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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



September

September 2025

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 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 National Grandparents Day 10:30am Worship/Communion	8 6pm Scouts	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14 10:30am Worship	15 6pm Scouts	16 Food Delivery	17	18	19	20
21 10:30am Worship	22 Fall Begins 6pm Scouts	23 8am Open Door Articles due	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Worship	29 6pm Scouts	30	31			

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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 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	

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

Quotes for September

"September the golden threshold between summer and winter." – Meeta Ahluwalia

"When you are reluctant to change, think of the beauty of autumn." – VV Brown

"Wild is the music of the autumnal winds amongst the faded woods." – William Wordsworth

"There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end as if summer was holding its breath, and when it let it out again, it would be autumn." – Sharyn McCrumb

"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn." -- Rowland E. Robinson

"All at once, summer collapsed into fall." – Oscar Wilde

Submitted by Molly Solanki

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE



You did it again!!! Thanks to you bringing in used ink cartridges we saved money again for our future Staples order. We collected 17 used ink cartridges and one large used printer this month. I brought them all to Staples and they Rewarded us \$38.00 for our next 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.

Elaine Lopez

September Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



Sept. 8
Anthony and Christine
Vella

September Birthdays



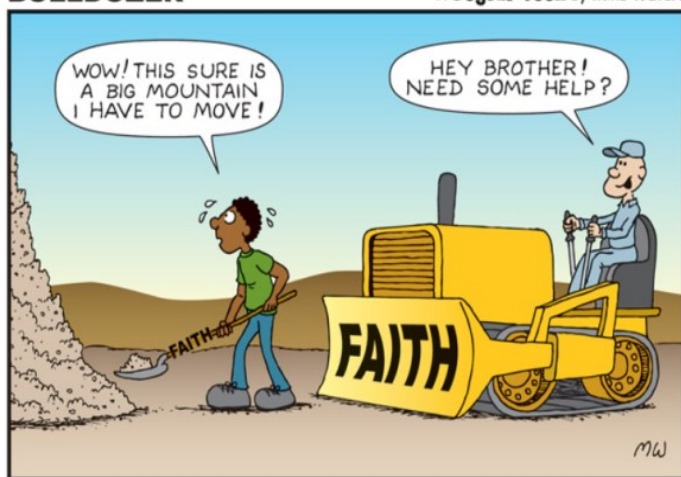
Wishing a very
Happy Birthday to:

Sept. 8th Mary Porcello
Sept. 13th Joan Downes
Sept. 19th Olivia Jastremski
Sept. 21st Manny Gutierrez
Sept. 22nd Rose Risley
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.

BULLDOZER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

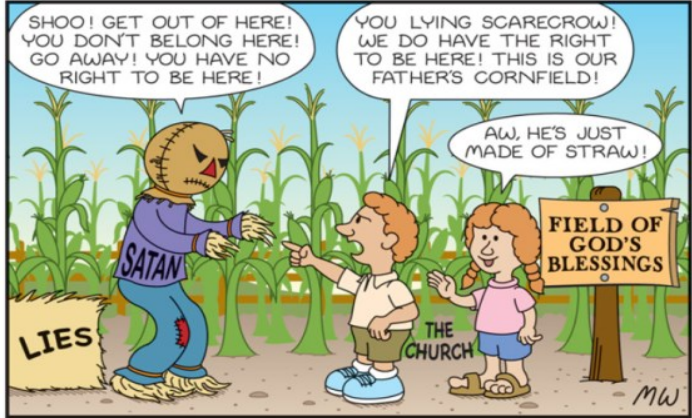


that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

– ROMANS 1:12 NIV

SCARECROW

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
— LUKE 12:32 NIV



Hackensack
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and

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Church



HOST

FREE Wellness Screenings

Join nurses from
HackensackMeridian
Healthon

Saturday,
September 6, 2025
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



LOCATION: Christ Episcopal
Church Memorial Hall

257 4th Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879
Find us on Facebook
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Contact us at
732-721-6262

KEEP GETTING BETTER

Screenings will include:

Blood Pressure

Cholesterol*

Glucose

Stroke Risk

Assessment BMI

Pulse

*Fasting is not required.

CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
— 1 PETER 5:7 NIV

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
PATRIOT DAY

Rose's Baptism

Always pray to have
eyes that see the best, a
heart that forgives the
worst, a mind that forgets
the bad, and a soul that
never loses faith.

MindfulChristianity



Collage Maker

September Bible Verses

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

~Colossians 3:23

Let all that you do be done in love.

~1 Corinthians 16:14

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. ~Proverbs 11:24-25

Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.

~Proverbs 28:27

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. ~Joshua 1:9

Submitted by Molly Solanki



Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.

The Worker's Prayer

Lord, I thank You for this job and the blessings it provides.

May You watch over me this day and keep me safe from harm.

Create in me a willing spirit and happy heart.

Grant me the ambition to work hard and give me the strength to finish what I have started.

May my hands always be prepared to help lighten another's load.

And finally, Lord, remind me that the quality of my work is a reflection of You to those around me.

Amen



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER,

AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR, I COME BEFORE YOU ASKING FOR YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE, PROTECTION, AND BLESSING OVER OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND SCHOOL STAFF.

LORD JESUS, I PRAY FOR A SHIELD OF PROTECTION AROUND EVERY SCHOOL BUILDING AND CAMPUS. STATION YOUR MIGHTY ANGELS AT EVERY ENTRANCE AND HALLWAY. GUARD AGAINST ANY HARM, VIOLENCE, OR EVIL THAT WOULD TRY TO ENTER THESE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS. KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

HOLY SPIRIT, I ASK FOR YOUR WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING TO FLOW THROUGH EVERY CLASSROOM. ANOINT THE MINDS OF STUDENTS WITH SUPERNATURAL ABILITY TO LEARN, COMPREHEND, AND RETAIN KNOWLEDGE. GIVE THEM EXCELLENT MEMORY, SHARP FOCUS, AND CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS.

FATHER, I PRAY FOR OUR TEACHERS. FILL THEM WITH DIVINE PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING, AND COMPASSION. GRANT THEM INNOVATIVE TEACHING STRATEGIES AND THE ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH EACH STUDENT. STRENGTHEN THEM PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY FOR THEIR IMPORTANT TASK. LET YOUR LOVE FLOW THROUGH THEM TO IMPACT YOUNG LIVES.

LORD, I SPEAK YOUR PEACE OVER ANXIOUS HEARTS AND MINDS. FOR STUDENTS FEELING NERVOUS OR OVERWHELMED, I PRAY YOU WOULD CALM THEIR FEARS AND GIVE THEM CONFIDENCE. HELP THEM BUILD POSITIVE FRIENDSHIPS AND FIND THEIR PLACE IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

I PRAY FOR PROTECTION FROM NEGATIVE PEER PRESSURE, BULLYING, AND HARMFUL INFLUENCES. GIVE OUR STUDENTS WISDOM TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES AND COURAGE TO STAND FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. LET THEM BE STRONG IN THEIR IDENTITY IN CHRIST AND BOLD IN THEIR FAITH.

HOLY SPIRIT, GUIDE THEM IN THEIR STUDIES. HELP THEM MANAGE THEIR TIME WISELY, DEVELOP GOOD STUDY HABITS, AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY BALANCE IN THEIR LIVES. GRANT THEM FAVOR WITH THEIR TEACHERS AND PEERS.

FATHER, I PRAY FOR THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN OUR SCHOOLS. GIVE THEM WISDOM AS THEY SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. HELP THEM CREATE HOME ENVIRONMENTS CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING AND GROWTH.

LORD JESUS, LET OUR SCHOOLS BE PLACES WHERE TRUTH IS TAUGHT, EXCELLENCE IS PURSUED, AND CHARACTER IS DEVELOPED. MAY YOUR LIGHT SHINE BRIGHTLY THROUGH CHRISTIAN STUDENTS AND STAFF, DRAWING OTHERS TO KNOW YOU.

WE COMMIT THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO YOU, TRUSTING IN YOUR FAITHFUL CARE AND GUIDANCE.

IN JESUS' MIGHTY NAME, AMEN!

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FROM THE DEACONS

We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer.

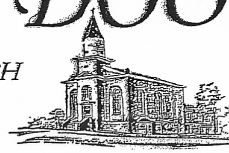
The deacons will meet again on Sept. 21, 2025 after service.

~Betty Pinella

Dear Lord,
We come before you, asking for peace and tranquility as we enter into September. Please bless all the children, teachers and staff returning to school. Grant us the wisdom to listen more than we speak, to understand before seeking to be understood and to love without conditions. We pray, in Jesus' name, that you would watch over our hearts and homes throughout the month. Amen

the OPEN DOOR

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Growing in Grace This Fall

Summer is over and things are getting busy at the church.

We recently had our "*End of Summer Celebration*" out on the front lawn where we filled the lawn with neighbors, friends, and many people I've never met before. It was a sweet time of meeting new friends, of worship, and fantastic food! Each time we host one of these events, they seem to grow richer, and we grow more effective at serving our community. I hope you were blessed by it, and I encourage you even now to consider who you might invite to the next "big thing" we do.

Please make plans to join us for our *Sunday afternoon Bible Study* beginning September 14th at 1:30pm and meeting "every other" week after that. It's a sweet time of meeting with the Lord in prayer, in worship, in his word, and in fellowship with other believers. The only thing that might be missing is *you*!

I also want to address the recent challenges with our livestream. Even after working with a professional IT friend, we've experienced some frustrating and unexpected outages. Please know we are actively working to resolve these issues. To our faithful homebound and relocated members who rely on this ministry: we see you, we hear you, and we are committed to restoring consistency. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to subscribe to our new YouTube channel, which you can access most easily through our church website.

On a personal note, I ask for your prayers as my family adjusts to a new school schedule. With every change come fresh opportunities and challenges, and we hope to navigate them with grace. Lord willing, I will have more exciting updates to share with you soon.

Finally, please continue to keep your Session in prayer as we meet and seek God's wisdom for the future of our church. We long to be faithful in every decision and to honor Christ in all we do.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20–21)

~ John Mottley

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

Q12: What did God's providence specifically do for man whom he created?

A: After the creation God made a covenant with man to give him life, if he perfectly obeyed; God told him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil or he would die.

Comment from Pastor John: Sometimes called the "Covenant of Works", God promised life for those who obeyed him perfectly and death for disobedience. Can you say *you* have perfectly obeyed God? If not, then we need a "New Covenant" based on *grace* and not *obedience* to save us...