Friends, Visitors, Guests

First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am

April

April 2021

April Fool's Day

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

~Mark Twain

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 3pm Pathway to Success	3 9am Pathway to Success
4 ***Easter*** 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion	5 6pm Scouts	6	7 6pm Girl Scouts	8	9 3pm Pathway to Success	10 9am Pathway to Success
11 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	12 6pm Scouts	13	14 6pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	15	16 3pm Pathway to Success	17
18 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	19 6pm Scouts	20 Food Delivery	21 6pm Girl Scouts	22	23 3pm Pathway to Success	24
25 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	26 6pm Scouts	27	28 6pm Girl Scouts	29	30 3pm Pathway to Success	31

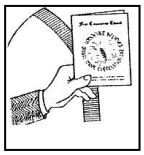
~Schedules~

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

Canceled during Covid 19

GREETERS & USHERS SCHEDULE



Apr.	4	Beth M
	11	
	18	Cara W.
	25	Norma M.
May	2	George S
	9	Larry W.
	16	Shirley W.
	23	Madhu S.
	30	Lori R.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Canceled during Covid 19

COMMUNION SET-UP SCHEDULE

Apr.	4	Jill S.
May	2	Shirley W.

COMMUNION SERVING SCHEDULE

Canceled during Covid 19

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Canceled during Covid 19

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 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.

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. 2021

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elaine Lopez	Mary Porcello
Jill Berwick	Joan Downes
Lori Ryan	Judy Scharff
Joyce Solanki	

YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION

(Responsible for Governing our Church Affairs)

Ruth Beselinoff	Elaine Lopez
Mary Porcello	George Schaefer
Madhu Solanki	Christine Vella

YOUR DEACONS

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

Jill Berwick	Megan Jarvis
Sherry Kuo	Larry Wallace
Elizabeth Pinella	Shirley Weaver

FINANCIAL REPORT
February 2021

Offerings	$ 6,066
Covenant Income	2,831
God's Pocket	2,625
Designated Income	+ 457
Total Income	**$ 11,979**
Disbursements	**$-12,229**

DEFINITION OF TITHING
ACTS 20:35
"We must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

We are looking for a new Sunday School teacher to teach Arts and Crafts and play games with the kids every other weekend. Classes start at 9am. If you are interested please see Shirley.

April Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Apr. 3 Ervant Mansfield
Apr. 6 Jean Greene
Apr. 9 Jill Berwick
Apr. 9 Shirley Weaver
Apr. 11 Angie Vella
Apr. 26 Norma Moretti
Apr. 29 Anna Lauro

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

INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

This past month Sharon Kurtz stopped by with a truck full of used ink cartridges. The Kurtz family sold LeRoy's house and Sharon moved to Jackson, NJ. But she is still remembering her Dad's church. Also Megan dropped off a box full of use cartridges from her son and daughter-in-law's jobs. Yes, I did bring 20 cartridges to Staples in February and now I can do the same in March. Keep up the good work. Praise God for always providing.

Elaine Lopez

Items that we need for the Food Pantry :

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

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

T-shirts $15 each

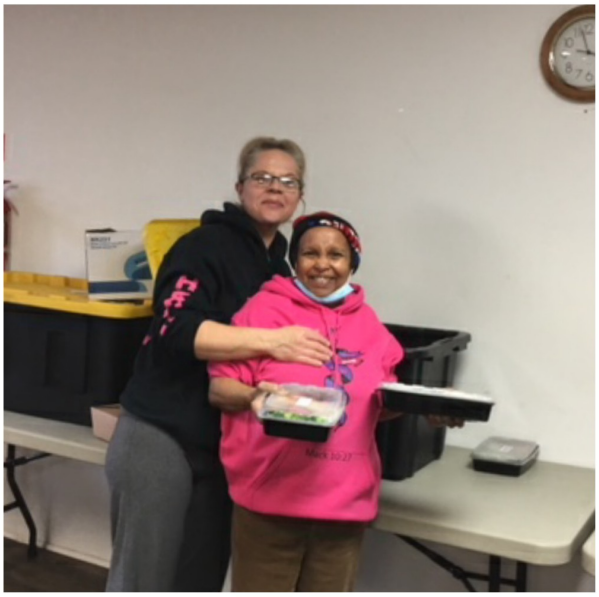
Sizes Available:
S, M, L, XL, 2XL

Phone: 732-721-4516

Assemblywomen Lopez,

Please accept this letter of appreciation. It is sent with a heartfelt thanks. Your wonderful program of hot meals was received by the residents of South Amboy/Sayreville on Thursday March !8th, 2021. We gave 300 hot meals to the three senior buildings as well many families throughout this community. What a delightful gift for the residents and the Restaurant owner. It certainly was a win/win all the way around. Our residents enjoyed the meal and the business owner I am sure was grateful for the chance to make money. The food was plentiful and delicious.

Sincerely, Mary Porcello



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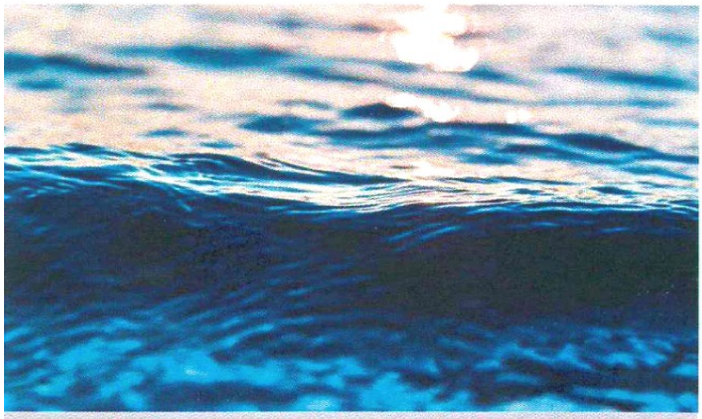

Substance Use Disorder and Inpatient Withdrawal Management

VERITAS

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Phone: 732-721-1000 - Fax: 732-952-3355

www.veritasrecoverycenter.com

One Great Hour Of Sharing

in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Please join us.
Easter Sunday April 4, at 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

As Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need — whether it is offering relief from natural disasters or the ravages of war; access to food, water and healthcare; or coping with the pandemic. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together.

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

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Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

-Louise Lewin Matthews

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Kate McGahan
The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.
Martin Luther
Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.
Pablo Neruda
You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming.
Charles M. Crowe
Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless.

Submitted by Molly Solanki

Deacon's Monthly Update

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter gift and cupcakes we handed out on Palm Sunday

~ Shirley Weaver

Sunday School

The children have been working hard on decorating cards and assembling crafts to hand out to our congregation for Palm Sunday.

The Mission Committee

Please remember the Mission Committee in your giving. There are Mission Designated Envelopes or you could just drop a check in the offering plates or mail with "Missions" noted in the memo. Thank you for your donations.

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.

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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

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation

Scouts Fish Dinner - May 11

5 pm - 7 pm.

Drive thru/Take out Only

Tickets are $15

All tickets must be purchased prior to the event to maintain this as a contactless event. Ruth or Joe will collect your check made out to "The Camp Dill Foundation" and submit it to the troop and once tickets are received will pass them to you. This

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Lessons Learned in Trials

Psalm 119:71 "It is good for me that I was afflicted that I might learn your statues"

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

At the time of writing last months publication I wouldn't have imagined the month proceeding it. Despite a decade of on and off back issues, being out on disability after back surgery just didn't seem possible last month. I suppose that is the universal nature of our trials though, they seem to sneak up on us out of nowhere. The question we need to embrace is "what can I learn from my trials?"

From cover to cover the Bible is full of trials and the lessons the Israelites, and ourselves by extension, can learn from. After all, Paul wrote that the whole Old Testament was written for our example and instruction (1 Corinthians 10:11). We all ought to heed those examples and see all the great things God did through them. It was through a trial that Joseph saved the whole region from famine (Genesis 50:20). It was through a trial that Jacob received the new identity of Israel (Genesis 32:28). Through the trial of wandering in the wilderness the nation Israel learned that God will always provide (Exodus 13-17). Through a trial Paul learned that God's grace is sufficient for him, even as he went through his uncomfortable trial (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Sometimes we are fortunate enough to learn a lesson as we go through a trial. Sometimes we go a whole lifetime without knowing what God was doing in a particular season in our lives.

I can speak to one thing I have learned through this trial. I had been out of work for a week, my sermon was already prepared for Sunday, and I was resting in bed reading a book. It dawned on me that this was a strange feeling! Resting and reading for personal enjoyment?! It occurred to me that I hadn't felt that relaxed since my last family vacation to Pennsylvania. It literally took me being bedridden from pain to realize I need to unplug from my natural tendency to constantly work on the next project and rest every once in a while.

Whatever trial you may find yourself in, know that you don't go there alone. Know that God is with us even if we should go through the valley of the shadow of death. Trust that God is doing something in that trial even if you can't lay a finger on the answer yet. Trust the lessons that others have learned, as the stories above teach us that God always provides and His grace is enough for us. As for me, I cannot wait until this trial passes and I can be with you in person once again.

God Bless,

John Mottley