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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship **10:30 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

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					4pm Fourth of July BBQ	Independence Day 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30am Worship/ Communion	6pm Scouts					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30am Worship 11:30am Town Hall Meeting	6pm Scouts					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30am Worship	5pm bowl for Hunger 6pm Scouts	Food Delivery				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10:30am Worship	6pm Scouts	8am Open Door Articles due				

Community Vacation Bible School Week

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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

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 0885

George Schaefer, Reformed Church Home, 1990 Rt 18 Apt. 380, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

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

As of March 2026

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Madhu Solanki Elaine Lopez
Joan Downes Larry Wallace
Lori Ryan

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION
(Responsible for governing our church affairs)
Ruth Beselinoff Christina Vella
Larry Wallace

YOUR DEACONS
(Responsible for assisting our church and community in times of need)
Michelle Herman Betty Pinella
Lori Ryan



Registration forms
are in the mailroom
if you want to
sign up or
volunteer for

C.V.B.S.

July 13– 17, 2026

8:45am—12:15pm

at St. Bernadette Church,
Lourdes Center in Parlin

Closing Program is
Friday, July 17, 2026
@ 7pm

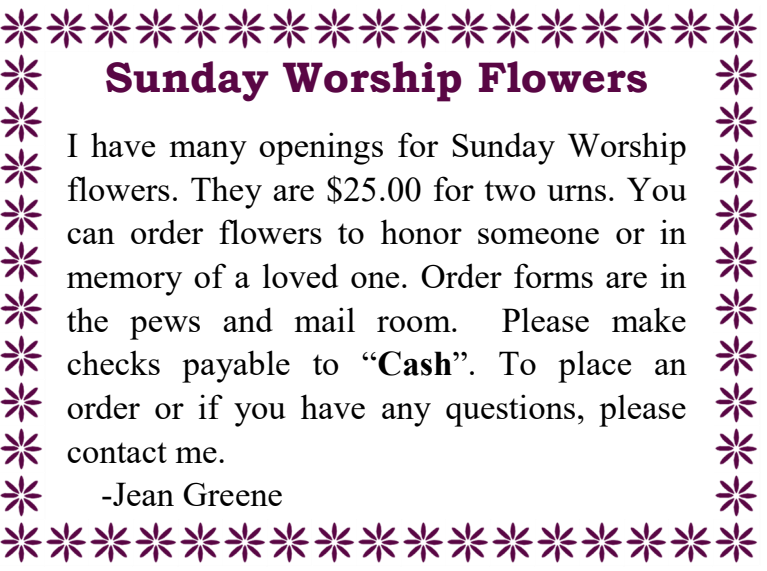


July Birthdays

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



17th Annual Bowl for Hunger

Monday, **July 20, 2026**
2:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Majestic
Lanes

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



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

We received a real big help from Mary Porcello. Using her many connections, Mary collected 82 used ink cartridges in June. Immediately, I delivered 20 (our monthly maximum) to Staples. Now we have a \$40.00 credit reward for our next order. Thank you Mary. Keep this wonderful program working by bringing in all your and your friends used ink cartridges.

God is Good and Supplies all our needs.

Thank you!!!!
Elaine Lopez

July 2025 Quotes

"Then came July like three o'clock in the afternoon, hot and listless and miserable." — Allie Ray

"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." —Roald Dahl

"I know I am but summer to your heart, and not the full four seasons of the year." —Edna St. Vincent Millay

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth." —Abraham Lincoln

"Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong."

—James Bryce

"In America, nobody says you have to keep the circumstances somebody else gives you." —Amy Tan

Submitted by Molly Solanki

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



The Deacons

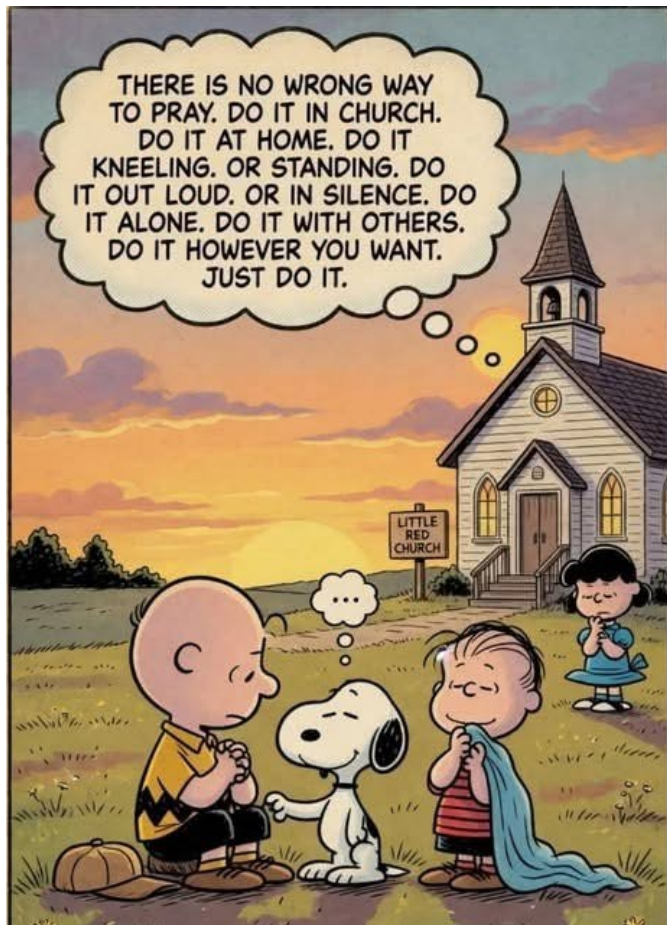
Dear Lord, our loving creator. As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country, let us remember the visions of freedom and justice our nation was built on. Let us give thanks for the Christian beliefs inspiring us to live with respect and love for one another. Help us to walk humbly with you and bring peace to a world. Amen.

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
John 8:36 (NIV):



The deacons will not be meeting July or August. If you want to receive home communion contact one of us and we can add you to the list. We will be contacting those we already have listed to set up a visitation date. Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer.

~Betty Pinella



EXTREME HEART MAKEOVER A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
— REVELATION 3:20 NIV

Congratulations



To our Middle School Graduate
Michael Pinella

Best of luck in High School!



**Michael's
Confirmation**



**Our kids making
Father's Day**



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

Q20: Did God leave all mankind to die in sin and misery?

A: From all eternity and merely because it pleased him, God chose some to have everlasting life. These he freed from sin and misery by a covenant of grace and brought them to salvation by a redeemer.

Comment from Pastor John: In theory, God could have left us in our "fallen condition". There was nothing stopping God from leaving us to our own damnation and misery in sin. Therefore, God was not forced to save us – He *wanted* to save us! God freely chose to send His Son that we may have redemption. That says a lot about the heart of our God.

For more see: Eph 1:4-7, Ti 3:4-7, Gal 3:21-22, Rom 3:20-22





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July Bible Verses

Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

— Hebrews 2:18

I command you: be firm and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go. — Joshua 1:9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

— Isaiah 55:8-9

Who among you is wise? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom.

— James 3:13

But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'

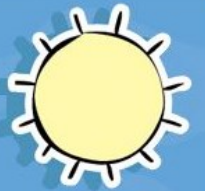
— Matthew 19:26

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Summer Blessings

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

PSALM 97:11-12



First Presbyterian Church
Missions will be hosting a

America 250
Years of Freedom

COME CELEBRATE
the 4th of July

BBQ PARTY

Fellowship Food Music

Friday, July 3rd
AT 4PM

Bring your appetite, family and friends to church and enjoy the fellowship.

Missions Message

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in our church family? The Missions Committee is looking for new members, and we would love to have you join us!

Our mission is to spread God's love within our church, throughout our community, and wherever God leads us. As a member of the committee, you'll have opportunities to help plan fellowship events, organize fundraisers, support outreach projects, and create meaningful ways for people to connect and become active in the life of our church.

No special experience is needed—just a willing heart, a desire to serve, and a passion for sharing God's love. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your gifts and talents can make a difference.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Ruthie. We would love to welcome you to our team—you will be enriched by the experience!

~ Ruth Beselinoff



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Looking Ahead to America's 250th

As we move into July, our nation continues preparations for a historic milestone: the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Christians have good reason to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our country. We enjoy freedoms that many believers around the world can only dream of, including the freedom to gather for worship, proclaim the gospel, and live according to our convictions.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us do so with gratitude to God, praying for our nation, its leaders, and for continued opportunities to share the hope of Jesus Christ with our neighbors.

As part of that celebration, I hope you will join us for a special **Fourth of July BBQ on Friday, July 3rd** sponsored by our Missions Committee. This completely free community event is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, outreach, and welcoming friends and neighbors to our church family. Ruthie keeps telling me “come hungry” so be prepared for some great food.

As we often say for events like this, *the best way you can help out is to bring a friend!* Who are you going to invite?

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Multicultural Night. Whether you volunteered, prepared food, performed, helped with setup and cleanup, or simply attended and welcomed our guests, your efforts made the evening a tremendous success. It was a beautiful picture of our community coming together and a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors.

May God continue to bless our church, our community, and our nation as we seek to honor Him in all that we do.

Pastor John