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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



January

January 2021

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion	4 6pm Scouts	5	6 6pm Girl Scouts	7 	8 3pm Pathway to Success	9
10 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	11 6pm Scouts	12	13 ?2:30 pm Session? 6pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	14	15 3pm Pathway to Success	16
17 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	19 9:30am Food Delivery	20 6pm Girl Scouts	21 	22 3pm Pathway to Success	23
24 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	25 6pm Scouts	26	27 6pm Girl Scouts	28	29 3pm Pathway to Success	30
31 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 Annual Meeting						

~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

Canceled during Covid 19

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Canceled during Covid 19

GREETERS & USHERS



Jan.	3	George S.
	10	Larry W.
	17	Shirley W.
	24	Madhu S.
	31	Lori R.
Feb.	7	Joyce S.
	14	Mary P.
	21	Betty P.
	28	Sherry K.

COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

Jan.	3	Stephanie Mc.
Feb.	7	Christine V.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

Canceled during Covid 19

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Canceled during Covid 19



If and when we are able to go back to normal services we will post the lists of volunteers and let you all know. Thank you for your **help**.

ATTENTION:

Greeter & Usher and Communion Set-up Schedules and for 2021 will be done soon and put into the mailboxes and on the Bulletin Boards.

Please note we still need volunteers to fill many spots. If you would like to volunteer please let Shirley know ASAP!



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 Sargeant Sr.

3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.

PULPIT SUPPLY - John Mottley

CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella

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 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2020

Offerings	\$ 6,919
Covenant Income	3,190
God's Pocket	100
Designated Income	+ 456
Total Income	\$ 10,665
Disbursements	\$ -22,732

From Gail Hawkins 9/14/2014: "Thank you Lord for blessing me with being able to give generously to my church".

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

PLEASE review the Financial Report. November's disbursements is usually high. We had two huge repairs this last month. Water kept leaking onto our Sanctuary ceiling. After many visits from our air condition system repair guy and our roof repair guy it was determined both areas needed repair. Air conditioner discharge line replaced for \$2,835.70. Roof replaced totally cost \$12,150. Both jobs came with a long term warranty. Thanks to our beloved member Jean Bunting, who went home to be with our Lord some years ago we were able to pay these bills using her bequest gift to us. Praise God for always providing. Elaine Lopez



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Attention All Committees



All reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, 2020, **must be given to the office by January 4, 2021.** Please have all reports typed, clearly written, or clearly printed on 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper, on one page if possible. ~ Shirley Weaver

Save the Date for Our Annual Meeting

Jan. 31 - 11:30 am (after service)
Members are expect to come.

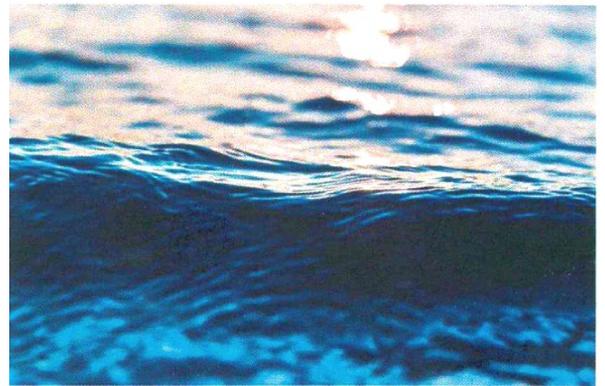
Sunday Worship Flowers

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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Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago. One day I saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store'. As I got a little closer, the door came wide open, And when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said, "My child, shop with care." Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store. And if you couldn't carry them, you could come back for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE. LOVE was in the same row. Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go. I got a box of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH. I couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, for He was all over the place. I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me win the race and though my basket was getting full, I remembered to get some GRACE. I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation, that was free. So, I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me. Then I started up the counter to pay the grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do my Master's will. As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside, I would run into SIN. PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf. SONG and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "Now how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go!"

Again I smiled at him and said, "How much do I really owe?"

The Angel smiled again and said, "My child, Jesus paid your bill a long time ago."

From *Inspirationalarchive.com*

Submitted by Molly Solanki



Blessings in our Food Pantry



happy
new
year!

New Year Quotes

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

---2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

---Edith Lovejoy Pierce

The past always looks better than it was. It's only pleasant because it isn't here.

---Finley Peter Dunne

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Epiphany, January 6.

Epiphany is also known as Three Kings Day, Twelfth Day, Denha, Theophany

“Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity.”

“The word ‘epiphany’ (from the Greek *epiphaneia* or *theophaneia*) means ‘appearance’ or ‘manifestation’ of God, and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn...we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness...Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God’s true Light.”

In more common terms, an epiphany is a flash, insight, inspiration, realization, vision, sign, or surprise...when the “light bulb” goes on! From PresbyterianMissionAgency.com, thesaurus.com
Submitted by Molly Solanki



*Peggy & Arvid Holt
Precious Days*

*Their Anniversary would
have been on Jan. 15.*

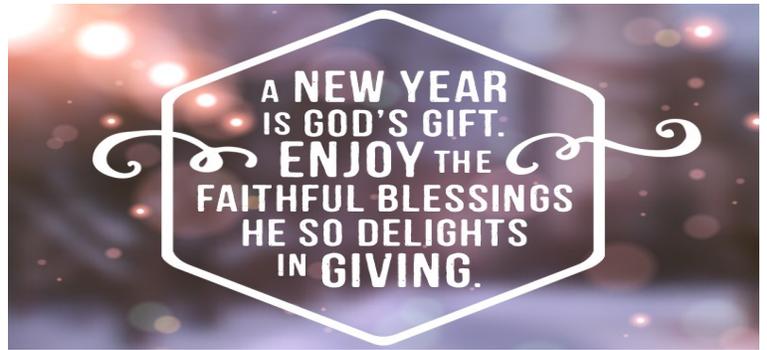


Pictures from our Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration



Our beloved Peggy Holt, went home to be the Lord on December 11, 2020.

She was very active in our church. She was always ready to help and an active volunteer at our food pantry. She was a caring friend to all our members and dedicated herself to her family, friends, and church. She was a wonderful women and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



PAVERS



We are selling engraved pavers for our "Memorial Paver Garden" out front. Want one? Forms are available on our website and in the mailroom at the

church.

~ SW



January Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Jan. 1st George Schaeffer

Jan. 7th Stephanie McAleer

Jan. 11th Judy Scharff

Jan. 20th Carla Ring

Jan. 21st Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Jan. 22nd Logan Kuo

Jan. 22nd Dee Sepulveda

Jan. 25th Margaret Reilly

Jan. 26th Brianna Sweatt

Jan. 30th Beverly Mezger

Want to see your special date listed?

Give the office your info.



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CELEBRATING



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Biblical Resolutions

Those of you who know me well know that I am usually not a big fan of "New Years Resolutions". I prefer the mindset that if you have something in your life that needs to change, it ought to be done right away. Why wait the extra week, or extra month, when you can start doing what's best for you today? While I think that is a good mindset to have most of the year, there is something special about the "New Year" season that provokes a desire for change in us.

Something about the beginning of the calendar makes us think about the end of the calendar. It encourages us to ask deep questions like "What do I want my life to be like at the end of 2021?" Or "What do I want to have accomplished before this year is over?" These are extremely helpful questions to ask - ones that can lead to great personal growth and accomplishment. I have learned over the years to appreciate and take advantage of this opportunity to have perspective.

That being said, this year has provided very significant challenges and we are entering 2021 with limitations still in place. Regretfully, I don't believe any of us are signing up for a gym membership anytime soon. Sadly the one my family attended announced they are closing permanently in August. So what options do I have? What accomplishments can I plan to make in a world so unpredictable? What kind of person can I aim to become by the end of the year?

I cannot recommend more highly to make a commitment this year to read the Bible everyday. My spiritual life began to radically change the year I made that commitment and countless others have had that experience too. When you read the Bible for yourself you see how the "big picture" of the Bible all fits together, you "discover" narratives that speak to your situation in life even if it's not a popular section preachers use, and you find yourself even more in love with Jesus as you spend time with him personally.

If you desire to join me in this "resolution" this year, there are plenty of resources out there to help you. I am a fan of the "Youversion" bible app for my phone that sends me reminders every day to get in the word. It also has many different "reading plans" that cover everything from "What does the bible say about Anxiety" to "Read through the bible in a year" which I also highly recommend. There are also plenty of great study bibles and commentaries to help us better understand what the scriptures say and how to apply it to our lives.

As you pray over the changes you want to make in your life this year, and ask questions like "What do I want my life to be like at the end of 2021", I couldn't encourage you more highly to get your hands on a Bible in a translation you can understand and commit to reading it everyday. I honestly get excited to think about what God can do in our community as we take this step together.

Whatever resolutions you make, I pray that the blessings ahead for us in 2021 are even greater than the years behind. God bless, and let's see what God has in store for us this year.

God bless,

John Mottley

