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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



April

April 2024

April Fools' Day
 This is the day upon which we are
 reminded of what we are on the other
 three hundred and sixty-four.
 ~Mark Twain

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	8 6pm Scouts	9	10 6pm Girl Scouts	11	12 3pm Pathway to Success	13
14 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	15 6pm Scouts	16 Food Delivery	17 6pm Girl Scouts	18	19 3pm Pathway to Success	20
21 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	22 Earth Day 6pm Scouts	23 8am Open Door Articles due	24 6pm Girl Scouts	25	26 3pm Pathway to Success	27
28 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	29 6pm Scouts	30	31 6pm Girl Scouts			

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Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

Jean Chubway,
458 Jack Martin Blvd, Apt. 238, Brick, NJ 08724

Barbara Ballo,
28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Ervant Mansfield,
Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave, Apt 316, Edison, NJ 08837

Carla Ring,
1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ 08753

Deborah Sargeant Sr.,
3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Michelle Herman
TREASURER - Christine Vella
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. 2024

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Molly Solanki
Elaine Lopez	Judy Scharff
Elder TBD	Deacons TBD

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)

Ruth Beselinoff	Mary Porcello
George Schaefer	Madhu Solanki
Christina Vella	

YOUR DEACONS

(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)

Jill Berwick	Michelle Herman
Megan Jarvis	Lori Ryan
Joyce Solanki	Larry Wallace



Sunday School

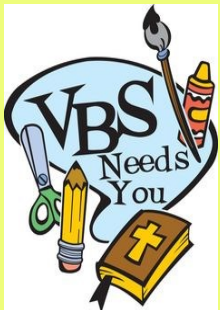
Our kids are doing a wonderful job with their lessons. They were great with their readings on Palm Sunday and we are very proud of them.
~ Miss Christine, Miss Judy, & Miss Shirley



Sunday School's Palm Sunday Program



We are looking for a new Sunday School teacher to teach arts and crafts and play games with the kids every other weekend. Classes start at 9am. If you are interested, please see Shirley.



Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for **C.V.B.S.**
July 15– 19, 2024
9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church,
Lourdes Center in Parlin

Closing Program is Friday, July 19, 2024 @ 7pm

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 places next year.



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*
- Apr. 29 Anna Lauro*

Want to see your special date listed?

Sunday Worship Flowers

Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. There are 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



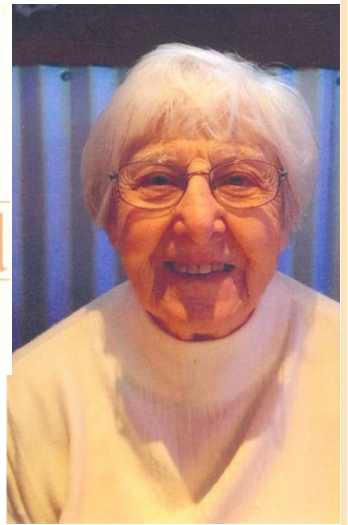
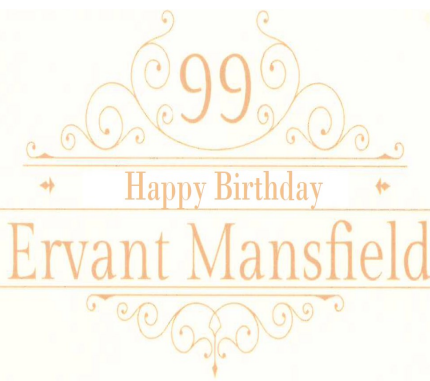
The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their **Annual Spring Fish Dinner** on **May 7, 2024** **5 pm to 6:45 pm** **\$17.00 per dinner**

The event will be a totally “drive-by” take-out only dinner, in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.** For ticket information, call 732-899-6074 or e-mail djsibol@aol.com. Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent to Dan Sibol, 90 Meridian Drive, Brick, NJ 08724. We thank you for your support as we continue to benefit the youth of the South Amboy / Sayreville area. For more information on the Camp Dill Foundation and its current activities, go to their web-site at <https://www.campdill.org>

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“Personally, I wouldn’t mind at all if God sent a plague of mice to rain down upon the sinners of the modern world.”



Wishing a very Happy 99th Birthday to our dear, Ervant Mansfield.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

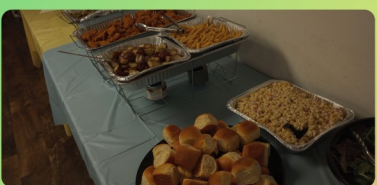
1. **COME.** Never miss unless absolutely necessary. George Washington's pastor said of him, "No company ever kept him from his church."
 2. **COME EARLY.** Rushing into service at the last minute is not conducive to true worship, yet often scores of our people will come in after the service has started when they could easily have been on time.
 3. **COME WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY.** The service is not a convention where a family should merely send a delegate.
 4. **TAKE A PLACE TOWARD THE FRONT** of the church. Leave the rear seats for those who of necessity may come late.
 5. **BE DEVOUT.** The church is not a theater or place of amusement. You come to worship God, not to whisper, lounge, or sleep. If you must talk, talk to God, pray for the preacher.
 6. **BE THOUGHTFUL** of the comfort of others. Never make a haystack of yourself at the end of the pew and expect others to climb over you to reach a seat.
 7. **HELP STRANGERS** to follow the service by sharing the hymnal and following the order of service. Always remember that strangers are guests of the church. Treat them with the same courtesy you would if they should visit in your home.
 8. **GIVE A GOOD OFFERING TO GOD.** It is one of the highest acts of worship.
 9. **NEVER RUSH OUT BEFORE THE BENEDICTION.** This is the critical time of the service and someone's future or eternity may depend on your action. After the benediction, remember to stay long enough to speak to and be spoken to.
 10. **NEVER STAY AWAY** because the church is not perfect. How lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.
- Author Unknown

Submitted by Madhu Solanki

Deacon's table at the Patrick's Day Parade



Deacon's Palm Sunday Luncheon



Deacons' Monthly Update

Isaiah 61:11

“For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.”
Spring is here, let us celebrate all good things in this season!



Saint Patrick's Day

We were blessed to have such a gorgeous day for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We want to thank everyone who joined and helped us spread God's Love into our community. It was a day of great fellowship.



Palm Sunday

We want to applaud our Sunday School children for a wonderful program they did, what a blessing they are!! We had a great turn-out for the luncheon afterwards, with more wonderful fellowship. We want to thank everyone for coming and sharing their talents in all their help making the luncheon a great success!

Lord, we thank you for all that you provide to us as individuals, as a Church and as a Community. Amen.

Next Deacon's Meeting – April 14

~Yours in Christ, Michelle Herman



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Finally, we received 22 used ink cartridges mysteriously left in Shirley's office. THANK YOU, THANK YOU to our mystery donator. I am rushing to Staples today with 20 of them to create \$40.00 of rewards for our account.

Last month we purchased (minus rewards) an ink cartridge for Trinity Methodist Church as a thank you for all the used ink cartridges they collected for us. We sister churches support each other and worship together. God is good and supplies all our needs.

Thank you!!!!

Elaine Lopez



~ Quotes ~

"It's not the honors and prizes of life which ultimately nourish our souls. It's the knowing that we can be trusted, that we never have to fear the truth, that the bedrock of our very being is good stuff." - Mister Rogers

"Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society." - John Lewis, one of the leaders of the Selma to Montgomery marches

"It's important to acknowledge the mistakes you've made in life, because it's really through those that you learn things. I've made hundreds." - Andrew Lloyd Webber

"I feel very adventurous. There are so many doors to be opened, and I'm not afraid to look behind them." - Elizabeth Taylor

"Everything is habit-forming, so make sure what you do is what you want to be doing." - Wilt Chamberlain

"The understanding of art depends finally upon one's willingness to extend one's humanity and one's knowledge of human life." - Ralph Ellison

"What to do with a mistake: recognize it, admit it, learn from it, forget it." - Dean Smith

"You take people as far as they will go, not as far as you would like them to go." - Jeannette Rankin

"What is the thing that Hollywood demands most? Sincerity. No place in the world will pay such a high price for this admirable trait." - Hattie McDaniel

"The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving." - Fred "Mister" Rogers

"You don't try to forget the mistakes, but you don't dwell on it. Don't let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space." - Johnny Cash

"I wanted what everyone wants. To be me, full-time." - Phil Knight

"Children learn more from what you are than what you teach." - W.E.B. Du Bois

"This is the world you have made yourself; now you have to live in it." - Nina Simone

Submitted by Gerry Ring

Bible Verses for Spring

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. *Deuteronomy 32:2*

Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." *Hosea 6:3*

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus. *Isaiah 35:1*

They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. *Isaiah 44:4*

They waited for me as for showers and drank in my words as the spring rain. *Job 29:23*

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. *Joel 2:23*

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers. *Psalms 1:3*

He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains. *Psalms 104:10*

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." *Song of Songs 2:11-13*

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. *Matthew 6:28-29*

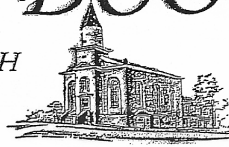
Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. *Zechariah 10:1*

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. *Romans 1:20*

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Changing Seasons

Daniel 2:21: “He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding” (ESV)

I pray that everyone had a blessed Holy Week this year. With so many services, different traditions, and our friends that we sometimes only see this time of year it can be a very exciting time.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we will take the best parts of this season we are leaving into the next one. Some of us started special devotionals for Lent and it would be wonderful to continue in the habit of using that time for personal worship and devotional time throughout the year. Other habits like inviting friends to church, serving at various events, or making time to attend special services are great habits to continue into the rest of the year.

Speaking of changes, we are glad to make some announcements regarding some of our officers. Elaine Lopez is stepping down as our treasurer after many years of faithful service. We are grateful for her many years of dedication to our church in this capacity. Christine Vella has graciously agreed to be our new treasurer and has officially been installed.

In the same way, Mary Porcello has recently stepped down from overseeing our Buildings & Grounds. Larry Wallace has taken over the position and we are grateful to see this torch be passed. Pray for Larry and Christine as they adjust into their new positions.

As the seasons of winter, lent, and former administrations change into new ones we are reminded that our God never changes, never faints, and never grows weary (Isaiah 40). We remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Whatever season our church is in, it is the same faithful God that watches over us, provides for us, guides us, and is the true head of our church. Thanks be to God!

John Mottley