide to their children.

George W. Bush

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 National Day of Prayer 12 noon at Flag Pole 	3	4 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
5 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion Cara's Religious Award 11:30am Coffee Hour	6 6pm Scouts	7 5pm Scouts Fish Dinner	8 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	9	10	11 9am Spanish Worship
12 Mother's Day 10:30am Worship 	13 6pm Scouts	14	15 8:30 am Session	16 9:30am Begging 	17	18 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
19 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	20 6pm Scouts	21	22	23	24	25 9am Spanish Worship
26 10:30am Worship	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 	28	29	30	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

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

June 2 Elaine L.
9 Gerry R.
16 Jennifer B
23 Anthony V. Jr
30 David C.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

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

June 2 Kenny H, Dorothy R.
9 Joan D, George S.
16 Betty P, Mary P.
23 Arvid H, Gail H.
30 Megan J. Norma M.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

June 2 Mike & Shirley W.
9 Betty P, Christian D.
16 No Nursery
23 Elaine L, Faith Mc.
30 Sherry & David K.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

May 5 Stephanie Mc, Dorothy R.
June 2 Molly S, Joyce S

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

May 5 Stephanie M, Dorothy R, Sherry K, Gerry
June 2 Molly S, Joyce S, Joan D, Shirley W

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

May 5 Molly S, Joyce S, George S.
June 2 Megan J, Anna L, Gail H.



Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

James and Barbara Ballo,

28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Rev. Barbara Hicks,

107 Wicklow Ct., Toms River, 08755

Leroy Kurtz,

348 Sixth Street, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

Ervant Mansfield,

8 Anne Terrace, South Amboy, NJ 08879

Beverly Mezger,

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

Carolyn Nappe,

250 S. Broadway, Apt 215, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

Virginia Porter, Care One Somerset Valley,

1621 Rt 22, West 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

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER

Please join us for

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 2, 2019

at City Hall, South Amboy
(in front by the flag pole)

12 Noon

The theme of the 2019 observance on Thursday, May 2, will be "Love One Another," based upon the words of Jesus in John 13:34, which says, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you." Love can change America.



Registration forms are in the mail room if you want to Sign up or Volunteer for:

C.V.B.S. July 8– 12, 2019

At St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin

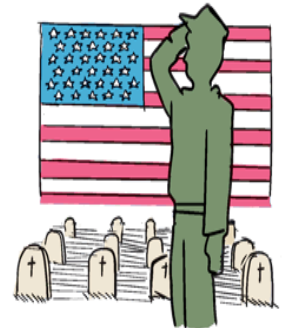
Our church will supply all the juice as usual. Please put juice in the mail room or ask Elaine to shop for you. ~ S.W.

Memorial Day Prayer

Held in our hearts always,
For the sacrifices you made,
Served our country well,
So our freedom never fell,
God Bless you on this and everyday,
Thank you for keeping us safe,
This Memorial Day I pray,
Honor, Respect,

May We Never Forget

- Shirley W.



MEMORIAL DAY

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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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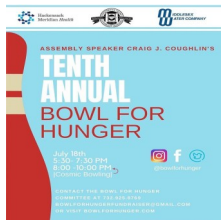
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CELEBRATING

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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 years team.

This event supports our food pantry.

RSVP needed by June 30th

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2018

Offerings	\$ 7,774
Covenant Income	\$3,925
Total Income	\$ 11,699

Disbursements \$ --10,924

**PSLAM 116:17 "I will sacrifice a thank
offering to and call on the name of the
Lord".**

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer



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



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. You can also Donate in Honor of someone.



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

**AMAZING!!!! This
month we ordered \$72.05 worth
of office supplies (labels, file
folders, packing tape, etc).**

**Thanks to YOU we received
\$42.90 in Rewards \$\$\$\$\$\$ so our
bill was \$29.15. WOW! Every
month we are blessed because of
your continual bringing in used
ink cartridges for recycling.**

Keep up the good work.

Elaine Lopez

A Mother's Day Poem

by Anonymous

Another Mother's Day is here,
Bringing joy and pleasures new,
On this special day, Mother dear,
I want to remember you

I cannot give you costly gifts,
And I've told you this before,
No matter what I give to you,
You give back much, much more

I'm giving you a pure, sweet rose,
Gathered in the early morn,
This rose you planted in my heart,
The day that I was born

In kindly, loving thoughts of you,
And with the faith you still impart,
The rose I give to you today,
Is the love that's in my heart

Submitted by: Madhu Solanki

Deacon's Monthly Update

We hope the adults enjoyed the Easter eggs, hot cross buns and some home cooking. While the children and the Easter Bunny went on an Easter egg hunt, searching throughout the church and outside for eggs filled with treats. We hope you all enjoyed your Easter and look forward to more times of fellowship shared in memory of Our Lord!
~ Shirley Weaver

Food Pantry News

There is no secret what God can do! Over the years, as our Food Pantry grew, there became a need for more cold storage room. Each month through prayer and faith we made it through. Some of us lugged extras to our home freezers and returned it on pantry day. Eventually, we were gifted with a chest freezer, but still there was a need for more room, due to our growing numbers. Through faith, our prayers were answered. An anonymous donor blessed us with a brand new freezer. "Thank You, God!" Just keep on believing and "God will answer your prayers" we do not know how and when, but keep the faith. This month we served 65 families. ~ Megan Jarvis

Mission Committee

We are meeting on May 4, 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.

Items that we need for the Food Pantry :

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

Sunday School

So proud of all of our Sunday School kids!!! They did a fabulous job with their Palm Sunday Program! Thank you Kevin for accompanying them on the piano! I hope everyone enjoyed their skit as much as I did! ~ Shirley



May Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

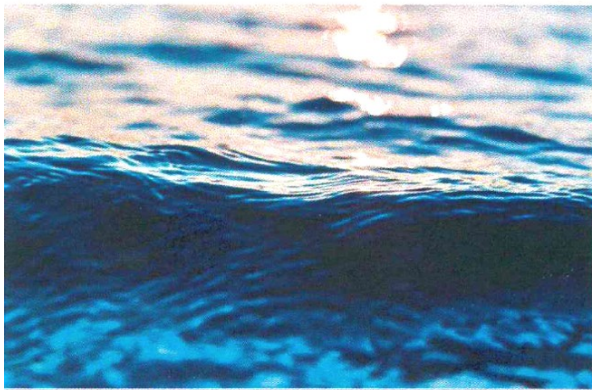


May 7
Madhu & Joyce
Solanki

May 21
Gail & Don
Hawkins



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Upcoming Events



May 2
National Day of Prayer
12 noon at Flag Pole



May 5
10:30am
Cara's Religious Award



May 7
Scout Fish Dinner
5:00PM

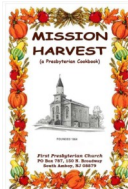


May Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

May 3 Anthony Vella
May 8 Virginia Porter
May 9 Michael "Mikey" Pinella
May 15 Keith Sutter
May 17 Betty Reilly
May 18 Kathleen Budavari
May 29 Sherry Kuo

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



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Boy Scout's
Annual
Spring
Dinner



May 7th
5 pm

The Boy Scouts
will be holding a
Spring Dinner
in Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$15
Please see Joe or Ruth
For tickets

Food Pantry T-shirts

\$15 each

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

Phone:
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Interim Pastor's Thoughts this Eastertide....

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

What a joy it was to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter together with our church family. While not every worshiper here may have rejoiced in the tintinnabulation (bell ringing) that rang out every time we said or sang "Alleluia!" "He is Risen!" there is no doubt that it was a joyful noise unto the Lord.

We will be singing and saying "Alleluia! The Lord is Risen" all through the fifty days of Easter, as one Sunday is not enough to contain our celebration of God's miracle of raising Jesus from death. In fact, in the non-liturgical non-lectionary Presbyterian Church of years past, every Sunday of the year was seen as a mini-celebration of the Resurrection. And in the early Christian Church, the Resurrection of Jesus was seen as far more important than the Birth of Jesus. So while we're not going to take anything away from our celebration of Christmas, we are going to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus for the whole fifty days, which includes seven Sundays.

Concurrently with that celebration, we are going to continue to work on preparing our church to look for a new pastor. This is a job for the entire congregation (members and friends who worship/serve the Lord with us).

We are asking ourselves "What makes First Pres. South Amboy different from other churches?" and "What are our core values?" "If you had to sum up in one sentence why you want to be a part of our church, what would you say?"

We are also asking, "What kind of pastor do we need to take us into the 2020s and beyond?"

We undergird all our questions with prayer, of course, but asking God to bring us a pastor without us putting any thought or work into the process is like me asking God to help me shed pounds without my changing my eating habits or ramping up the time I spend exercising! We need, every one of us, to own this process of looking for a new pastor, and trust God to guide us along the way.

And may we all enjoy a Blessed Eastertide!

~~~Pastor Suzanne

To be a Presbyterian means that we are a part of a "connectional church", and we are connected with Presbyterians all over the USA, in that we all belong to churches which belong to [regional] presbyteries which belong to [regional] synods, and we ALL are a part of the General Assembly. Each church is assessed a "per capita" (*per person, literally, per head*) for each member, and the per capita fee goes to support the work that presbyteries, synods and the General Assembly all do to foster our connectivity to Presbyterians throughout the country. The per capita for 2019 is \$40.00, and we are asking each member to remit this amount (please) so that First Pres. South Amboy pays its fair share to support our higher governing bodies. Even non members can pay per capita! Your per capita check of \$40 may be marked "per capita" and put in the offering plate, or else put the check/cash in an envelope and send it/deliver it to the church office. Thank You!!!