

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy  
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



# June



# 2019

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom." –Umberto Eco

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Spanish Worship
2 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	3 6pm Scouts	4	5	6 5 pm Golf Team Dinner	7	8 9am Spanish Worship
9 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Children's Closing Program	10 6pm Scouts	11	12 8:30 am Session	13 9:30am Begging 	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:30am Worship <i>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</i>	17 6pm Scouts	18	19	20	21 <i>Summer Begins</i> 	22 9am Spanish Worship
23 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	24 6pm Scouts	25	26	27 	28	29 9am Spanish Worship
30 10:30am Worship/ Baptism of Michael and Jaylee						

# ~Schedules~

PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOURSELF IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DATE. RECORD CHANGES IN SCHEDULE ON MASTER COPY LOCATED IN OFFICE, ROOM 2.

## READER SCHEDULE

June 2 Elaine L.  
9 Gerry R.  
16 Jennifer B  
23 Anthony V. Jr  
30 David C.



July 7 Ruth B.  
14 Joan D.  
21 Dustin B  
28 Elaine L.

## GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

June 2 Kenny H, Dorothy R.  
9 Joan D, George S.  
16 Betty P, Mary P.  
23 Arvid H, Gail H.  
30 Megan J. Norma M.

July 7 Beth M, Lori R.  
14 Madhu S, Molly S.  
21 Shirley & Cara W  
28 Kenny H, Dorothy R.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 2 Mike & Shirley W.  
9 Betty P, Christian D.  
16 No Nursery  
23 Elaine L, Faith Mc.  
30 Sherry & David K.



July 7 Martha M, Jenn B.  
14 Christine V, David C.  
21 Betty P, Christian D.  
28 Mike & Shirley W

## COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

June 2 Molly S, Joyce S  
July 7 Joan D, Gail H.

## COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

June 2 Molly S, Joyce S, Joan D, Shirley W  
July 7 Joan D, Gail H, George S, Arvid H.

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

June 2 Megan J, Anna L, Gail H.  
July 7 No Coffee Hour



## Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

**James and Barbara Ballo,**

28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

**Rev. Barbara Hicks,**

107 Wicklow Ct., Toms River, 08755

**Leroy Kurtz,**

348 Sixth Street, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

**Ervant Mansfield,**

Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave, Apt 327,  
Edison, NJ 08837

**Beverly Mezger,**

250 S. Broadway, Apt 511, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

**Carolyn Nappe,**

250 S. Broadway, Apt 215, So. Amboy, NJ 08879

**Virginia Porter,** Care One Somerset Valley,

1621 Rt 22, West Bound Brook, NJ 08805

**Debbie Sargeant Sr.**

3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

*Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.*

INTERIM PASTOR – Suzanne Schafer-Coates  
CLERK OF SESSION - Joan Downes  
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Shirley Weaver  
TREASURER - Elaine Lopez  
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver  
ORGANIST - Kevin Shoemaker  
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver  
MISSION CO-CHAIRS—Ruth Beselinoff &  
Stephanie McAleer  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL -  
Shirley Weaver

**As of Feb. 2019**

## OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gail Hawkins	Dorothy Rhodes
Arvid Holt	Joyce Solanki
Molly Solanki	Jill Berwick
Megan Jarvis	

## YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

*(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)*

Gail Hawkins	Elaine Lopez
Dorothy Rhodes	Gerald Ring
George Schaefer	Christine Vella

## YOUR DEACONS

*(Responsible for Assisting our Church and  
Community in Times of Need)*

Jill Berwick	Megan Jarvis
Sherry Kuo	Stephanie McAleer
Elizabeth Pinella	Shirley Weaver





## 26th ANNUAL MAYORS' "SHINING STAR: GALA"

We were invited to attend the Shining Star Gala on May 4th, 2019, at the Holiday Inn Ballroom in East Windsor, NJ. This was a Gala recognizing individuals who give a high degree of commitment to the welfare of others and their demonstration of services to the communities of the Borough of Hightstown and Township of East Windsor. Among the many Honorees were David and Suzanne Schafer-Coats. Both David and Rev. Suzanne have been active for many years in leadership roles in their community. Most recently with a group of concerned friends in founding "i CARE", a counseling agency providing mental health and addiction counseling, free of charge for the Hightstown - East Windsor communities. George, Megan, Joan Downes, Norma and Elaine attended. It certainly was a "GALA AFFAIR" with approximately 250 people attending. We were proud and honored to be there cheering on our Pastor and David.

~ Submitted by Elaine Lopez

## FOOTSTEPS

"Walk a little slower Daddy,"  
said a child so small,  
"I'm following in your footsteps,  
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,  
Sometimes they're hard to see,  
So walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For you are leading me.

Someday when I am all grown up,  
You're what I want to be,  
Then I will have a little child  
Who will want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,  
And know that I was true,  
So walk a little slower, Daddy,  
For I must follow you."

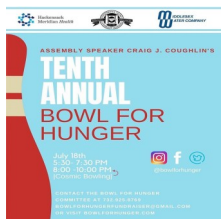
## RELIGIOUS AWARD

We are all very proud of Cara Weaver. Who received her "God & Church" Girl Scout's Award during service here on May 5th. She worked very hard for the last 4 months with Pastor Suzanne and her Girl Scout Religious Leader, Mary Beth Wisniewski.

~ Shirley



## 10th Annual Bowl for Hunger



Thursday,  
**July 18th, 2018**

5:30 - 7:30 pm

at Majestic Lanes.

**\$25 per person.**

Includes 2 hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a  
"Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.

See Shirley if you want to sign up on this years team.

This event supports our food pantry.

**RSVP needed by June 30th**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**April 2019**

Offerings \$ 9,615

Covenant Income \$ 3,018

Total Income \$ 12,633

Disbursements \$ -7,902

**"To be rich in GOD is far better  
than to be rich in goods".**

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer



## Donate to Our Organ Fund

Our Organ Fund (for repairs) is growing due to memorial gifts. When you make a donation in memory of someone. The family of the loved ones and the givers are both given a certificate recording these gifts of love.

This is a special way of remembrance. Flowers are short lived. This is a forever gift. You can also Donate in Honor of someone.



## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Thanks to you we were able to supply Community Vacation Bible School with \$40.00 much needed supplies. Keep up the good work. We can recycle 20 cartridges a month which equals \$40.00 cash every month.

Elaine Lopez



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## Deacon's Monthly Update

Hope that everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather! June is around the corner and we are all planning for Summer! Please remember our Food Pantry is just as busy during the summer and still needs you to volunteer. Please continue to donate your items and time to helping those in need this summer.

We are planning to have a "Dine to Donate" fundraiser this summer, and an Autumn pie sale in the fall, details to follow. God Bless ~ Shirley Weaver

## Food Pantry News

Sat. May 18, 2019, was a bright sunny day as we opened our doors to the pantry once more. We were privileged to serve sixty five (65) members of the community, regulars and newcomers. All of whom left with multiple bags of food and toiletry items along with big smiles on their faces. Thanks to all our helpers who turned out to make this day possible, your service is always appreciated. ~ Megan Jarvis

## Items that we need for the Food Pantry :

Bar soap	Facial tissues	Paper towels
Bread	Jello	Peanut butter
Canned chicken	Jelly	Pudding
Canned hash	Juice	Sardines
Canned soups	Laundry detergent	Shampoo
Cereal		Tea bags
Coffee	Mashed Potatoes	Toilet paper
Conditioner	Pancake mix	Toothpaste
Dish detergent	Pancake Syrup	Tooth brushes



## *Save the Date*

Missions will be hosting  
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## **Movie Night**

in Fellowship Hall

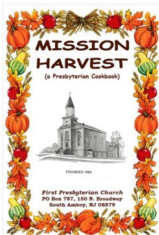
**October 12, 4pm**

Details to follow.



## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The members of several different South Amboy Churches met outside of City Hall by the flag pole for National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2019 at noon. This year's theme was "Love One Another" based upon John 13:34. Rev. Suzanne Schafer-Coates of our congregation lead us all in prayer. ~SW



## **MISSION HARVEST COOK BOOK**

\$12 Each

**Phone:**  
**732-721-4516**

## **Sunday School**

So very proud of all of our Sunday school students they have all been doing a wonderful job this year!

Please join us for the Sunday School Closing Program

**"The Story of Pentecost"**  
**on June 9th during service.**



We hope everyone will come out and see them.  
~ Shirley

Registration forms are in the mail room if you want to Sign up or Volunteer for:

**C.V.B.S. July 8- 12, 2019**

**At St. Bernadette's Church**

**Theme is "Miraculous Mission"**



Our church will supply all the juice as usual. Please put juice in the mail room or ask Elaine to shop for you. ~ S.W.

## **Food Pantry T-shirts**

We still have a lot of shirts left. Please consider buying one to support our Food Pantry

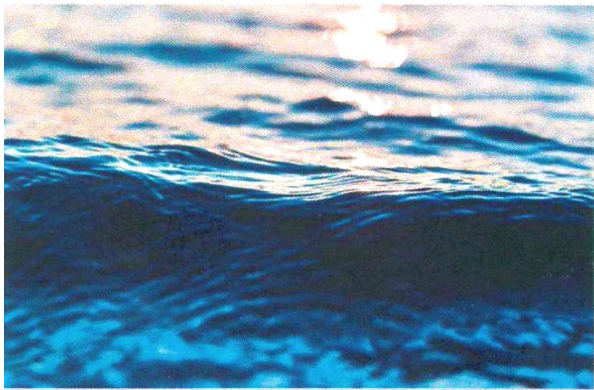
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## Special Days to be in service

June 9  
Sunday School  
Closing Program



June 16  
Father's Day



June 30  
Jaylee's & Michael's  
Baptism



### June Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

June 2 Madhu Solanki  
June 13 Gerald Ring  
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  
Mary & Dom  
Vigilante



June 14th  
Suzanne & David  
Schafer-Coates



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Interim Pastor's musings this month of Pentecost.....

As we enter the month of June (*"And what is so rare as a day in June?"*, the poet James Russell Lowell writes), we gasp as we realize that 2019 is nearly half over. And I gasp when I realize that at the end of the summer I will have been your Interim Pastor for a year!

I confess that I enjoy immensely being your Interim Pastor, so much so that I could easily let inertia carry me on month after month just planning and leading worship, moderating the Session, enjoying my relationships with you, the congregation, working with Shirley, and all the rest of the things a 20-hour a week Pastor does. But I am your INTERIM Pastor, and it is my task to do all these things plus help prepare the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy to find a Pastor who will not be leaving after a specified time.

The way we Presbyterians begin the search for a Pastor is to conduct what's called a Mission Study. a) We first look at the history of the church; what has brought us to this place where we find ourselves in 2019. What in the past has formed us into the congregation we are today? We do this acknowledging that that the past is just that, past, and the church's mission(s) of yesteryear aren't necessarily the ones of 2019 and beyond. b) We then look to our setting. What is the community of South Amboy like in 2019 and how is it different from the last time you did a pastoral search? What are the needs of the community today? How has the population changed? What are the demographics? What new missions are called for in the South Amboy of the future? c) Then we look at our own congregational demographics. Who are we? What is our age range? How many people over 80? How many under 20? What is our male to female ratio? Are we gaining or losing members? What unites us? What divides us? d) What ministries/missions are we doing now? Have any of these outlived their usefulness? Do we have the congregational resources to continue the ones we have? Do we have the vision and the energy to seek out a new mission/missions?

And we need to do all this before we can decide or discern what sort of pastor we want to help us move into the future, before we can look at the hopes and dreams we have for our church in the years ahead.

The Session has taken the lead on this thus far. They have organized two presentations to share information and to begin to hear your thoughts. Members of the Session have met with Session members of a neighboring church (also in an interim era) to discuss the possibilities of sharing a pastor. The Elders cannot do all that needs to be done by themselves. We are now asking for volunteers from you, the congregation, to help us move forward with the Mission Study.

I know that some of you do not like "process" ("let's just advertise and find a new pastor"), but that most likely would just lead to another temporary pastor. Some of you are saying, "Nothing happens around here during the summer." Some of you (bless you) are hinting that if this Interim period lasts a long time, then I'll be here a long time. If I let any of these three things happen, I would not be faithful to the task of an Interim Pastor.

These tasks await us. Trust me, you truly do not want to be in a permanent interim state. The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy is too precious in God's sight, and has too much potential for life-giving, life-affirming ministry to the community for you to drag your feet through the coming months.

First and last, pray to God about the future of this blessed church, and also pray about how you can help it locate the Pastor God is preparing to take his/her place in your pulpit and in your hearts. Let the winds of Pentecost blow through us with the energy we need to do this.

Faithfully yours,

~~~[Interim] Pastor Suzanne