

Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy
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THE OPEN DOOR

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



July

July 2019

"Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord."
Psalms 33:12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm Scouts	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  Happy 4th of July!	5	6 9am Spanish Worship 12 noon Missions
7 10:30am Worship/Communion	8 6pm Scouts	9	10	11 	12 7 pm CVBS Closing Program	13 9am Spanish Worship
Community Vacation Bible School Week						
14 10:30am Worship	15	16	17	18 9:30am Bagging 5 pm 9th Annual Bowl for Hunger @ Majestic Lanes	19	20 9am Spanish Worship 9am Food Pantry
21 10:30am Worship	22	23	24	25 	26	27 9am Spanish Worship
28 10:30am Worship	29	30	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

July 7 Ruth B.
14 Joan D.
21 Dustin B
28 Elaine L.
Aug. 4 Gerry R.
11 Jennifer B.
18 Anthony V. Jr.
25 David C.



GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE

July 7 Beth M, Lori R.
14 Madhu S, Molly S.
21 Shirley & Cara W
28 Kenny H, Dorothy R.
Aug. 4 Betty P, Mary P.
11 Joan D, George S.
18 Arvid H, Gail H.
25 Megan J, Norma M.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 7 Martha M, Jenn B.
14 Christine V, David C.
21 Betty P, Christian D.
28 Mike & Shirley W
Aug. 4 Elaine L, Faith Mc.
11 Sherry & David K.
18 Jenn & Dustin B.
25 Betty P, Christian D.



COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

July 7 Joan D, Gail H.
Aug. 4 Sherry K, Megan J

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

July 7 Joan D, Gail H, George S, Arvid H.
Aug. 4 Sherry K, Megan J, Jill B, _____

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

July 7 No Coffee Hour
Aug. 4 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

Sunday School

Our Sunday School had its closing program on Pentecost, June 9. I am very proud of all of our children they did a spectacular job. All of the Children received Pentecost pins, and bibles were presented to Jaylee Drust, Logan Kuo, and Michael Pinella. We wish Cara Weaver and Dustin Bellina luck in their confirmation classes next year. We will miss having them in Sunday School. Thank you so much to the teachers who volunteer their time. Without all of us to lead and teach the children about our faith and God's love, there would be no Sunday School. Thank you, Jennifer Bellina, Judy Scharff, Christine Vella, and Shirley Weaver.



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

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INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

Here is the Magic you made happened in June. The office needed ink cartridges for two different printers. Total cost: \$86.28. Thanks to you we recycled 20 cartridges and received \$40.00 in Rewards credit. Bottom line we paid \$46.28. Not only are we saving money we are saving our earth by recycling. Keep up the good work. Thank you!!!

Elaine Lopez

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 2019

Offerings	\$ 5,698
Covenant Income	\$ 2,792
Total Income	\$ 8,490

Disbursements \$ -13,493

PRAYER - Father God, may your will be done as we make decisions about how we spend our money and use our talents. We want to be faithful. Amen

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer



Debra Kurzawa
External Case Manager

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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.



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YEARS OF TRADITION

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

Our Board of Deacon's is working on setting up a "Dine to Donate" fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse and hope to have information out to you soon. We will also have a Pie Sale this Fall. We hope everyone has a safe a fun summer.

~ Shirley Weaver

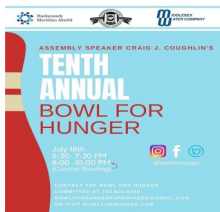
Food Pantry News

Once again we were privileged to open the doors of our pantry to our community in command to Jesus' request to feed his people. With the assistance of the members of the church and willing volunteers we served a total of 63+ recipients. Two of whom were here for the first time. Everyone left with multiple bags of food and big smiles on their faces. 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 detergent	Shampoo
Cereal		Tea bags
Coffee	Mashed Potatoes	Toilet paper
Conditioner	Pancake mix	Toothpaste
Dish detergent	Pancake Syrup	Tooth brushes

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

HAPPY 4th of JULY

A Soldier's Prayer

*Lord, wrap Your arms around me
In this hostile, brutal place;
Let me draw peace and comfort
From Your restful, sweet embrace.
Help me do my duty
To uphold what is right;
Give me strength and courage
Each day and every night.
Lord, hear this soldier's prayer
To You in heaven above;
Protect me with Your power,
And sustain me with Your love.*

By Joanna Fuchs



July Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy
Birthday to:

July 8 Richard Spinelli

July 18 Mary Vigliante

July 26 Elaine Lopez

July 28 Elizabeth Pinella

July 31 Leroy Kurtz

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



Summer Office Hours

The new church office hours for
the Summer June 24—Sept 6
will be Mon. – Thurs.

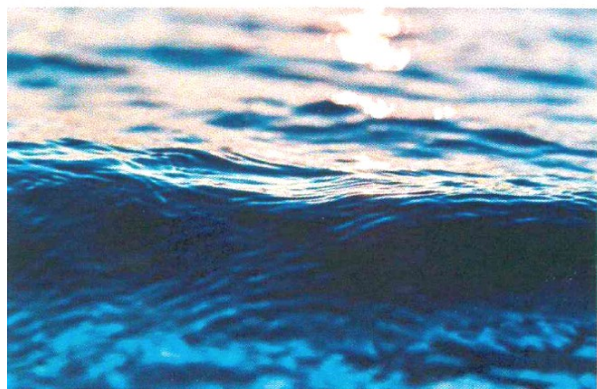
9:15am — 12 noon.

And

Shirley will be on Vacation
Aug. 22-28.



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Special Days

June 30
Jaylee's & Michael's
Baptism



July 8th -12th
CVBS Week



July 12th
CVBS Program
7PM



VBS
PROGRAM!

July 18th
Bowl for Hunger
5:30pm

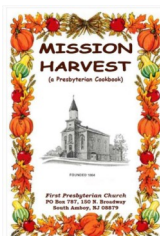


Save the Date

Missions will be hosting a
Movie Night

in Fellowship Hall
October 12, 4pm

Details to follow.



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PAVERS

It's that time of year again!

We are selling engraved
pavers for our "Memorial
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payment. Forms are available

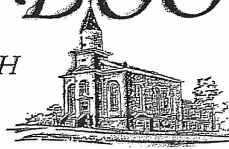
on our website and in the mailroom at the church. For more info.

Contact Shirley in the church office.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Interim Pastor's desk.....

On Sunday, June 30th, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Baptism, one of the two sacraments that the Presbyterian Church recognizes (the other is Holy Communion). We are delighted that two children of our church, whom we have known and loved for years, are being presented for Baptism, Jaylee Durst and Michael Pinella (aka Mikey).

Because we don't often celebrate this sacrament, I thought that I'd remind us all of the Presbyterian understanding of Baptism.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the sacrament that unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God's family, the Church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, baptism initiates us into the Church, bestows the promise of God's grace upon us, assures us that God forgives our sins and calls us to a life of Christian service and fulfillment.

Why is Baptism Important?

Baptism represents our first step on the journey of faith, and it assures us of God's presence as we travel through life. Through baptism we become members of God's family, joined with members of our congregation and with Christians everywhere. Jesus gave this command to the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28.19)

What Does Baptism Mean?

Baptism is the Church's proclamation and experience that we are who we are because God has first chosen us and loved us and called us into His kingdom. Baptism by water is a visible sign of God's love toward God's children, and it is represented in the covenant that is sealed among God, the parents or guardians of the child or the baptized adult and the worshipping congregation. Baptism is not something that we earn or ever deserve, but that we receive as a sign and seal of God's eternal grace. Presbyterians do not believe that baptism is essential to salvation, nor do we believe that we are saved by baptism. We believe that the normal mode of entrance into the church is by baptism, but recognize that not all genuine believers have been baptized.

At What Age Do We Baptize?

No matter the age at which you are baptized, baptism celebrates the start of a new life in Christ. Parents or guardians bring their child for baptism on the basis of their own faith with the hope that the child will grow in faith and love and serve God. When we present babies or young children for baptism, we do so because we believe they already belong to Jesus, and therefore should be baptized as a symbol of their membership in the family of God. What is the Rite of Baptism? Normally, the Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the presence of the congregation during a worship service. During the service, persons to be baptized come to the front and stand near the baptismal font with the pastor and an Elder. When a young child is baptized, the child's parents or guardian also gather at the font. The pastor will introduce the sacrament and present questions to the person to be baptized or to the parents or guardians, and the congregation promises to nurture the child/adult; then the pastor administers the Sacrament of Baptism.

Why Wash with Water?

The visible sign in baptism is the sprinkling or pouring of water which signifies our cleansing from sin, our regeneration, our being made new by the work of Christ.

Let us rejoice as we welcome our two youngest members into the church by Baptism.

~~~Pastor Suzanne