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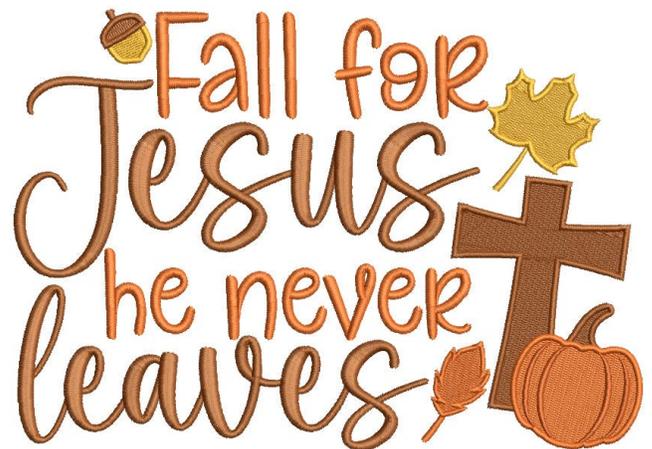
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



September

September 2024

Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord.

[Psalm 27:14](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am Worship/Communion	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8 Grandparents Day 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacons	9 6pm Scouts	10	11 Patriot Day 6pm Girl Scouts	12	13 3pm Pathway to Success	14
15 10:30am Worship	16 6pm Scouts	17 Food Delivery	18 6pm Girl Scouts	19	20 3pm Pathway to Success	21
22 Fall Begins 10:30am Worship	23 6pm Scouts	24 8am Open Door Articles due	25 6pm Girl Scouts	26	27 3pm Pathway to Success	28
29 10:30am Worship	30 6pm Scouts	31				

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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

Back-To-School Prayer

Loving God,
Watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



We hope everyone enjoyed their summer. We are busy getting ready for another fun year of learning about God and sharing His love with our children. Classes will begin on October 6, 2024 at 9:00am. We are pleased to add our newest teacher Miss Betty, who has agreed to help teach our Arts and Crafts classes. We are sure she will be a welcomed addition to our Sunday School Family.

We are still accepting students for this coming year. Please contact Shirley in the Church office to register your child today.
~ Miss Shirley

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

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



RECYCLED INK CARTRIDGES You did it again!! This month we ordered supplies for Sunday School and Church needs. The total purchased is \$133.55. Again I submitted our order on line. Then I hit the Rewards key and \$110.00 in Rewards was deducted from our order. We paid \$23.55. Amazing!!!! 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. Thank you!!!!
Elaine Lopez

September Birthdays



Wishing a very
Happy Birthday to:

- Sept. 8th Mary Porcello
- Sept. 13th Joan Downes
- Sept. 19th Olivia Jastremski
- Sept. 21st Manny Gutierrez
- Sept. 25th Cara Weaver
- Sept. 28th Lori Ryan
- Sept. 29th David Kuo
- Sept. 30th Brandon Kuo

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

September Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Sept. 8
Anthony and Christine
Vella

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACONS

We had another great day of visitation and fellowship with Jean Chubway and Carla & Gerry Ring. We forgot to snap a picture of Carla, but she looks wonderful. It warms our hearts to see how much joy an hour, or two, visit can brighten up their day! Trust in the Lord our God, surround yourself with others that have the Love of Christ, bring the Love of Christ to others and you will have true happiness. Please reach out to us if you know of anyone, or anything, we can assist with.
God Bless! ~Michelle Herman



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.

"MISSIONS GIVING SPOTLIGHT"

As we have indicated in previous newsletters, NJ Dogs Of Honor is one of the important charities we support with our quarterly donations. NJ Dogs of Honor is a non-profit program established in 2018 providing rescue service dogs, who otherwise would be facing euthanasia, to service military veterans diagnosed with post traumatic stress. It is important to note that all donations go directly to the program with no administrative fees and are 100% tax deductible. The dogs and the veteran recipients are all New Jersey residents. For those of us animal lovers and those who honor the military service of our veterans, this program couples the best of both of these sentiments. Last year they provided 6 veterans with trained service dogs and they are on target to provide 7 veterans this year. All their funding is from donations!

Why not consider joining us in sending your donations and God's love to this worthy organization whose motto is: Dogs rescuing veterans, veterans rescuing dogs.

NJ Dogs of Honor
P.O Box 6
Heislerville, NJ 08324



Golden Leaves

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

- Author Unknown

your **R_x** *Hope Prevails*

10 Things to Pray When You Aren't Sure What to Pray

- 1) Praise God for who He is.
- 2) Thank God for what He has done for you & ways He provided for you in the past.
- 3) Pray that God will help you hear His voice clearly.
- 4) Ask Him to prompt you regarding what you should pray.
- 5) Pray that God will reveal unconfessed sin & areas of unforgiveness that may stand in the way of you fully loving others.
- 6) Pray for wisdom and discernment of His will.
- 7) Pray that He will help you quickly & readily obey His leading.
- 8) Pray that God will infuse you with courage to let your light shine so that you can be a positive impact for the kingdom in your area of influence.
- 9) Pray that God will continue to grow & mature you in the wisdom & knowledge of Him.
- 10) Pray for unity within God's church, protection for His leaders, and effectiveness of the church's outreach to the nations.

DrMichelleBengtson.com
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WOW, YOU'RE BURNING UP ... I GUESS THAT MEANS THAT YOU'RE WELL ENOUGH TO GO TO SCHOOL

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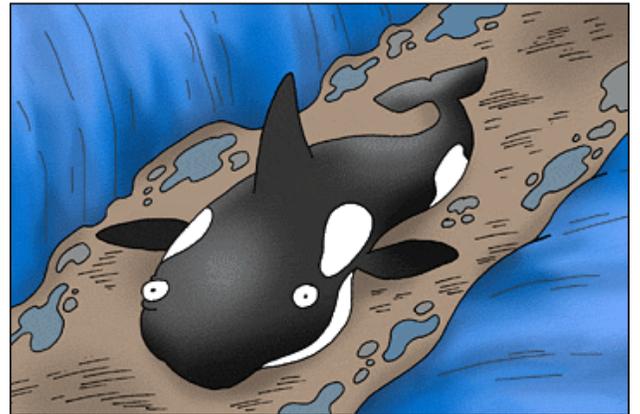
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AT RED SEA WORLD

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Q2: What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy him?

A: The only authority for glorifying and enjoying him is the Bible, which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments.

Everything we know about God comes through scripture. Philosophy, theology, and church history are helpful, but the only authoritative source of knowing God, knowing what glorifies him, and how to enjoy him is the Bible.

There's a reason I keep encouraging you to read it!

For more: Gal 1:8-9, Is 8:20, Lk 16:29, 31, 2 Tm 3:15-17, Eph 2:20, 1 Jn 1:3-4

Submitted by John Mottley

~ Quotes ~

“September tries its best to have us forget summer.”
— *Bernard Williams*

“Happily we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures.” — *Henry David Thoreau*

“September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and splendid marigolds and starry zinnias.” — *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

“Autumn is the antidote to stifling summer.” — *Terri Guillemets*

“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.” — *Oprah Winfrey*

“A #2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere.”
— *Joyce Meyer*

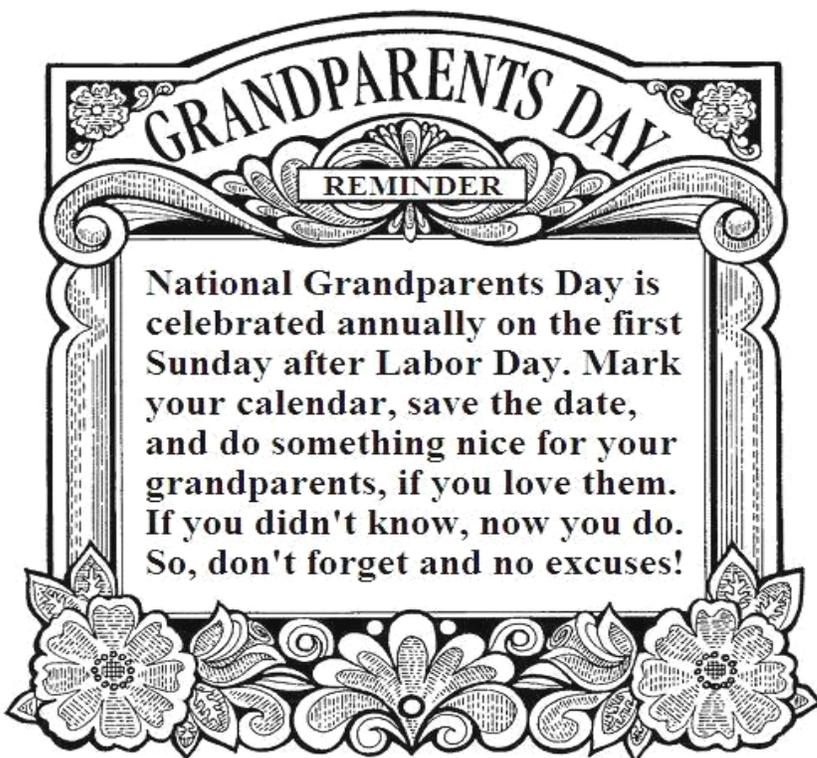
“I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework.” — *Lily Tomlin*

“In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.” — *Tom Bodett*

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” — *Aristotle*

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.” — *Malala Yousafzai*

Submitted by Molly Solanki



September Bible Verses

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” – **Genesis 8:22**

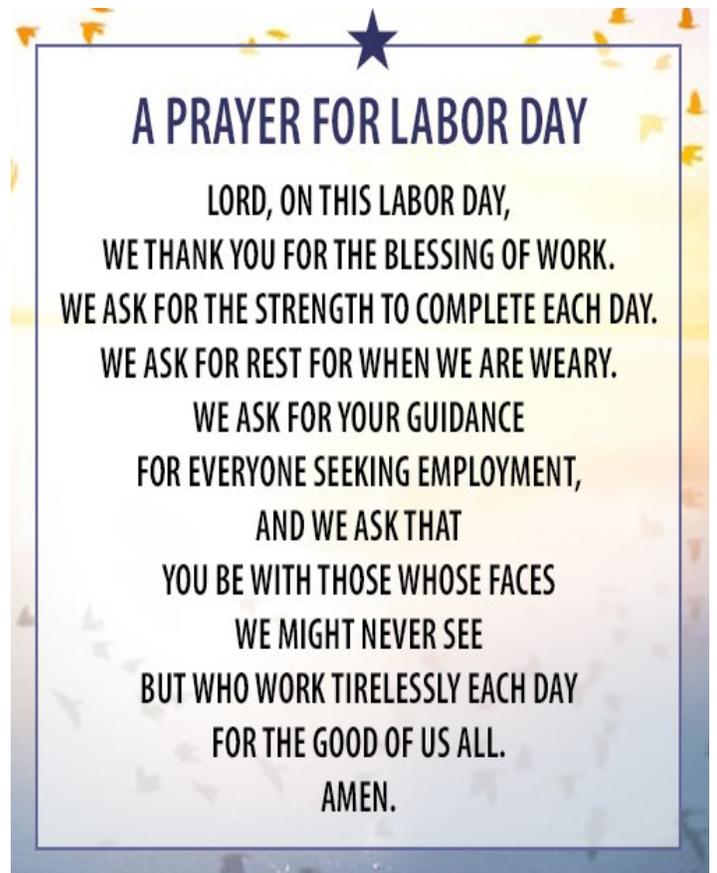
“Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.” – **Ecclesiastes 11:4**

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.” – **Lamentations 3:40**

“In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.” – **Psalms 4:8**

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” – **Psalms 51:10**

Submitted by Molly Solanki



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A Countercultural Recommendation

I don't know about your home, but mine is always chaos going into September! The next couple of weeks will be setting the pace for the upcoming year for my family. School schedules, homework, extracurricular activities, arranging playdates...and somehow also balance two jobs and maintain a relationship with my bride! Needless to say, pray for me this month! In a season where many things begin creeping up on our calendars, let us not forget to make time for God. In fact, I have a countercultural recommendation: put God on your calendar first! Sit down with your calendar and tell your calendar when you will be reading your bible, when you will spend purposeful time in prayer, what bible studies or small groups you will attend and make all your other decisions around that. Rather than "squeezing God in" to your busy schedule, as much as you are able, I encourage you to make all those other things squeeze in around your time with your Heavenly Father. Please keep your Session in prayer as we have a busy month ahead for us. We have a Presbytery meeting with our current PC(USA) Presbytery September 24th and another one with our "new" presbytery with the EPC on September 27th and 28th. We are very hopeful this month will be a very significant time for our church's progress into our new denomination so please keep all parties in prayer. One thing your Session has been talking much about recently is the need for greater transparency with all our members. We want to create an environment where the members of our wonderful church can freely ask questions, get updates, hear about presbytery meetings, or offer suggestions. We are hoping to soon make the first steps towards making that happen so watch for announcements in the near future. We are grateful for the summer we have had. We were grateful to have the Refocus Seminar in early August, bible studies, and several blessed private events. Let us enjoy looking back on a joyful summer as we turn to look ahead to a fruitful, blessed, and indeed busy fall. Looking forward to it!

Pastor John Mottley