Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am

September

September 2019

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 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	2 Labor Day Office Closed 	3	4 6pm Scouts Leaders Meeting Rm 1	5	6	7 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
8 National Grandparents Day 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	9 6pm Scouts	10	11 Patriot Day 8:30 am Session 	12 	13	14 9am Spanish Worship
15 10:30am Worship	16 6pm Scouts	17	18	19 9:30am Bagging	2	21 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
22 10:30am Worship	23 Fall Begins 6pm Scouts	24 4pm Presbytery Meeting Shrewsbury	25	26 	27	28 9am Spanish Worship
29 10:30am Worship	30 6pm Scouts	31				

~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

Sept. 1	Ruth B.
8	Joan D.
15	Dustin B.
22	Elaine L.
29	Gerry R.
Oct. 6	Jennifer B.
13	Anthony V. Jr.
20	David C.
27	Ruth B.

GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Beth M, Lori R.
8	Madhu S, Molly S.
15	Kenny H, Dorothy R.
22	Shirley W, Cara W.
29	Betty P, Lori R.
Oct. 6	Joan D, George S.
13	Arvid H, Gail H.
20	Megan J, Norma M.
27	Beth M, Lori R.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Christine V, David C.
8	Mike W, Shirley W.
15	Elaine L, Faith Mc.
22	Sherry K, David K.
29	Martha M, Jenn B.
Oct. 6	Betty P, Christian D.
13	Christine V, David C.
20	Mike W, Shirley W.
27	Elaine L, Faith Mc.

COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Shirley W, Betty P.
Oct. 6	Elaine L, George S.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Shirley W, Betty P, Beth M, Megan J.
Oct. 6	Elaine L, George S. Arvid H, Gerry R.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Christine V, Jean G, Shirley W.
Oct. 6	Elaine L, Joan D, Norma M.

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

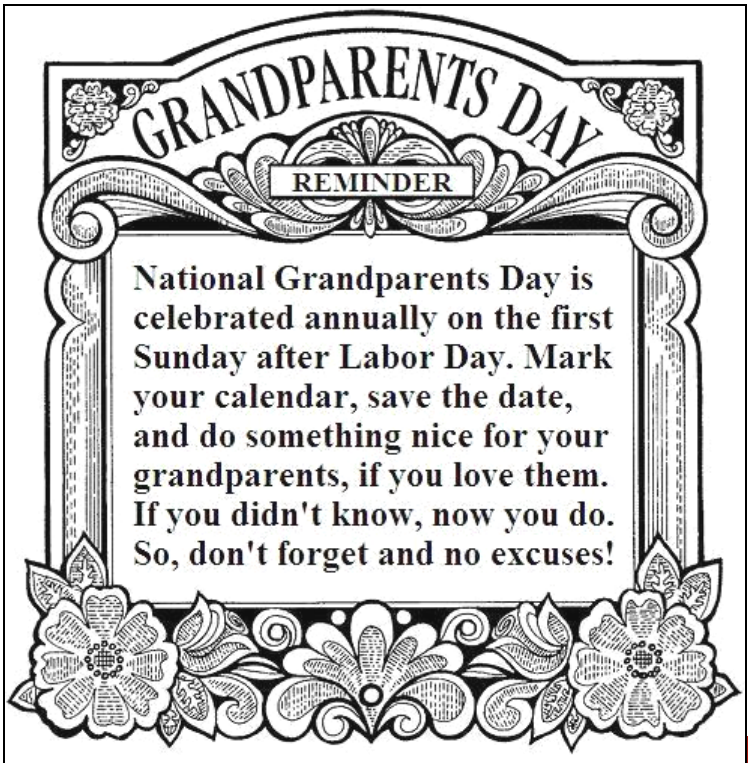
(Responsible for Assisting our Church and Community in Times of Need)

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

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



National Grandparent's Day is Sept. 8th

Make sure you send a card, pick up the phone, or make a special visit, and tell them how wonderful they are and how much you truly love them.

Thank you for all of the prayers and good thoughts for my brother and sister-in-law's adoption. Your prayers have made a huge difference and mean so much to us.

Baby Grace will hopefully be coming home before Christmas. I cannot think of a better present for Brant and Jen than having her here after their long and heartbreaking struggle to adopt.

By way of history, my nephew Finnian Ry McAleer passed away 15 years ago at 6 months of age after a brutal struggle with a rare and very aggressive muscular dystrophy. They were originally advised that the odds of them having another baby with the same illness were 25%. Genetic testing technology evolved through the years and they were eventually advised that the odds were much less. They tried to conceive (first the natural way and then via in vitro) but were unable to do so. They fell in love with a previous baby born in PA to a drug addicted mother but were not approved to foster or adopt him because the State wanted to keep him in PA.

On the advise of several friends who had positive experiences adopting from South Korea they shifted gears and decided try to adopt through a South Korean adoption agency. They were matched with an adorable baby named Si-Wan and were a few weeks from flying to South Korea to finalize his adoption when they got the heartbreaking news that his parents reconciled and reclaimed him. This Spring they were matched with a girl named Da-On whose parents where teenagers who thought it best that they surrender her so she could get a loving family who could provide for her. Things have moved very fast and her passport was just issued (photo above). They are just waiting for a court date to go to Korea to finalize her adoption. Please keep the prayers coming that they get a court date soon (October would give enough time to have her here by the holidays, anything later pushes it into 2020). Please also pray for traveling mercies for them and for her to have as easy a transition to her new home as possible.

Thank you.❤
Stephanie McAleer

September Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Sept. 8th Mary Porcello
Sept. 10th Jennifer Bellina
Sept 13th Joan Downes
Sept. 19th Olivia Jastremski
Sept. 21st Manny Gutierrez
Sept. 23rd Wyatt Rojewski
Sept. 25th Cara Weaver
Sept. 26th Dustin Bellina
Sept. 28th Lori Ryan
Sept. 30th Brandon Kuo

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

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

This past month you have been very faithful with bringing in recycled cartridge. We were able to buy one fax ink cartridge and envelopes, cost $61.48. We paid $21.48 thanks to you. Keep up the good work. Thank you!!!

Elaine Lopez

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2019

Offerings	$ 6,192
Covenant Income	$ 3,895
Designated income	$ 6,210
Transfer/Investments	$25,000
Total Income	$ 41,297
Disbursements	$ 20,006

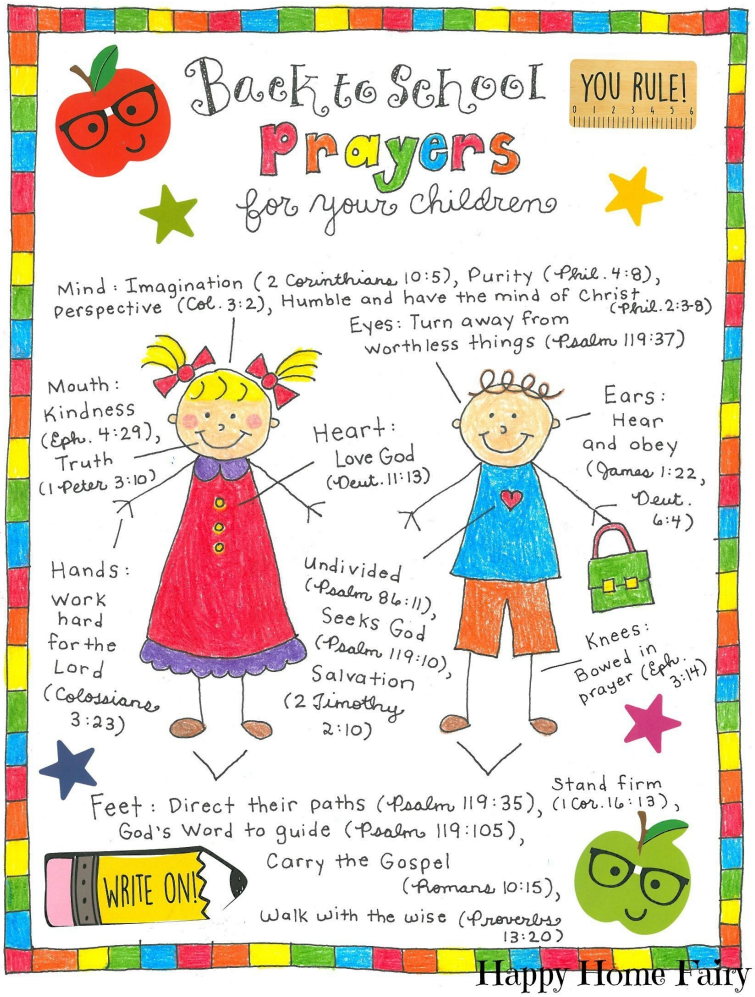
Luke 6:38 "Jesus says that as we give it will be given back, overflowing."

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

PAVERS

It's that time of year again! 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 info. Contact Shirley in the church office.



Happy Home Fairy

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.

Deacon's Monthly Update

Next Deacon's Meeting will be on Sept. 8, 2019 after Service. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.
We will have an autumn pie sale taking orders during Oct. and Nov. Pick up date will be Nov. 17. in Fellowship Hall. Flyer will be out soon. ~ Shirley

Hearts of Gold

Our Food Pantry was blessed to open its doors once more to members of our community. With no volunteers in attendance, our church family did a wonderful job by bonding together. What loving hearts and hands can do when faced with the challenge. What a silent testimony to those in attendance for our supplies of food. This Month , we served 62+ families consisting of old and new recipients. To God be the Glory!

~ 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 deter-	Shampoo
Cereal	gent	Tea bags
Coffee	Mashed Potatoes	Toilet paper
Conditioner	Pancake mix	Toothpaste
Dish detergent	Pancake Syrup	Tooth brushes

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Collection Month of July 2019

was $6,192.00

Can You Do More??

Sunday Worship Flowers

Flowers for Sunday Worship are $25.00 for two urns. I have many openings. 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

Food Pantry T-shirts

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

$15 each

Sizes Available:
S, M, L, XL, 2XL

Phone: 732-721-4516

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The Sunday School will be starting back up on Sunday, October 6th. We look forward to starting a new curriculum this year from Gospel Light. I really think the kids are going to enjoy it.

Please remember to register your child. Forms are in the mailroom.

~ Shirley Weaver

September Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:

Olivia & Lenny Jastremski
Sept. 21

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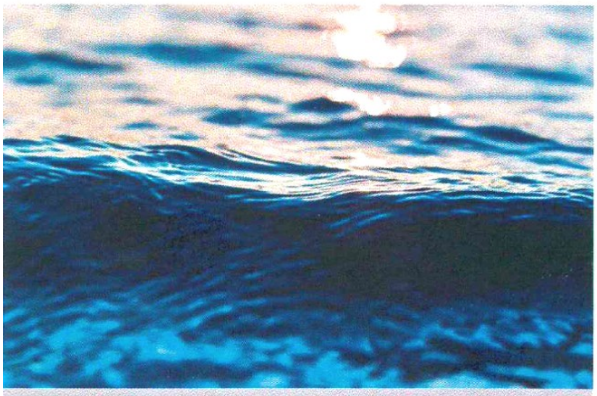

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The **Mission Committee**

Mission Committee Meeting Saturday September 7th at noon. All are welcome to join for food, fellowship & fun.

~Ruthie and Stephanie, Co-Chairs, Mission Committee

Missions is hosting a

Pizza & Movie Night

Showing

"Breakthrough"

October 12, 2019

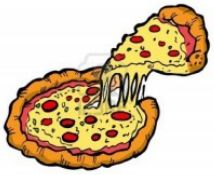
at 4pm.

Fellowship Hall

Save the Date

Tickets will be on sale from Sunday Sept. 8th thru Friday Oct. 4th

See Ruthie, Mary P, Stephanie Or Shirley for tickets



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From the Interim Pastor

September marks a year since I became your Interim Pastor. I know that some of you are wondering how much longer is this Interim period going to last? When are we going to be able to look for a regular pastor?

An Interim Pastor comes to a church trained to do a specific job: to pastor a church through the transitional period between the departure of one pastor and the arrival of another. The Presbyterian Church USA, together with many denominations, has decided that it is a good and necessary thing for a church/congregation to spend some time reviewing their past, looking honestly at the present, and thinking, dreaming, praying about and planning for the future. The Interim Pastor's job is to lead the church/congregation through these steps, and when the last step is accomplished and the church/ congregation is ready to call/hire a new pastor, the Interim leaves.

But why do we have to go through this process of a questionnaire and a mission study?

The church has changed since your last pastor was called (the last time you did a mission study). You can no longer afford a full-time pastor and you must decide what ministries you want your new part-time pastor to perform. You need to look at your leadership and consider who will be your leaders in the next decade. You need to look at the ministries and missions of your church and consider if they are still serving the members and the community. You need to ask what kind of pastor do we want/ need? A caretaker who will lead our worship, preach the Word of God, visit our sick, comfort our dying, love our children….or do we want a visionary who will help us discern new ministries/ways of being church that will, we hope, bring new people into our church, and in addition lead our worship, preach the Word of God, visit our sick, comfort our dying, love our children?...or some other kind of minister entirely? Do we want/need an Installed Pastor or a Stated Supply, and what's the difference?? Can we afford even a part time pastor, or will we have to look for a retired one so that we don't have to pay the pension and medical dues? The process we are embarked on will help to answer some of these questions.

The process is in hand. The end is in sight. I truly hope and pray that by next summer you will have your new pastor, and I will be on my way to a new ministry or retirement (I haven't decided which, I'm praying about this).

In the meantime, the Session has decided to renew my contract as your Interim Pastor. They are considering a six month contract, with a month-by-month extension until the process is indeed completed and a new pastor is on the horizon. I look forward to sojourning with you a while longer and to helping you to prepare for your future.

~~~Pastor Suzanne
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