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May

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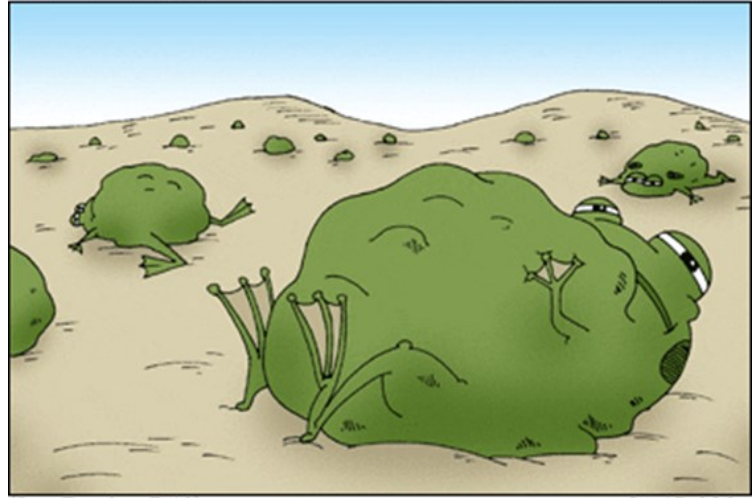
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Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for C.V.B.S. July 15- 19, 2024 9am-12:15pm at St. Bernadette Church, Lourdes Center in Parlin

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



(See Exodus 7-12)

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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.

May Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

May 7
Madhu & Joyce
Solanki



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>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

- May 3 Anthony Vella
- May 9 Michael "Mikey" Pinella
- May 9 Morgan Mottley
- May 9 Madison Mottley
- May 15 Keith Sutter
- May 17 Betty Reilly
- May 29 Sherry Kuo

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



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As Deacons, and individuals, we are always praying for the people of our church, our community and our world. Our world is filled with people struggling with uncertainty. One thing is certain, God is with you, God is with us. God will not give you, or us, anything we cannot handle. If anyone has a need, please reach out and let us know if we can help.

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Dear Heavenly Father,
Bless us and wrap us in your grace, be our protector from evil and strengthen us when we are weak. Let us lift our burdens to you and be still in our faith knowing you are our God and Savior. In Jesus' name we pray - Amen

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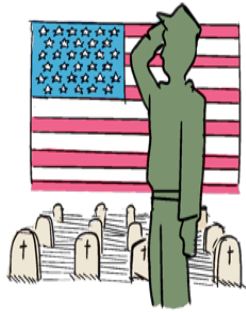
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Memorial Day Prayer

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.



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A NOTE FROM A MOTHER...

I gave birth to you but you came with no instructions. All I knew was that I loved you long before I saw you...

I know I made some mistakes and for that I am sorry, but I was doing the best I could with what I knew. Everything I did for you, I did from LOVE. You are my child, my life, my dreams for tomorrow. I will always LOVE you and there is nothing that could ever destroy my love for you.

~ Mom

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Happy Easter!

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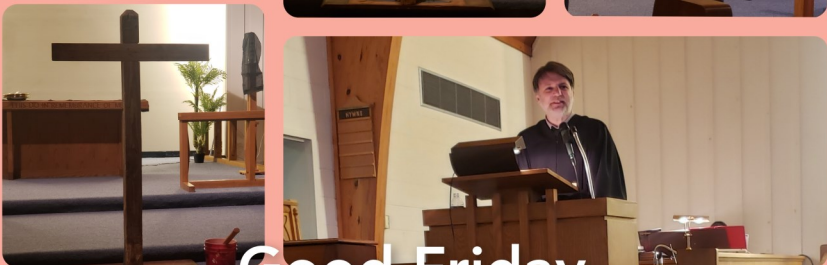
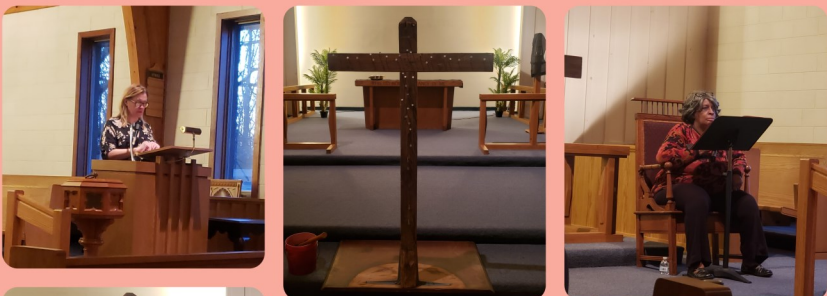
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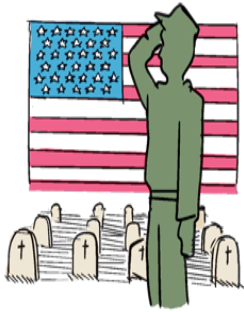
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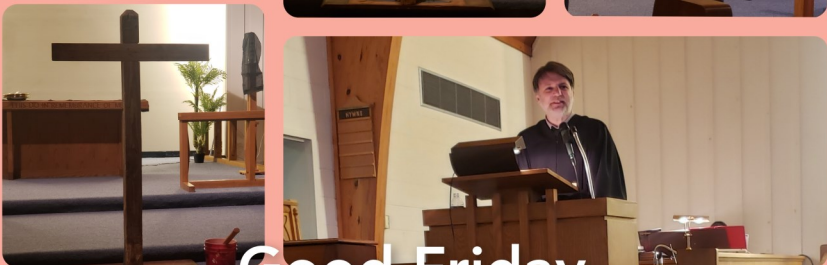
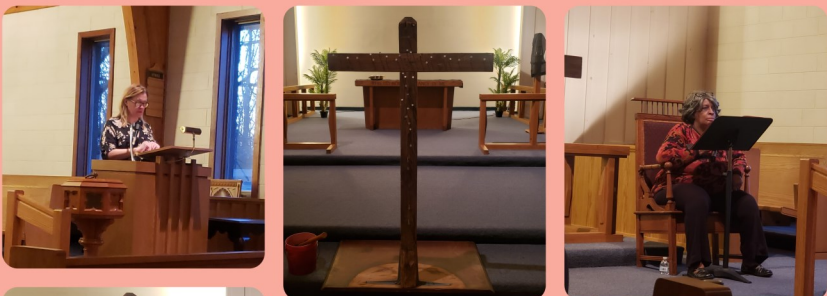
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



May

May 2024

Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.

Psalms 31:16

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 6pm Girl Scouts		2 3pm Pathway to Success	3 3pm Pathway to Success	4
5 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	6 6pm Scouts	7 Boy Scouts Fish Dinner 5pm-6:45pm	8 6pm Girl Scouts	9	10 3pm Pathway to Success		11
12 Mother's Day 10:30am Worship	13 6pm Scouts	14	15 6pm Girl Scouts	16	17 3pm Pathway to Success		18
19 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	20 6pm Scouts	21 Food Delivery 8am Open Door Articles due	22 6pm Girl Scouts	23	24 3pm Pathway to Success		25
26 10:30am Worship	27 Memorial Day 6pm Scouts	28	29 6pm Girl Scouts	30	31 3pm Pathway to Success		

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Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

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Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

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As of Feb. 2024

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Joan Downes	Molly Solanki
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YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)

Ruth Beselinoff	Mary Porcello
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Christina Vella	

YOUR DEACONS

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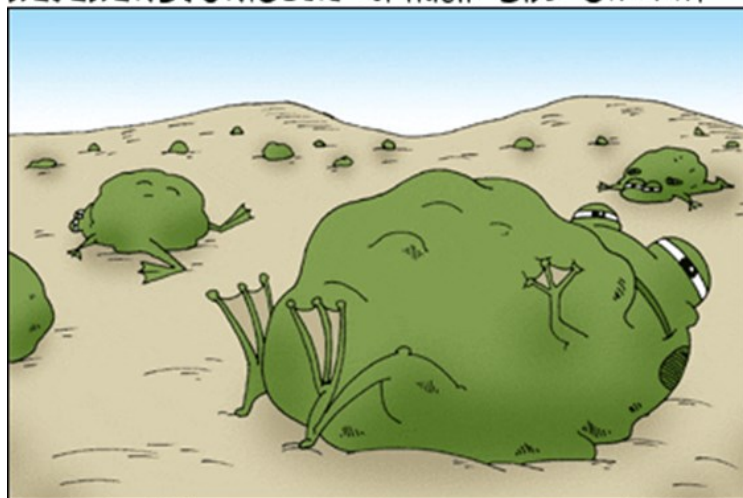
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Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for **C.V.B.S.** July 15- 19, 2024 9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church, Lourdes Center in Parlin

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



(See Exodus 7-12)

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WHEN FROG PLAGUES FOLLOW FLY PLAGUES

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May Anniversaries
Wishing a very happy anniversary to:
May 7 Madhu & Joyce Solanki

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.

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



May Birthdays
Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:
May 3 Anthony Vella
May 9 Michael "Mikey" Pinella
May 9 Morgan Mottley
May 9 Madison Mottley
May 15 Keith Sutter
May 17 Betty Reilly
May 29 Sherry Kuo
Want to see your special date listed? Give the office your info.

BOARD OF DEACONS

As Deacons, and individuals, we are always praying for the people of our church, our community and our world. Our world is filled with people struggling with uncertainty. One thing is certain, God is with you, God is with us. God will not give you, or us, anything we cannot handle. If anyone has a need, please reach out and let us know if we can help.

Proverbs 3:27

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

Dear Heavenly Father,
Bless us and wrap us in your grace, be our protector from evil and strengthen us when we are weak. Let us lift our burdens to you and be still in our faith knowing you are our God and Savior. In Jesus' name we pray - Amen

~ Michelle H.

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Thanks to you we were able to recycle 20 more ink cartridges (equals \$40.00) at Staples. I ordered \$48.00 worth of office supplies and paid \$8.00 for the order. We must keep this wonderful, valuable program going. So please keep saving your used cartridges so we can turn them into cash. God is good and supplies all our needs.

Elaine Lopez

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



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.



Sunday School

This month the children learned lessons Forgiveness and Listen to Him. They are doing well and enjoy our classes.

~ Miss Christine, Miss Judy, & Miss Shirley

15th Annual Bowl for Hunger



Monday,
July 15th, 2024
5:30 - 7:30 pm
at Majestic Lanes

\$25 per person

Includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a "Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.
See Shirley if you want to sign up for this year's team.
This event supports our food pantry.
RSVP needed by June 23th.

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20

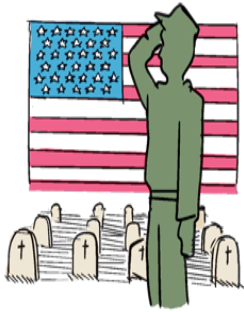
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Memorial Day Prayer

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

A NOTE FROM A MOTHER...

I gave birth to you but you came with no instructions. All I knew was that I loved you long before I saw you...

I know I made some mistakes and for that I am sorry, but I was doing the best I could with what I knew. Everything I did for you, I did from LOVE. You are my child, my life, my dreams for tomorrow. I will always LOVE you and there is nothing that could ever destroy my love for you.

~ Mom

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A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

THEY SERVED AND FOUGHT AND DIED
SO THAT WE MIGHT BE SAFE AND FREE.

GRANT THEM, O LORD, ETERNAL PEACE
AND GIVE THEM THE VICTORY.

AND IN THESE DAYS OF UNREST
FILLED WITH GRAVE UNCERTAINTY,

LET'S NOT FORGET THE PRICE THEY PAID
TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY FREE.

-HELEN STEINER RICE

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DAYS LIKE THIS
BRING THOUGHTS OF YOU
& WITH EACH THOUGHT,
A PRAYER
THAT GOD WILL BLESS YOU
DAY BY DAY
AND KEEP YOU
IN HIS CARE.

Happy Mother's Day

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Happy Easter!

Our Sanctuary all decorated with beautiful Easter lilies and hyacinths! Thank you Jean Greene and Megan Jarvis for setting it up.



Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

From a small seed a mighty trunk may grow.

- Aeschylus

Seeds of faith are always within us; sometimes it takes a crisis to nourish and encourage their growth.

- Susan L. Taylor

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.

- Robert H. Schuller

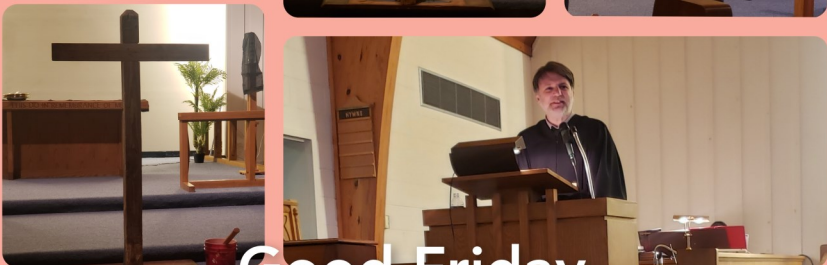
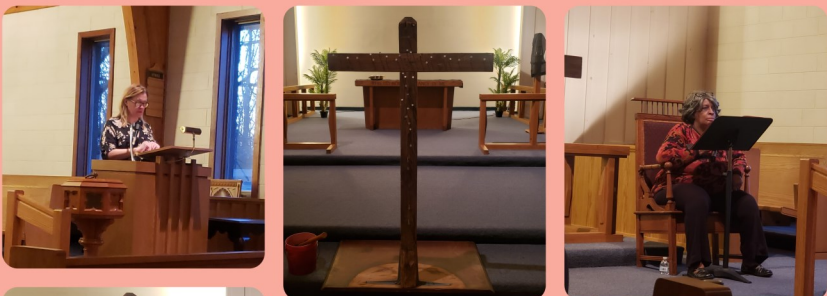
Little deeds are like little seeds, they grow to flowers or to weeds.

- Daniel D. Palmer
Submitted by Molly Solanki

Pray
about it
as much
as you
think
about it



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday

Communal Maundy Thursday Service hosted at Sayreville United Methodist on March 28 and a Communal Good Friday Service hosted at Trinity United Methodist on March 29. It was such a blessing to worship and praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ together as a community!

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April Showers Bring...

"For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:11 ESV

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." James 1:2-4 ESV

April showers bring May flowers. I heard that phrase all the time as a kid, but it took me years to discover that phrase is not talking about "weather patterns" so much as the law of "cause and effect" that God has put into our world. The reason the month of May is known to be so beautiful, with nature so perfectly decorated, is because it's gone through a difficult season of rainy and gloomy days in April. The beauty of May doesn't "just happen", it becomes because of the rain! The uncomfortable season of constant precipitation is the reason we enjoy flowers in May.

We need to learn to recognize this same "cause and effect" relationship in other areas of our life. As often as we lament the rain that causes beautiful growth later I notice a tendency in my heart to lament the difficult seasons of my life rather than rejoicing for the growth those challenges are causing in my life. Rather than hating a difficult season, we should learn to rejoice in whatever God is doing in that difficult season for the blessing he is creating for me later.

I once heard it said that when we pray for patience God usually doesn't magically make us more patient, he gives us opportunities to become more patient. I've found myself praying for patience in the morning and then frustrated by getting stuck in traffic in the afternoon and not seeing the correlation! Likewise if I pray to become more loving, God may just be sending me people who will test my love and cause it to grow.

In all things, I ought to rejoice and thank God now for whatever trial or tribulation I am going through, knowing God is doing something in it, even if I cannot see it yet.

What are the "April showers" of your life today? What do you need to stop being bitter about, and how will you start thanking God for the "May flowers" he is trying to grow in your life through those trials?

John Mottley