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



# August

# August 2024

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord,  
 all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
 proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his  
 glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds  
 among all peoples. Psalm 96: 1-3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 EPC Refocus meeting
4 10:30am Worship/Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:30am Worship	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 10:30am Worship	19	20 Food Delivery	21	22	23	24
25 10:30am Worship	26	27 8am Open Door Articles due	28	29	30	31

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## Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

**Jean Chubway**, 458 Jack Martin Blvd, Apt. 238,  
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**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  
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**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





# August Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Aug. 6 Paul Holt

Aug. 8 Steven Colburn

Aug. 25 Ruth Beselinoff

Aug. 31 Mary Gigantino

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



## August Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Aug. 3  
Peter & Marion  
Rothman

Aug. 20th  
John & Ashley  
Mottley



Aug. 27th  
Phil & Patty  
Van Horn

EPC Refocus Meeting. August 3, 2024, Save the date. Time to be determined. Information packets are in the mailroom.

### 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 this Fall.



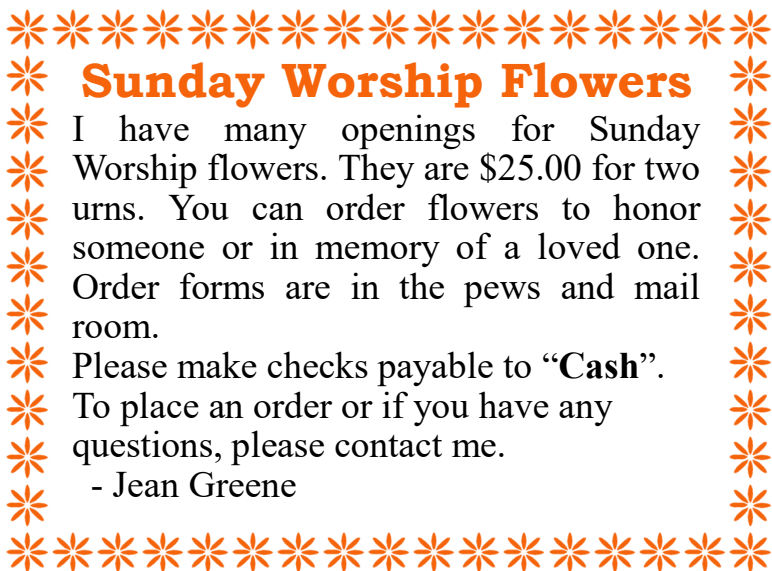
We are still looking for a new Sunday School teacher to teach Arts and Crafts and play games with the kids every other weekend. Classes start at 9am. If you are interested, please see Shirley.

### INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

You did it again!! This past month we ordered office supplies from Staples totaling \$145.25. I placed the order online, got the total and then hit the Rewards key. Like Magic \$100.00 of Rewards came up and was deducted off our order. The Magic was you bringing in your used ink cartridges and us bringing 20 used cartridges a month to Staples. That equals \$40.00 in Rewards. Keep this wonderful program going and THANK YOU.

God is good and supplies all our needs.

Elaine Lopez



### Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings for Sunday Worship flowers. They 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

This year's Bowl for Hunger was on Monday July 15th at the Majestic Lanes. We were very excited to send in three teams of bowlers for this wonderful cause. Thank you to everyone who came out and bowled with us this year. Especially, the Sayreville-South Amboy Girl Scout leaders. I had a lot of fun and I hope you all did too! I was told that they raised \$150,000 for local food banks. That's just incredible!

~ Shirley W.



Bowl for Hunger  
2024

"Jesus, thank You for this season of warm days and fresh air. I need time to get out of the house, get outside, breathe fresh air, and experience this magnificent creation that You have made".

Thank God for the Summertime

### FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACONS

The Deacons hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and staying safe in (or out of) the sun!

We do not hold monthly meetings during the summer, but we are always here ready to help and do God's work. Please reach out to us if you, or anyone you know, needs anything where the Deacons can help. Our Church Family is absolutely wonderful and will pull our resources in any way we can to help and pray for those in need.

Ephesians 6:18

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

~Michelle



## A MISSIONS MINUTE

Last week, many in our church volunteered at the Community Vacation Bible school. Being there, it dawned on me the absolute important mission all the volunteers provided to the children and each other. It also struck me how few kids (28) were there considering the amount of churches participating compared to years ago when my son was school age. Our very small congregation provided 8 volunteers, 3 of which are on our Missions committee; however, more importantly 5 others were also blessed by their mission to the children. Thanks to Cara, Shirley, Betty, Elaine, Paul, Judy and Joe. You need not be a Missions Committee member to seek out opportunities to bring others to Jesus. Where are the children? Where are their parents? Thinking about that and the mission we are ALL called upon in the Bible to provide. It's up to each of us to encourage our friends, neighbors, & family to come back to church, to be blessed by the powers of Jesus in their lives! Hebrews 13:16 See you in church. Ruth



## Hometown Nazareth

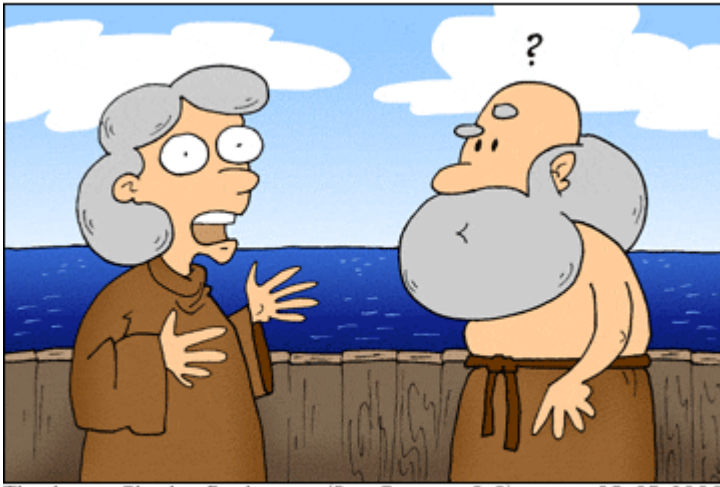


## Community Vacation Bible School Week

This years CVBS was July 15-19, hosted at St. Bernadette Lourdes Center in Parlin. The theme was *Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a kid*. We had a wonderful time all week learning about Jesus. We made new friends and new memories with old ones. It is such a wonderful sight to have all the different denominations in our community come together to worship the Lord! I can't wait to do it all again next year. Save the date July 14-18, 2025.

~Shirley W.





Thanks to Charles Dunleavy (See Genesis 6-8) 09-05-2006

OH GOODNESS, NOAH ... I THINK I LEFT THE OVEN ON AT HOME!

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DON'T JUST STAND THERE ... PRAY SOMETHING

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## BIBLE VERSES

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. - 1 Peter 5:6-7

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. - Romans 5:5

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. - Zephaniah 3:17

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. - 1 John 4:16

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. -Psalm 86:15

Submitted by Molly Solanki

## QUOTES

“August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.” — Sylvia Plath

“August is the month that summer takes its last breath, and fall starts to awaken.” – Charmaine J Forde

When summer opens, I see how fast it matures and fears it will be short; but after the heats of July and August, I am reconciled, like one who has had his swing, to the cool of autumn.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The month of August had turned into a griddle where the days just lay there and sizzled." – The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

“August is the time when everything bursts with its last beauty.” – Blaise Pascal

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## Making the Best Use of the Time...

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“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12 (ESV)

August was always a month of complicated emotions for me. As someone who loves the summer, I am always excited for another month of warm weather. Yet as someone who is prone to the busyness of life, I also become aware this time of year of all the things I *wanted* to do this year but have not set the time aside for it yet.

I encourage you that when you put down this newsletter to look at your calendar next. Have you made time for the things that mean *most* to you? Or are you letting meetings, obligations, and lack of planning rob you of the rest of your summer?

Our church certainly has been making the “best use of our time” over the summer. We praise God for the great work done at the Community VBS this year and for the many kids who got to hear about Jesus for the first time. Our prayer is that they remember the lessons they learned, come to know Jesus personally at an early age, and enjoy him for a lifetime.

We also have our Refocus Seminar right around the corner. As we prepare to change denominations, let us not just focus on what we are not, but ask the question “what kind of church do we want to *be*.” This is the question we are seeking to answer, which is why we ask for all members & friends of the church make every effort to attend.

Are you focused this season on things that matter? Are you making time for spiritual matters like worship, reading the scriptures, prayer, and serving others? My prayer is that whatever season we find ourselves in we would be aware that time is short, and set our heart on things above.

*John Mottley*