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



July

July 2025

"God bless America, land that I love. Stand
beside her and guide her. Through the night
with the light from above."
- Irving Berlin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Birthday Lawn Party
6 10:30am Worship/Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:30am Worship	14	15 Food Delivery	16	17	18	19
Community Vacation Bible School Week						
20 10:30am Worship	21 5pm Bowl for Hunger	22 8am Open Door Articles due	23	24	25	26
27 10:30am Worship	28	29	30	31		

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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 placed in the fall.



Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

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

Judy Scharff, 201 Wyckoff Rd, Apt. 339,
Eatontown, NJ 07724

*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. 2025

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joan Downes	Elaine Lopez
Lori Ryan	Molly Solanki
1 from session	

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for governing our church affairs)
Ruth Beselinoff Mary Porcello
Madhu Solanki Christina Vella
Larry Wallace

YOUR DEACONS

*(Responsible for assisting our church and
community in times of need)*
Michelle Herman Betty Pinella
Lori Ryan George Schaefer
Joyce Solanki

A Summertime Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do, wherever you go. Walking with God means walking with honesty and courage and walking with love, respect, and concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer — every day and in every situation. Talking with God means praying words of praise for the beauty of creation, saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, asking God's help in all your decisions, and expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you walk and talk with God every day. Amen.

— Unknown



Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for
C.V.B.S.
July 14– 18, 2025
9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church, Lourdes Center in Parlin

Closing Program is Friday, July 18, 2025 @ 7pm



July Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

July 4 John Mottley
July 8 Richard Spinelli
July 26 Elaine Lopez
July 28 Elizabeth Pinella
July 31 Adalyn Mottley

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

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

July Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Janet & Kelly Bills
July 17



16th Annual Bowl for Hunger

Monday, July 21st 2025

2:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Majestic Lanes

\$25 in advance or \$30 at the door

Includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a “Bowl for Hunger” T-shirt.

Email info@bowlforhunger.com for more information. This event supports local food pantries.

Congratulations

Graduates
Angelina Vella &
Brianna Sweatt



Best of luck to you in all your future endeavors!

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee wanted to take this opportunity to remind the congregation of our regular, quarterly Missions giving.

- Restore Ministries, an after school program for at-risk youth in Elizabeth, You all know the Executive Director and Founder, Linwood Bagby!
- Camp Dill, which is the camp owned by Troop 91, the Boy Scout troop we support here
- Daily Bread, you are supplied with your daily bible reading pamphlets.
- NJ Dogs of Honor, an all volunteer group who saves shelter dogs, trains them and provides them for New Jersey veterans in need.
- Presbyterian Disaster Relief, provides immediate services for those in a catastrophic crisis, while providing Jesus' love.

On Friday, June 20 we celebrated Multicultural night, which was a deliciously successful event. Although provided and coordinated by God's Pocket, it served as a mission to share cultures, food and friendships with those within our church and the community at large!

When needed, Missions also provides funds for those in need of emergency cash for rent or utility bills that risk having services curtailed without payment. We thank you for your generous contributions in your offering, which enables us to provide as needed. We are a very small congregation but a very caring and giving church. God bless you all.
~ Ruth Beselinoff, Chair



Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism - "Frequently Asked Questions" from the 1600's written by Presbyterians.

Q10: How did God create man?

A: God created man, male and female, in his own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures.

Comment from Pastor John: Unlike the secular culture that teaches that man is "just another creature", the bible describes mankind (male & female) as being made totally unique from the rest of creation –in the image of God, and with the charge to rule over all other creatures and to care for the rest of God's creation.

Submitted by John Mottley

Dear Lord,

Thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank you for the beauty we see all around us and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation. Thank you for the increased time we have to be with friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

The Deacons will be breaking for the summer and our next meeting is Sept. 21st.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer filled with happiness, love and prayer.

~Betty Pinella



“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-30



— LET FREEDOM RING —
GOD BLESS AMERICA
HOME OF THE FREE
BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE



¹Psalm 77

For the director of music. For Jeduthun. Of Asaph. A psalm.

I cried out to God for help;

I cried out to God to hear me.

²When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.

³I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.

⁴You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.

⁵I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago;

⁶I remembered my songs in the night.
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:

⁷“Will the Lord reject forever?

Will he never show his favor again?

⁸Has his unfailing love vanished forever?

Has his promise failed for all time?

⁹Has God forgotten to be merciful?

Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

¹⁰Then I thought, “To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right
hand.

¹¹I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹²I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

¹³Your ways, God, are holy.

What god is as great as our God?

¹⁴You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.

¹⁵With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.

¹⁷The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.

¹⁹Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

— JOHN 16:13 NIV

WAIT FOR WINGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

— ISAIAH 40:31 NIV

July 2025 Quotes

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer." —F. Scott Fitzgerald

"July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden." —Jean Hersey

"Summer afternoon—to me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." —Henry James

"I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom." —Bob Dylan

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." —Arthur Ashe

"With freedom, books, flowers, and the moon, who could not be happy?" —Oscar Wilde

"America is a tune. It must be sung together." —Gerald Stanley Lee

"Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry, and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy people." —George Washington

"It's Fourth of July weekend, or as I call it, exploding Christmas." —Stephen Colbert

Submitted by Molly Solanki

God bless America and all the nations of the earth.
Bless us with freedom,
That none may be oppressed or unjustly treated.
Bless us with prosperity,
That all peoples might share abundantly from the produce of the earth.
Bless us with responsibility,
That we might properly steward your good creation.
Bless us with generosity,
That the barriers between the haves and the have nots may be broken down.
Bless us with caring,
That we might reach out with love and compassion to neighbours everywhere.
Bless us with faith,
That we might believe you are creating a new heaven and a new earth,
Where you will once more dwell in our midst,
Wiping away our tears, overcoming death and sorrow and pain.
Bless us with the eternal life of your kingdom,
Where together with all the peoples of the earth,
We will dwell together in peace and harmony and love.

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One Body

“For at one time you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” — 1 Peter 2:10

What a beautiful glimpse of heaven we experienced together at our recent Multicultural Night! With vibrant worship, delicious food, and heartfelt fellowship, the evening brought together many cultures under one roof—and more importantly, under one name: Jesus Christ. It was a joy to see both familiar faces and new visitors walk through our doors, some perhaps for the very first time. There was laughter, music, prayer, and most meaningfully, the clear and loving proclamation of the gospel right into the heart of South Amboy.

Events like this remind us that God is building a kingdom that spans across borders and backgrounds. The church isn’t just local—it’s global. And every time we reach out with open arms and open hearts, we reflect the welcoming grace of Christ to a world in need. Thank you to everyone who served, prayed, invited friends, cooked, cleaned, and came ready to make others feel at home. You were the hands and feet of Jesus.

As we continue into the summer, we look forward with great anticipation to another special moment in the life of our church: baptisms. Baptism is a public declaration of new life in Christ, a step of joyful obedience, and a sign that we belong—body and soul—to our faithful Savior. If you or someone in your household is interested in being baptized, I invite you to reach out to me personally. We are currently planning for a baptism service later this summer, and I would be honored to walk with you through that process.

May this season be one of rejoicing, renewal, and boldness as we continue to proclaim Christ and live as His people in this community. To God be the glory!

Pastor John