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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



November



November 2023

*I have not stopped
giving thanks for you,
remembering you
in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	6 6pm Scouts	7 Boy scouts Fish Dinner	8 6pm Girl Scouts	9	10 3pm Pathway to Success	11
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19 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	20 6pm Scouts	21 Food Delivery 8am Open Door Articles due	22 6pm Girl Scouts	23 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	24	25
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Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

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Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

PULPIT SUPPLY - John Mottley
CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Elizabeth Pinella
TREASURER - Elaine Lopez
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver
ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver
MISSION CHAIR - Ruth Beselinoff
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2023

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder- Chris Adams Deacon - Jill Berwick
Joan Downes Molly Solanki
Elaine Lopez Arvid Holt

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)
Ruth Beselinoff Chris Adams
Mary Porcello George Schaefer
Madhu Solanki

YOUR DEACONS

(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)
Jill Berwick Megan Jarvis
Sherry Kuo Elizabeth Pinella
Joyce Solanki Larry Wallace

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation



**Scouts Fish Dinner -
November 7
5pm - 6:45pm
Drive thru, Take out Only
Tickets are \$17**

Ruthie has tickets; you can put money in the offering plate as long as it is in a separate envelope well documented. She will be in church on Nov. 5 to distribute tickets or you may come to her home before then.



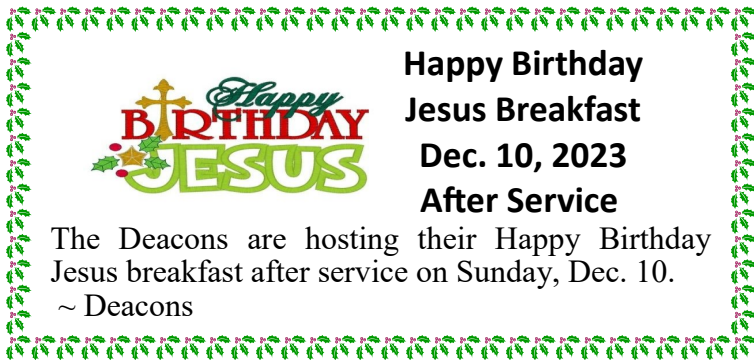
November Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

- Nov. 6 David Coates*
- Nov. 8 Christian Dwojeski*
- Nov. 10 Joseph Beselinoff*
- Nov. 11 Dominick Vigliante*
- Nov. 23 Dorothy Rhodes*
- Nov. 24 Anthony Vella Sr.*
- Nov. 25 Joyce Solanki*

Want to add your special day?

Tell Shirley in the office.



**Happy Birthday
Jesus Breakfast
Dec. 10, 2023
After Service**

The Deacons are hosting their Happy Birthday Jesus breakfast after service on Sunday, Dec. 10.

~ Deacons

Attention All Committees



All reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting in January 2024, **must be given to the office by January 7, 2024.** 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

Missions

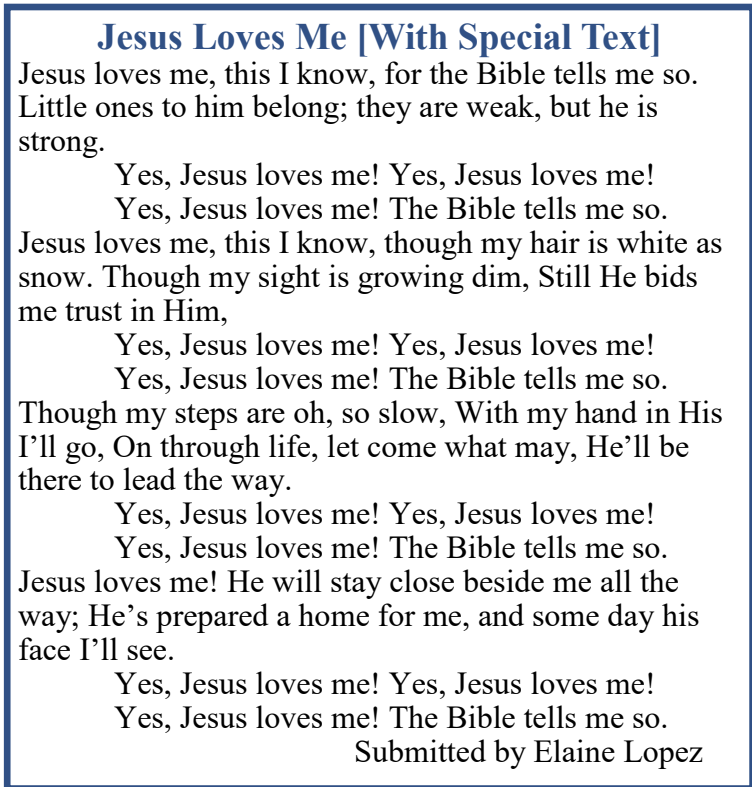
Thank you to all who have remembered Missions in their offerings; this has enabled us to help less fortunate with overwhelming needs! Heartfelt thanks from your Missions Committee.

PAVERS

We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front.

Want one? Complete a

form and hand it in with your payment. Forms are available on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more information, contact Shirley in the church office. Pavers will be placed next year.



Jesus Loves Me [With Special Text]

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know, though my hair is white as snow. Though my sight is growing dim, Still He bids me trust in Him,

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, With my hand in His I'll go, On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

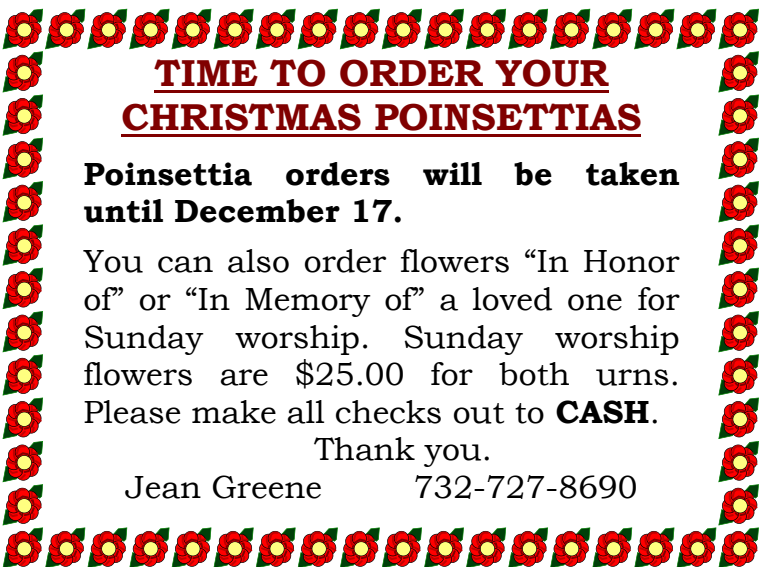
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; He's prepared a home for me, and some day his face I'll see.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Submitted by Elaine Lopez



TIME TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia orders will be taken until December 17.

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



Blue Christmas Service
A service of comfort and hope
Thursday, Dec. 21
5:30pm



The Sunday School is off to a wonderful start this year. We love meeting in our new room. This year we have three children registered. Looking forward to this year's Children's Christmas Program.
~ Miss Judy and Miss Shirley



A Walk to Bethlehem
Dec. 10, 2023, 2pm
Starts at K.O.C. South Amboy

Deacons

Who among us is perfect? We are humans. We commit sins...even small sins! Are they really sins? Yes! But some get caught and some don't! Some people are cunning, some are greedy, some envy too much, demand their rights, and some say, "He got that. Why do I not have that?" Do you remember the two brothers Esau and Jacob in the Old Testament? The envy among the two brothers created havoc in the family. Don't siblings in a family argue? The elder brother of the prodigal son grumbled when the father was giving a feast for his brother. We envy our neighbors, "He has this, she has that, but why don't I have that?" We go to church every Sunday, we give tithes and offerings, volunteer, and work hard. God gave them this but why not to us? Friends, all blessings come from God. He owns all blessings. It is up to Him to decide what to give to whom and how much. So, who are we to complain or grumble? It is not our business! Let us not envy, but be humble and request God for whatever we want. He will provide according to His will. Wait a minute! Stop and think! Do I really deserve what God has given to me? ~Joyce Solanki

GRACE
IS GETTING SOMETHING YOU
DON'T DESERVE, AND
MERCY
IS NOT GETTING WHAT
YOU DO DESERVE.



FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2023

Offerings	\$ 4,458
Covenant Income	+ 2,211
God's Pocket	+ 4,127
<u>Designated Income</u>	<u>+ 172</u>
Total Income	\$ 60,968
Disbursements	\$ -54,057

TO BE RICH IN GOD IS FAR BETTER THAN TO BE RICH IN GOODS. AMEN

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Thank you to those who did answer my plea to replenish our supply of used ink cartridges. Again, I must ask everyone to bring in their used ink cartridges because we are down to only four. We need 16 more to receive \$40.00 in Rewards. Come on bring in your used ink cartridges so we can benefit from this wonderful program. Let's keep this going. Thank you!!! *Elaine Lopez*



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(See Job 1)
JOB ... JOB ... THERE WAS A TERRIBLE FIRE IN THE KITCHEN, THE TURKEY WAS BURN'T TO A CRISP, THE PIES MELTED, AND I ALONE ESCAPED TO TELL THEE

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Heaven's Grocery Store

As I was walking down life's highway, I came upon a sign that read "Heaven's Grocery Store." When I got a little closer, the doors swung open wide and I walked through the entrance. I saw a host of angels. One handed me a shopping cart and instructed me to fill it.

I headed down the aisles and noticed that everything anyone would ever need was in that store. Just when I began to wonder how I would ever carry everything, an angel approached me and said, "Whatever you can't carry, you can come back for."

I first grabbed some Patience. Then I found a huge box of Understanding. *Can't have too much of that*, I mused. So I grabbed an extra box. Then I noticed Love in the same row and put an oversized load of that in my cart.

Next I got some Wisdom and a couple of bags of Faith. I couldn't overlook Charity, so I grabbed that, too. *Oh, my goodness*, I thought, *the Holy Spirit's here! He's all over the place—plentiful as can be!* So I took a generous helping and then came upon Strength.

Realizing I'd need that to help me through the tough times ahead, I didn't hesitate to put some in my cart. And then I came upon Courage. *Gotta have that, too.*

My cart was getting full, but I remembered I needed Grace. Then I chose Salvation and *I need to do God's will.*

But as I moved toward the cashier, I noticed Prayer. *I'll need a lot of that*, I reasoned, *because when I step outside this store, I'll be stepping right into a world of sin.* So I stocked up on Prayer and couldn't help but notice Peace and Joy. They were plentiful, so I helped myself. And right next to the cashier's counter, I noticed Praise and Worship, so I placed them on top.

Then I said to the angel working the cash register, "How much do I owe?"

But he just smiled and said, "Take them everywhere you go."

So I repeated the question: "Really. How much do I owe?"

"My child," he said, "God paid your bill a long, long time ago."

Submitted by Joan Downes

November Quotes

"November. Crows are approaching, wounded leaves fall to the ground."

Sir Kristian Goldmund Aumann

"How sad would be November if we had no knowledge of the spring."

Edwin Way Teale

"November comes, and November goes. With the last red berries and the first white snows."

Clyde Watson

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Special Days



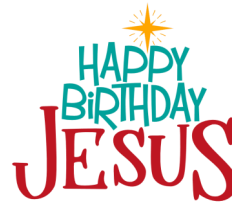
Community
Thanksgiving
More information
to come

Decorating the Sanctuary
for Advent/Christmas
TBD



First Sunday in Advent
Dec. 3
10:30am

Children's
Christmas Program
Dec. 10
10:30am



Happy Birthday
Jesus Breakfast
Dec. 10
11:30am

Walk to Bethlehem
Dec. 10
2:00pm



Blue Christmas
Dec. 21
5:30pm

Christmas Eve
Service
Dec. 24
10:30 am



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Dec. 24
5:00pm



Thanksgiving Day

November 23, 2023

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. —1 Thessalonians 5:18

Native Americans in North America celebrated harvest festivals for hundreds of years before colonists reached here. In 1621, the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts, held a three-day feast with the Wampanoag Native Americans. Though this celebration that was held in October is considered the “first” Thanksgiving in the colonies, there were previous noted observances. In 1565, Spanish explorers held a thanksgiving mass with the local Timucua people of St. Augustine, Florida, and, in 1619, British settlers pronounced a thanksgiving day after they made it to the Berkeley Hundred site on the James River in Virginia.

The Puritan colonists may have decided on a Thursday observance for a few reasons. It may have been a tradition to distance the celebration from the Sabbath. Also, New England ministers typically held religious talks on Thursday afternoons. Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 proclamation made the last Thursday of November the national day of Thanksgiving.

However, towards the end of the Great Depression in 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the day to the second to last Thursday, apparently as an effort to boost the economy by having additional shopping days before Christmas. This change was not popular. In 1941, the U.S. government officially made Thanksgiving a federal holiday to be observed on the fourth Thursday of November. The earliest Thanksgiving may occur is November 22, while the latest is November 28.

<https://www.almanac.com/fact/why-is-thanksgiving-always-on-a-thursday#:~:text=Since%20George%20Washington's%20time%2C%20Thursday,the%20fourth%20Thursday%20in%20November>

<https://www.almanac.com/thanksgiving-day>

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Motivational Quotes

“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

“Being young isn't about age; it's about being a free spirit.” - Lesley “Twiggy” Lawson

“Champions keep playing until they get it right.”
- Billie Jean King

“I believe in the impossible because no one else does.” - Florence Griffith Joyner

“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”
- Yogi Berra

“You better live every day like your last because one day you're going to be right.” - Ray Charles

“At first, dreams seem impossible, then improbable, and eventually inevitable.” - Christopher Reeve

“Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.” - Albert Einstein

“Time is nature’s way of keeping everything from happening at once” – John Archibald Wheeler

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no match for Natural Stupidity!” – Jeff Foxworthy

“You can’t fix stupid” – Ron White

“The difference between “genius” and “stupidity” is that “genius” has its limits” - Albert Einstein

“Technology is dominated by two (2) types of people: those who understand what they do not manage and those who manage what they do not understand” – Archibald Putt

“It’s even harder to stay at the top in sports than it is to get there.” - Babe Didrikson Zaharias

“No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helped you.” - Althea Gibson

“If you want to succeed, you should strike out on new paths, rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success.” - John D. Rockefeller

“Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.” - Truman Capote

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.” - Mahatma Gandhi

“After you make a fool of yourself a few hundred times, you learn what works.” - Gwen Stefani

“Sometimes life is going to hit you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith.” - Steve Jobs

“You will never be happier than you expect. To change your happiness, change your expectation.”
- Bette Davis

“We're not born creative or destructive. Each one of us has the ability to create or destroy, to leave the world better than we found it, or worse.” - Yo-Yo Ma

Submitted by Gerry Ring

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Thanksgiving is... Christian?

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

Did you know that Thanksgiving is a distinctively Christian holiday? It is pictured as one of the more "neutral" or secular ones on our calendar but only because much of its history, purpose, and worldview implications have largely been swept under the rug by those who do not know its history.

It began with the pilgrims who wanted the freedom from government controlled worship. At that time the church of England was the official church of the land, with the king being both the head of church & state. They were told when and how to worship, including what liturgy they would have to follow. The Puritans resisted with a desire to reform the church, but when it was clear that was not going to happen, they sought freedom in the "new world", a place where Christ would be recognized as head of the church and not Caesar.

Their success would be highly unlikely for many reasons. Yet when they did succeed to establish their "City on a Hill" against all odds, they issued a proclamation of thankfulness. But to who?

You cannot thank "chance" because chance is a concept. It is not something you can touch, feel, manipulate, ask its favor of, or be thankful to. Nor can someone thank the Eastern concept of Karma because that's just simply "getting what you deserve", it's nothing to be thankful for or towards. Thankfulness demands a giver and a recipient by definition, therefore we must ask who we are to thank?

If I were to ride in an airplane, I can be thankful for the trained pilot and be grateful to be in the hands of someone with the skills to get me to my destination. However, say at 50,000 feet the engines die? Suddenly, the plane is dropping like a boulder from the sky? Then for no observable reason, one engine begins pattering back to life with just enough power to steady the plane and make a safe emergency landing. Who then is one to thank?

That is the person the Puritans issued their proclamation of thanks to. That is who George Washington issued his proclamation of thanks to in 1789. Not to chance, but to the God who granted success to their seemingly impossible endeavors, and showed them His favor and grace.

This season, be sure that your thankfulness is not some wishy-washy general thankfulness toward nobody. Lift your eyes toward the heavens and be thankful as an act of worship to the God who has provided for us, sustained us, leaded & guided us, and walked faithfully with us this year and promises to do so next year as well. Thanks be to God!

Pastor John Mottley