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## THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



# June

# June 2026

Be on your guard;  
stand firm in the faith;  
be courageous; be strong  
1 Corinthians 16:13

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30am Worship/ Communion/ Confirmation	8 6pm Scouts	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>Flag Day</b> 10:30am Worship	15 6pm Scouts	16 Food Delivery	17	18	19 <b>Juneteenth</b> 5pm Multicultural Day	20
21 <b>Father's Day</b> 10:30am Worship	22 6pm Scouts	23 8am Open Door Articles due	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Worship	29 6pm Scouts	30				

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Management

**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.

MY BELOVED WIFE ♥ ALICE ♥ SCHWANKERT	OUR LOVING MOM ALICE SCHWANKERT
† THANK YOU LORD CHRISTIAN, CARA, SHIRLEY & MIKE †	DIEKER MARY & FRED 11-07-1964

 **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 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	

# Multicultural Night

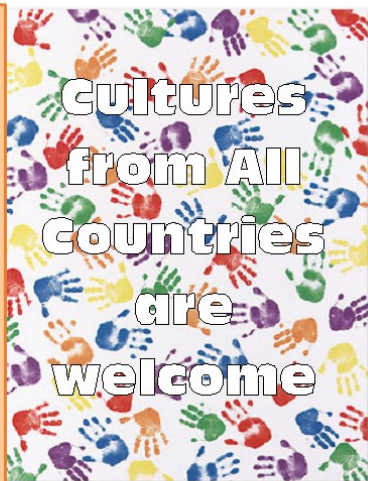


June 19, 2026  
at 5pm

We want to celebrate all the diversity in our community with a Multicultural Night.

This will be a Pot Luck Event.

If you want to participate and share something from your culture, such as a favorite dish, music, dance, art, fashion, etc. Please sign up.



Event contact Mary at  
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WHEN WE HONOR  
OUR FLAG WE HONOR  
WHAT WE STAND  
FOR AS A NATION -  
FREEDOM, EQUALITY,  
JUSTICE AND HOPE.

- RONALD REAGAN



happy  
FLAG DAY

JUNE 14TH

## Citations from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

"Frequently Asked Questions" from the 1600's written by  
Presbyterians.

**Q19: What is the misery of man's fallen condition?**

**A:** By their fall all mankind lost fellowship with God and brought his anger and curse on themselves. They are therefore subject to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

**Comment from Pastor John:** All misery, all suffering, all bad things anywhere throughout history and the age to come for not-believers ultimately stem from our sin and fallen condition. Have you ever asked yourself "why is this happening to me?" The final answer is it's a result of our sin. Our sin is really that bad.

Submitted by Pastor John Mottley

First Presbyterian Church  
Missions will be hosting a

**America 250**  
Years of Freedom

COME CELEBRATE  
the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

We are looking to add members with an interest and desire to join us at Missions as we spread God's love here, in the community and wherever we are led. Please contact Ruthie with any questions or to volunteer to join us, you will be enriched by the experience.

~ Ruth Beselinoff



## June Bible Verse

### PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

1 LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is no help for him in God.* Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

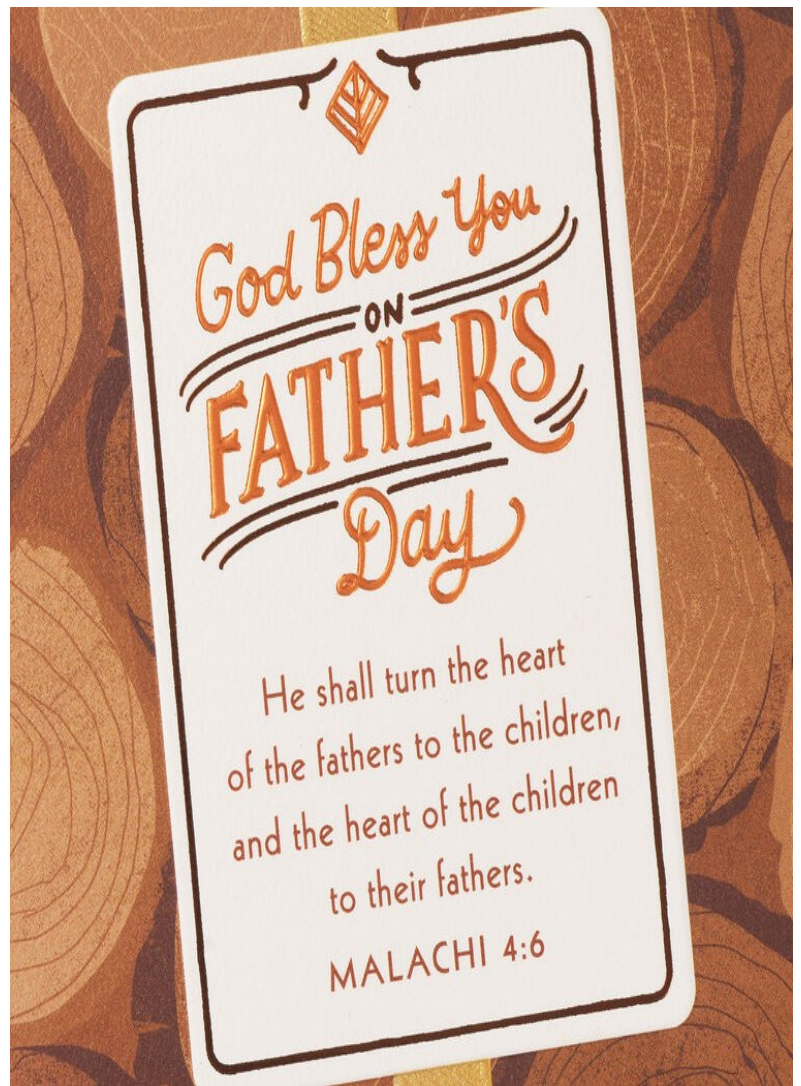
5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

Submitted by Molly Solanki



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

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

## National Day of Prayer May 7, 2026



## Deacon's Monthly Update

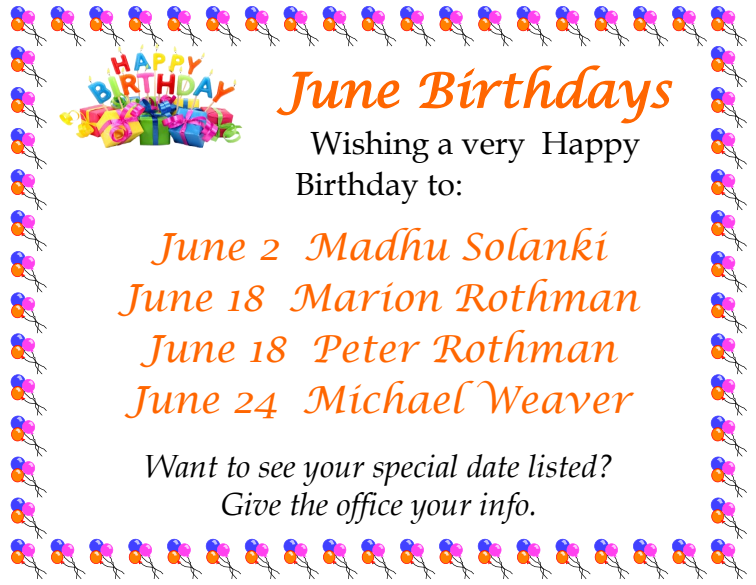
Dear Lord, our loving creator. Thank you for a new month. Please, give us your blessings on our homes, relationships, work and thoughts. Give us peace and help keep us from fear, hurry and distractions. As we celebrate Father's day, give strength and courage to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, mentors, and every man caring for others. Help us to walk closely with you in every step this month. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Psalm 90:17

May the favor of the Lord our God  
rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands  
for us—  
yes, establish the work  
of our hands.

The deacons will meet again on Sunday June 28, 2026 after service. We will be visiting with home communion on June 12, 2026. If you wish to be included please contact one of the deacons.

~ Betty P.



## June Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

June 2 *Madhu Solanki*  
June 18 *Marion Rothman*  
June 18 *Peter Rothman*  
June 24 *Michael Weaver*

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



## June Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



June 10th  
*Shirley & Michael Weaver*

June 14th  
*Suzanne & David Schafer-Coates*



# JUNETEENTH

## FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 19, 2022

Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. This holiday is considered the longest running African-American holiday and has been called America's second Independence Day.

It was on June 19, 1865 that Union soldiers, led by Maj. Gen Gordon Granger marched into Galveston, Texas to announce the Civil War had ended and all enslaved people were free.



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## 18th Annual Bowl for Hunger

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

This event supports local food pantries

Email [info@bowlforhunger.com](mailto:info@bowlforhunger.com) for more information.



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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NIV



## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

In May we ordered \$52.00 of office needs. When I placed this order no rewards were listed on our account. We went forward with this order and paid the full \$52.00. This means we did not collect used ink cartridges in April and turn them in to staples. I know you have more so please bring them in. We all really appreciate your generous time and help with this program. Keep this wonderful program working by bringing in all your and your friends used ink cartridges. God Is good and supplies all our needs.

Elaine Lopez

## June Quotes

“Do what we can, summer will have its flies.” –Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes... including you.” – Anne Lamott

“Far up in the deep blue sky, Great white clouds are floating by; All the world is dressed in green; Many happy birds are seen, Roses bright and sunshine clear Show that lovely June is here.” — F. G. Sanders

When the sun is shining, I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no trouble too difficult to overcome.

– Wilma Rudolph

In summer, the song sings itself.

– William Carlos Williams

Summer night—even the stars are whispering to each other.

– Kobayashi Issa

“The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams, and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family.” -Reed Markham

“The imprint of a father remains forever on the life of the child.” -Roy Lessin

“Being a dad isn’t easy...but when somebody does it right, it reminds the rest of us what a world-changing difference a good dad can make.” -Andrew Blackburn

“Our flag means all that our fathers meant in the revolutionary War. It means all that the Declaration of Independence meant. It means justice. It means liberty. It means happiness... Every color means liberty. Every thread means liberty. Every star and stripe means liberty.”

- Henry Ward Beecher

"A flag appears 'mid thunderous cheers, The banner of the Western land. The emblem of the brave and true."

- John Philip Sousa

Submitted by Molly Solanki

## Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings. Flowers for Sunday Worship 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

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## Longing for Revival

Anyone else miss "the good old days" of the church? Days when the church was at the center of community life. Days when churches were full on Sundays and ministries met throughout the week. I think that is a perfectly legitimate desire, especially if we recognize God to be the source of such seasons.

Those seasons do not happen because we manufactured them. They happen because God chooses to work powerfully among His people. Revival doesn't begin with us, it begins with Him.

I recently came across a quote from Tim Keller that said, "Real revival is the intensification of the ordinary operations of the Holy Spirit." Revival is God pouring out His Spirit in such a way that Christians wake up from spiritual lethargy and become serious about their faith. The gospel moves forward. People repent. Men and women come to Christ. The church grows as disciples are multiplied.

As our church walks through a season of revitalization, these things have been heavy on my mind. It is easy to look back and ask, "How do we get there again?" But the truth is there is no way back, only forward.

Some time ago I was speaking with Barbara Ballo about our church's history. She shared how she remembered growing up here many years ago when there were even fewer families attending than we have now. Yet God was faithful. Through the ordinary work of His Spirit, He sustained and strengthened this congregation through the years.

That reminds us of something important. Revival is not something we create through ingenuity or effort. It is not as simple as setting up a tent and waiting for crowds to arrive. It is God who brings life. It is the Holy Spirit who draws people to repentance. It is the message of Christ crucified that saves.

So as we pray and seek the Lord's direction for our church, let us remember where our hope ultimately rests. We do not simply need better ideas or stronger programs. We need God to work among us. Therefore let us be a praying people, asking the Lord not only to sustain this church for another generation, but to bring revival to our community and make us a church that is prepared for whatever He desires to do.

*Pastor John Mottley*