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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



May



May 2020

Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.
Psalm 31:16

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3		4	5	6	7 National Day of Prayer	8	9
10	Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24		25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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Prayer for when you feel alone

Dear loving Father,
It seems as if I'm all alone.
I have no one to comfort me,
No one to hold me.
Can I go to you?
Will you embrace me?
My loneliness makes me
Feel so empty.
When Jesus felt alone
He went to you.
He stretched out his arms
And cried out, "Father!"
So now, I go to him,
The beloved Son of the Father.
Dear Jesus, take away my loneliness.
Let me feel you here with me.
Let your love comfort me.
With you I am never, ever alone.
You went to the cross for me.
You died for me.
And you live for me eternally.
You are forever faithful to me.
Let this truth fill my soul.
Let your love heal my heart.
And let my spirit soar
With your Spirit inside me
Making all things new again.
Oh dearest Jesus, oh loving Christ,
You are my hope and my salvation.
In Jesus name,
Amen.



INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

This month proved to be a challenge with deliveries. The COVID Virus has affected every family, business, available groceries, deliveries. Normally Staples notifies me of order received, delivery day, and delivery complete. Well those notices kept coming with no ordered items in sight. When our Church building is closed all deliveries are left at the School next door. Nothing, next notice nothing. I am e-mailing back and forth and finally, 2 weeks later, with a change of address to my home. Success! Of course with your help we saved \$40.00 with rewards. Save those used ink cartridges and I will turn them into cash.

Elaine Lopez

Prayers for Our Homebound Members & Friends

James and Barbara Ballo,
28 First Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Ervant Mansfield,
Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave,
Apt 316, 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

Debbie Sergeant Sr.
3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

INTERIM PASTOR – Suzanne Schafer-Coates

CLERK OF SESSION - Gerry Ring

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. 2020

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elaine Lopez	Mary Porcello
Jill Berwick	Joan Downes
Arvid Holt	Joyce Solanki
Molly Solanki	

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)

Elaine Lopez	Mary Porcello
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

A Mother's Day Poem

by Anonymous



Another Mother's Day is here, Bringing joy and
pleasures new, On this special day, Mother dear,
I want to remember you, I cannot give you costly gifts,
And I've told you this before, No matter what I give to
you, You give back much, much more, I'm giving you
a pure, sweet rose, Gathered in the early morn,
This rose you planted in my heart, The day that I was
born, In kindly, loving thoughts of you, And with the
faith you still impart, The rose I give to you
today, Is the love that's in my heart.



Submitted by: Madhu Solanki

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2020

Offerings	\$ 5,306
Covenant Income	3,659
Transfer Into God's Pocket	640
<u>Designated Income</u>	+ 1,020
Total Income	\$ 10,625
Disbursements	\$ -12,201

**HOW WE GIVE IS MORE IMPORTANT
THAN HOW MUCH WE GIVE.**

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

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Deacon's Monthly Update

All of our activities are canceled until the state reopens and it is deemed safe. We will continue keep all of our members and friends in prayer during these though times and hope everyone remains healthy and safe.

Food Pantry

Our food Pantry is working with the South Amboy OEM to help our neighbors & community with emergency food pick ups during this time of need. To schedule an appointment you need to contact us by one of the ways listed below and leave the following information about your household. Household information needed: Contact person name, family size, and needs of the household. All pick ups are to be no contact outside, out of the Church Street entrance, that has the white screen door with brownish red solid door.

Ways to contact us:

Texts only to 732-902-1172

Calls only to 732-588-5830 and leave a message

Emails only to saoem@southamboynj.gov

DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CHURCH PHONE.

You can also contact us using the ways listed to drop off any donations.

~ Shirley Weaver

Memorial Day Prayer

Held in our hearts always,
For the sacrifices you made,
Served our country well,
So our freedom never fell,
God Bless you on this and everyday,
Thank you for keeping us safe,
This Memorial Day I pray,

Honor, Respect,

May We Never Forget

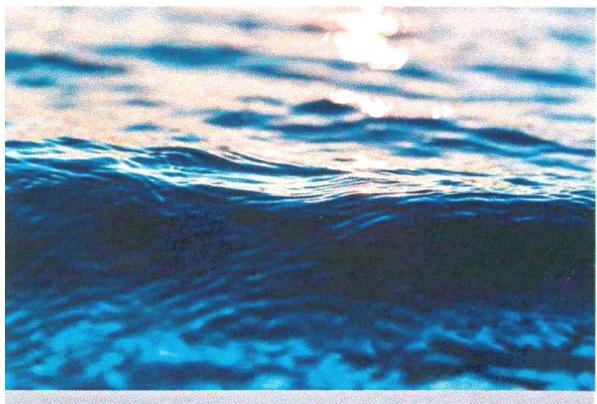
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National Day of Prayer
Thursday May 7, 2020

12 Noon

The 69th Annual National Day of Prayer

May Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

May 3 Anthony Vella
May 9 Michael "Mikey" Pinella
May 9 Paige Knight
May 10 Alex Knight
May 15 Keith Sutter
May 17 Betty Reilly
May 18 Kathleen Budavari
May 29 Sherry Kuo

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

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Musings of your Interim Pastor – from afar

“April is the cruellest month,” begins a poem. I have always taken it to me that we so look forward to April, because April means Spring!, Flowers! Sunshine! Warm weather! Easter!! And then April can be as cold or colder than March, and in New Jersey it rains a lot in April and the flowers can be very slow in blooming, and so it seems that April is a cruel month.

I think a lot of us are thinking that this year, and we’re thankful that April is in our rear view mirror. I heard it said that this April has been five years long! It certainly has seemed that way sometimes.

None of us have ever lived through a pandemic like this, where it seems like the germs of the Covid-19 virus are in the very air we breathe. New Jersey is being especially hard hit, and in order to mitigate the danger of contagion, the Governor has shut down the State (as well you know). Public gatherings are forbidden (including our beloved church services); most stores and restaurants and schools are closed. Essential workers only are allowed to go to work, the rest of the workforce works (or tries to work while children are supposedly doing school work via computer) from home. Most of us are experiencing what it means to be shut-in, home bound....and we don’t like it! But we comply, because it’s a fearsome, sometimes deadly illness, and none of us wants to catch it.

We’ve missed so much of church; Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, the joyous Sundays after Easter. Much of the joy of April was denied us this year, and for those who live in apartments, we haven’t even been outside enough to enjoy the flowering trees!

Spring comes earlier in North Carolina, April was actually lovely here. But we have been as shut in as you. I have missed you, and out times of worshiping together so, so much, seeing your faces as I stand in the pulpit, talking to our children, sharing my thoughts about God and Jesus, serving Holy Communion, singing “May the Lord, Mighty God...” at the end of worship. But this time of quiet, when there are no errands to be run, no bulletins/sermons to prepare, has offered me the time to sit and read my Bible and my devotional books, and to pray and then wait upon the Lord. In my anxiety about our grown children far from us, I am finding that I have to trust them and God more to keep them safe.

I know that this is not everyone’s experience...those of you who are working outside the home, those of you who are trying to work and wrangle children at the same time, those of you whose business has dried up and you are wondering how long the money is going to hold out. I hope for you that there can be some time in your day or night when you can lean upon the Lord and cast your cares on God.

I pray for you every day, and pray for the day when the church will again be open and we can gather and thank the Lord for bringing us through this time of trial.

“God is our Hope and Strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.” (Psalm 46 v.1).

I am so proud of our church folks who are keeping our Food Pantry going through this difficult time, Mary Porcell, Megan Jarvis and George Schaefer. Together with help from the community, which supplies food and funding, they organize and distribute bags of food to the ever increasing number of hungry people in the South Amboy community. God bless you, dear Mary, Megan and George, you are obeying our Lord Jesus who said, “Feed my Sheep.” Thank you for your labors on behalf of us all.

The best day in April for David and me was the 27th, when very early in the morning, our first Grandchild, Jacob David Golbek Coates was born. Mother, Father and Baby are all doing well. As are the new Grandparents! As soon as the shut down is over and it is considered safe, we will be traveling to Evanston, IL to meet Jacob.