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Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



# August

# August 2025

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 10:30am Worship/Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30am Worship						
17	18	19 Food Delivery	20	21	22 4pm Celebration on the Lawn	23
24	25	26 8am Open Door Articles due	27	28	29	30
31 10:30am Worship						


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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	



## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

You did it again!!! Thanks to you bringing in use ink cartridges we saved money again on our current Staples order. This month Shirley gave me an order of office needs totaling \$78.16. I placed the order and hit the Rewards key and like magic our order was \$35.00 less. We paid \$43.16 for a \$78.16 order. We all appreciate your bringing in used ink cartridges. Please keep this wonderful program going and

**THANK YOU.**

**God is good and supplies all our needs.**

Thank you!!!!

**Elaine Lopez**

## Psalm 104

- 1** Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
- 2** The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent
- 3** and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.
- 4** He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.
- 5** He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved.
- 6** You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
- 7** But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;
- 8** they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them.
- 9** You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.
- 10** He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.
- 11** They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- 12** The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches.
- 13** He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.
- 14** He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth:
- 15** wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.
- 16** The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
- 17** There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the junipers.
- 18** The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.
- 19** He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.
- 20** You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 21** The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.
- 22** The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.
- 23** Then people go out to their work, to their labor until evening.
- 24** How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25** There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.
- 26** There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- 27** All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
- 28** When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
- 29** When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.
- 30** When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—
- 32** he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- 33** I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- 34** May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.
- 35** But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

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Submitted by Molly Solanki

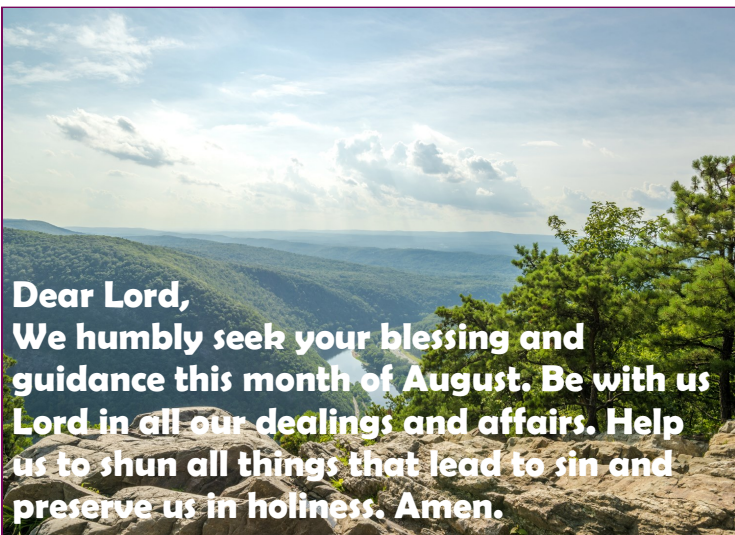
### WAITING FOR THE BUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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

— PSALM 27:14 NIV



**Dear Lord,  
We humbly seek your blessing and  
guidance this month of August. Be with us  
Lord in all our dealings and affairs. Help  
us to shun all things that lead to sin and  
preserve us in holiness. Amen.**

### FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACONS

The deacons will meet again on Sept. 21, 2025 after service. We were happy to have a visit with Judy S. and hope to visit some other homebound members soon. Hoping everyone enjoys the rest of the summer.  
- Betty Pinella



## 16th Annual Bowl for Hunger

This year's Bowl for Hunger was on Monday, July 21st at the Majestic Lanes. We were excited to send in three teams of bowlers again 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 hope we helped raise a lot of money for the food pantries in our district!

~ Shirley W.



## Bowl for Hunger 2025



*Welcome*

# AUGUST

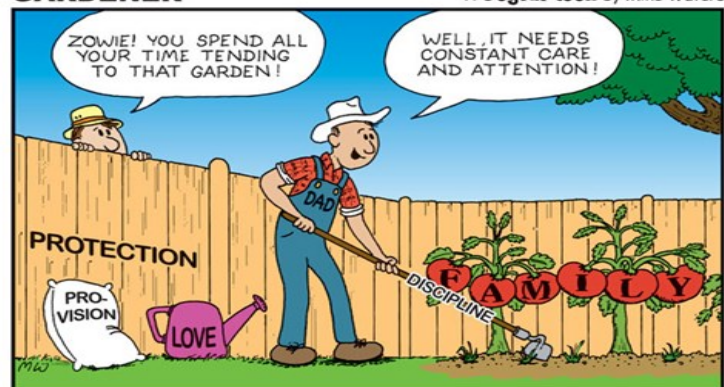
*May God Turn*  
your cannot's into can's,  
your confusion into clarity,  
your burdens into blessings and  
your stress into peace.

*May He bless you with*  
joy, love, happiness and prosperity &  
*May He*  
provide a shield of protection over  
you and your family during the  
month of *August* and always.

# HAPPY AUGUST

### GARDENER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.  
- GENESIS 2:15 NIV

## 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



## August Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Aug. 3  
Peter & Marion  
Rothman

Aug. 20th  
John & Ashley  
Mottley



Aug. 27th  
Phil & Patty  
Van Horn

## 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.



CVBS WEEK 2025

## Community Vacation Bible School Week

This year's CVBS was July 14-18, hosted at St. Bernadette Lourdes Center in Parlin. The theme was *Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*. We had a wonderful time making new friends and new memories with old ones while learning about Joseph. It was wonderful to have eight 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 13-17, 2026.**

~Shirley W.



# Close of Summer Celebration

Aug. 22 2025

4pm

At: First Presbyterian Church

150 N Broadway

South Amboy NJ 08879

Come get your backpacks

## QUOTES

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer... like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning."

— *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

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

"This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: the summer's last stand." — Sara Baume

"If June was the beginning of a hopeful summer, and July the juice middle, August was suddenly feeling like the bitter end." — Sarah Dessen

"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Submitted by Molly Solanki



July 5th  
Happy Birthday  
on the Lawn



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

**Q11:** What is God's providence?

**A:** God's providence is his completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.

### Comment from Pastor John:

This is what separates "Reformed" Christianity from many other denominations. We affirm that God is lovingly and wisely taking care of *everything* He has made, guiding every event and action that happens in the world. Nothing is random or outside of His care.

Submitted by John Mottley

# the OPEN DOOR

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## Goodbye's and New Beginnings

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We are busy here wrapping up a wonderful summer, and planning a fantastic fall!

This month we will finally be wrapping up our verse-by-verse series through the gospel of Matthew! It's been an incredible journey following Jesus's life and ministry with such great detail. I pray you were blessed by it and learned much about our savior, I know I did. What was your favorite passage or sermon from the series? What was something you were surprised to learn throughout our journey? I'd love to hear your answer next time I see you.

After finishing Matthew, Lord willing we will do a series of smaller books starting with Jonah. You don't want to miss this series. If all you know about Jonah is the "whale" then you are missing the point of the passage, *especially* the "twist ending".

We will also be starting our afternoon bible study again Sundays at 1:30pm beginning September 14th and meeting "every other" week after that. We'd love to have you join us as we come together to study God's word. This isn't a time where "I" am teaching the whole time. We are studying together, seeing together what the text means, and sharing how biblical truths relate to our lives. Your input is highly valued and your insights and life experience are missed if you are not there. We hope you can make it.

Don't forget to have your calendar marked for our end of summer celebration on August 22nd at 4pm. We love our parties, we love to be in fellowship, and it's another great time to invite your friends and family to "check out" this church that you're always talking about.

Join me in praying for these events and the many other things we hope to do this fall as the Lord provides the resources to do so. We're hoping to have more announcements soon. In the meantime I pray you enjoy the rest of your summer, that you are making daily time with God, and that you get at least one more beach trip in before September!

God bless,

*John Mottley*