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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



# June

# JUNE 2024

Be on your guard;  
stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous; be strong  
1 Corinthians 16:13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion	3 6pm Scouts	4	5 6pm Girl Scouts	6	7 3pm Pathway to Success	8
9 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	10 6pm Scouts	11	12 6pm Girl Scouts	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 3pm Pathway to Success	15
16 <b>Father's Day</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	17 6pm Scouts	18 Food Delivery	19 <b>Juneteenth</b> Office Closed	20	21 3pm Pathway to Success	22
23 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Kids Closing Program	24 6pm Scouts	25 8am Open Door Articles due	26 6pm Girl Scouts	27	28 3pm Pathway to Success	29
30 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship						

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## Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

**Arvid Holt**, Sunrise of Wall, 2600 Allaire Rd, Wall, NJ 07719

**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 Happenings

What a wonderful year we have been having. We can't believe it is almost over. The kids have done such a great job this year.

Join us for our  
**Children's Closing Program**  
**Sunday, June 23, 2024**  
**During service 10:30 am**

~ Miss Christine, Miss Judy & Miss Shirley



We are still 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.

## Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings. Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. 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

## 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.



The righteous man walks in his integrity; **His children are blessed after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## June Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*June 2 Madhu Solanki*  
*June 13 Gerald Ring*  
*June 18 Marion Rothman*  
*June 18 Peter Rothman*  
*June 24 Michael Weaver*

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

### Deacon's Monthly Update

We would like to thank Jacqueline's Florist for providing beautiful bouquets for the mothers of our church. We delivered bouquets to our homebound members and tears of joy poured out from all. If anyone is in need of visitation, home communion or a special prayer, please reach out to us.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28  
 ~ Michelle H.

## June Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

*June 10th*  
*Shirley & Michael Weaver*

*June 14th*  
*Suzanne & David Schafer-Coates*

### INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Look how you have saved our church money simply by bringing in your recycled ink cartridges. In May our office needed supplies. Shirley, our secretary, created a list of supplies to order. We ordered marker pens, a case of copy paper and one ink cartridge. Total of order \$104.37. Hit the Rewards key and \$72.50 was deducted off our balance. We paid \$31.87 thanks to you. Again our Mystery Cartridge Donator left a bag of 25 used ink cartridges. I immediately made a trip to Staples to recycle 20 cartridges (our monthly limit). Keep this wonderful program going and THANK YOU. **God is good and supplies all our needs.** Thank you!!!!

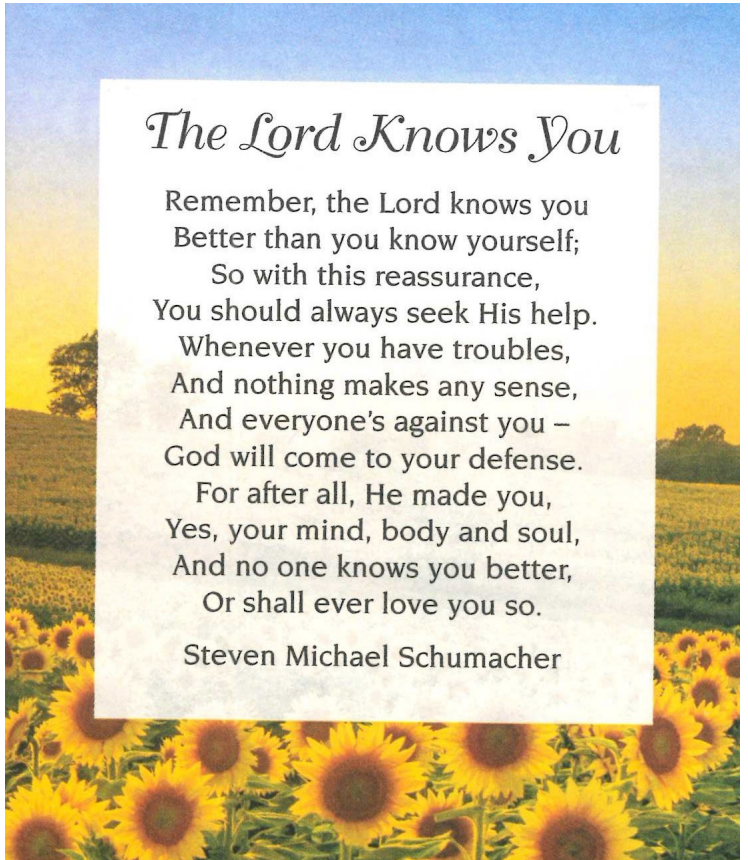
Elaine Lopez

## The Lord Knows You

Remember, the Lord knows you  
 Better than you know yourself;  
 So with this reassurance,  
 You should always seek His help.  
 Whenever you have troubles,  
 And nothing makes any sense,  
 And everyone's against you –  
 God will come to your defense.  
 For after all, He made you,  
 Yes, your mind, body and soul,  
 And no one knows you better,  
 Or shall ever love you so.

Steven Michael Schumacher

Happy First  
 Day of Summer





## National Day of Prayer 2024



National Day of Prayer was on May 2, 2024. As usual we met by the flag pole at City Hall at 12 noon to pray.

### Bible Versus for Summer

*"WHEN THEY NOW SHOOT FORTH, YE SEE AND KNOW OF YOUR OWN SELVES THAT SUMMER IS NOW NIGH AT HAND."*

Luke 21:30

*"NOW LEARN A PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE; WHEN HIS BRANCH IS YET TENDER, AND PUTTETH FORTH LEAVES, YE KNOW THAT SUMMER IS NIGH."*

Matthew 24:32

*"THUS HATH THE LORD GOD SHEWED UNTO ME: AND BEHOLD A BASKET OF SUMMER FRUIT."*

Amos 8:1

*"FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN UNTO THE GOING DOWN OF THE SAME THE LORD'S NAME IS TO BE PRAISED."*

Psalms 113:3

*"PROVIDETH HER MEAT IN THE SUMMER, AND GATHERETH HER FOOD IN THE HARVEST."*

Proverbs 6:8

*"HIS SEED SHALL ENDURE FOR EVER, AND HIS THRONE AS THE SUN BEFORE ME."*

Psalms 89:36

*"NOW LEARN A PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE; WHEN HER BRANCH IS YET TENDER, AND PUTTETH FORTH LEAVES, YE KNOW THAT SUMMER IS NEAR."*

Mark 13:28

## What Makes A Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,*

*The majesty of a tree,*

*The warmth of a summer sun,*

*The calm of a quiet sea,*

*The generous soul of nature,*

*The comforting arm of night,*

*The wisdom of the ages,*

*The power of the eagle's flight,*

*The joy of a morning in spring,*

*The faith of a mustard seed,*

*The patience of eternity,*

*The depth of a family need,*

*Then God combined these*

*qualities,*

*When there was nothing more to add,*

*He knew His masterpiece was*

*complete,*

*And so, He called it ... Dad*

*Author Unknown*

### From Our Missions

Greetings to our congregation. Your Missions committee continues to support the Presbyterian Disaster Fund, Troop 91 Boy Scouts, Daily Bread, NJ Dogs of Honor whose motto is "dogs rescuing veterans rescuing dogs". All dogs and veterans are from New Jersey. And we support displaced people needing assistance with gift cards. We greatly appreciate your faithful giving to us. Look forward to our next fundraiser, details coming later this summer. Please join us as we are participating on June 21 at the multicultural night celebration. This will be a great evening filled with delicious cultural food, music, and fun fellowship. Be there!

Ruth Beselinoff

# Multicultural Night

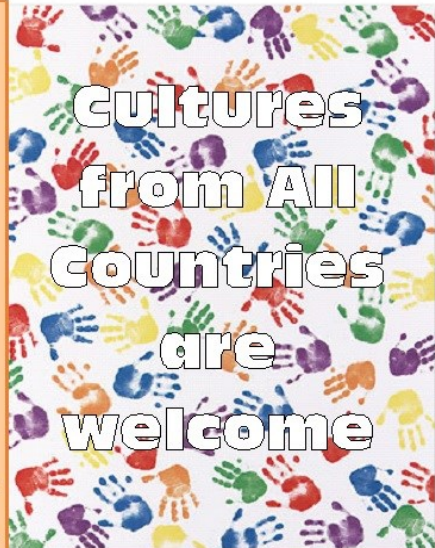


June 21, 2024  
at 5pm

We want to celebrate all the diversity in our community with a Multicultural Night.

This will be a Pot Luck Event.

If you want to participate and share something from your culture, such as a favorite dish, music, dance, art, fashion, etc. Please sign up.



Event contact Mary at  
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## Quotes

“Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.”-*Al Bernstein.*

“Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.”- *Hosea Ballo*

“In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.”  
-*Albert Camus*

“Summer means happy times and good sunshine. It means going to the beach, going to Disneyland, having fun.” -*Brian Wilson*

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”  
-*Charles Dickens*

“I hate summer, to be honest. I hate dressing. I hate the heat. I hate sweaty people getting aggressively close to you when you're walking down the street.” -*Johnny Weir*

“I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.” -*Ulysses S. Grant*

“People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.” -*Anton Chekhov*

“For one swallow does not make a summer, nor does one day; and so too one day, or a short time, does not make a man blessed and happy.”  
-*Aristotle*

“If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue.”-*Katie Lee*

“I was thinking that we all learn by experience, but some of us have to go to summer school.”  
-*Peter De Vries*

“My natural color is dark blond, but right now I like being a brunette. I did a movie last summer and they dyed my hair platinum - I hated it.”  
-*Brooke Burns*

“God is day and night, winter and summer, war and peace, surfeit and hunger.” -*Heraclitus*

“Potential is like a summer crop. If it don't rain, it don't grow.” -*Charles Oakley*

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## Remember the Purpose

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

"What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."  
Westminster Shorter Catechism - Question 1.

Why does our church exist? Do we exist for others entertainment? Is our purpose to be a glorified community center or some kind of social club? Or did God plant a church on Broadway in South Amboy for a bigger purpose?

See the readings above. While the church has always had a social element to it, and we rightfully emphasize that we are a *community* of believers, we have to remember what our community exists for.

We exist above all to glorify God and enjoy him forever. In fact that is the reason we gather on Sundays - to glorify Him through our worship. We gather to remind ourselves of God's promises and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), and we do so through teaching, fellowship, worship, and prayer that Acts 2 emphasizes.

Yet we cannot forget the importance of also glorifying God through making His Name known to others! There's a reason God doesn't immediately take us home to glory as soon as we believe the gospel - there is still work to be done down here!

So this month as we start preparing and making plans for the summer, let's pause to remember our purpose. Are we prioritizing God's glory in our lives, or just entertainment? Do we desire to be about the great commission of taking the gospel to others? Or are we preoccupied with our comforts? Consider these questions as you make your plans, and make sure what really matters to you is reflected in your choices. Whether that is our summer outreaches, or through our regular worship on Sundays, may God be glorified in all we do. Let's remember our purpose as a church, and as members of it.

*John Mottley*