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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



# **February**

# FEBRUARY 2022

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lunar New Year	2 Groundhog Day 6pm Girl Scouts	3	4 3pm Pathway to Success	5 10am Pack 97 Pinewood Derby
6 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	7 6pm Scouts	8	9 6pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	10	11 3pm Pathway to Success	12 7pm setup for luncheon
13 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Installation 11:30am Valentine's Day Luncheon	14 Valentine's Day 6pm Scouts	15 Food Delivery	16 2:30pm Session 6pm Girl Scouts	17	18 3pm Pathway to Success	19
20 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	21 Presidents' Day 6pm Scouts	22	23 6pm Girl Scouts	24	25 3pm Pathway to Success	26
27 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm Scouts Blue and Gold	28 6pm Scouts	29	30 6pm Girl Scouts	31		

PULPIT SUPPLY - John Mottley  
 CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella  
 MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Elizabeth Pinella  
 TREASURER - Elaine Lopez  
 SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver  
 ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Arvid Holt  
 SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver  
 MISSION CO-CHAIRS - Ruth Beselinoff & Stephanie McAler  
 SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - Shirley Weaver

As of Feb. 2022

**OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

2 from Session and 1 deacon  
 to be decided by those committees.

Joan Downes  
 Lori Ryan                      Judy Scharff

**YOUR ELDERS / THE SESSION**

*(Responsible for governing our church affairs)*

Ruth Beselinoff              Chris Adams  
 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                    Elizabeth Pinella  
 Joseph Spencer                Larry Wallace

**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.**  
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*Please remember our homebound with a card and prayer.*



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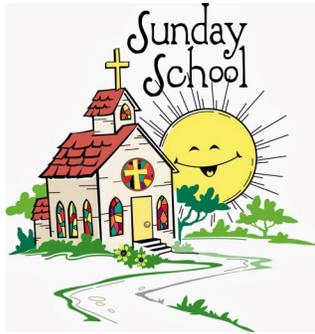
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## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

We did recycle 20 ink cartridges this month, which transfers into \$40.00 of rewards, thanks to you. Of course we used the rewards on a \$74.39 order of office supplies paying only \$34.39. WOW! I love this program. Keep the used cartridges coming.

~Elaine Lopez



### 2022 ~ A Happy New Year!

Sunday School returned in January to continue our lessons learning about Jesus' Baptism. It is cold outside but we are warm and happy to be together learning about God's Love for us.  
Miss Judy & Miss Shirley

## Spreading the Joy of Jesus' Love



The Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy would like to **Spread the Joy of Jesus' Love** and welcome our members to a

### Free Luncheon

(there will be no charge for this lunch, but a donation of a non-perishable food item for our pantry is always welcome.)

**Sunday, February, 13<sup>th</sup> 2022**

after service

In Fellowship Hall

*This Valentine's Day let us remember that God's Love is the greatest gift we received.*

**1 John 4:7-11** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



### February is heart health month!

*Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

**Proverbs 4:23**

*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*

**Proverbs 17:22**

### Some interesting information about the heart...

Your beating heart creates an electromagnetic field that changes according to your emotions and can be measured several feet away. Sometimes, people can sense a person's emotional state from this field.

Though negative emotions can create nervous system disorder, positive emotions can not only enhance the brain's decision-making ability, but also improve the body's physiological function, for example, strengthening the immune system response. Because the heart has a complex neurological system, it is known as the "little brain." It can function independently of the cranial brain and has sensory abilities of its own. The heart sends more information to the brain than vice-versa.

<https://www.heartmath.org/resources/infographic/mysteries-of-the-heart/>

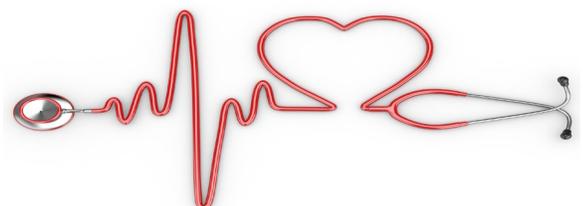
*As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart.*

**Proverbs 27:19**

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

**Jeremiah 29:13**

Submitted by Molly Solanki



## February Birthdays



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*Feb. 10 Rev. Jeffrey Carney*

*Feb. 12 Debbie Sargeant Jr.*

*Feb. 14 Arvid Holt*

*Feb. 17 Nimish "Norman" Solanki*

*Feb. 24 Amanda Vella*

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

## 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

## Happy Valentine's Day



## The Mission Committee

The next mission meeting will be announced. Hope you will be able to join us. We meet in Room 1 at the church. We have a snack and a good time while we discuss ways to help people in need.

~Ruthie and Stephanie,

Co-Chairs, Mission Committee

## FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2021

Offerings	\$ 23,996
Covenant Income	2,354
God's Pocket	776
Designated Income	+772
Total Income	\$ 27,898
Disbursements	\$ -15,010

**1 Corinthians 12:21 "Each of us plays a role in the church based on our spiritual gifts." Based on your spiritual gifts, what part do you play in the body of Christ? How are you joining with others to fulfill His mission?**

*Elaine Lopez, Treasurer*

## Friendship

We grow closer to each other  
When we're closer to the Lord,  
The common faith that we share  
Binds our hearts in one accord

For friendships last a life time  
When built on Jesus Christ,  
Throughout each different season,  
We find we are in life

Friends are there through times of grief  
And times when hope is gone,  
Always there with encouragement  
So we can carry on

So thank the Lord for giving you  
A true and faithful friend,  
To laugh with you, and cry with you,  
On whom you can depend

For friends will stay no matter what,  
Giving you support  
And together your hearts truly unite  
With the love of the Lord.

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## February Weather Folklore

- February always has one fine week.
- If bees are out in February, the following day is windy and rainy.
- February fogs indicate May frosts.
- Mid-February, winter's back breaks.

<https://www.almanac.com/weather>

*Submitted by Molly Solanki*



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# Love

- Is patient
- Is kind
- It does not envy
- It does not boast
- It is not proud
- It is not rude
- It is not self seeking
- It is not easily angered
- It keeps no record of wrongs

*Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*Love Never Fails*

FOR GOD  
SO LOVED THE WORLD  
THAT HE GAVE HIS  
ONLY  
BEGOTTEN  
SON SO  
THAT WHOEVER  
BELIEVES IN HIM  
SHALL NOT PERISH  
BUT HAVE ETERNAL  
LIFE

JOHN 3:16

## 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

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

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## Board of Deacons

We hope everyone will join us at our Spreading Jesus' Love Luncheon. Please remember to bring a donation for our church's food pantry. We are hoping to reschedule our Spaghetti Dinner for some time in the spring and will keep you posted. ~ Shirley Weaver

## Groundhog Day

Out of his hole, he poked his snout and wondered what all the fuss was about. They snatched him up and named him Phil Then took him to a Pennsylvania hill.

He lives up there in luxury to predict spring's arrival for you and me. Just once a year he's on display. They've even named it Groundhog Day!

He's quite amazed, he must confess, that his shadow has brought him so much success. He'll never retire, not ever, no way. He has the best job in the whole USA!

Author:  
Nancy Hughes

**HAPPY**  
GROUNDHOG DAY



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## What is “our” mission? What is “your” mission?

“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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.’ Acts 2:42,44,46-47

I am always fascinated when I read the “mission statement” of a church. Many are only about a page long and describe what the church is about, what their vision is, and how they feel called to do ministry. I think it’s helpful to put the mission into “your own words” in a short statement or a “motto” like “Where Church Feels Like Home”. It helps us remember who we are. Yet, sometimes I find this concept to be backwards. The church doesn’t give *itself* a mission, God already gave one to us.

Read the scriptures above, *that* is our mission! Jesus has commissioned His church to “go...and make disciples of all nations”. So our mission as a church in South Amboy is to make disciples. Therefore, Jesus has called His church to be outreach oriented, going out and making converts and training them in the ways of God.

Yet, we are also called to be a “community” of believers in Acts 2. The disciples sat under the apostles teaching together, prayed together, had meals together, spent time in each others’ homes, and were generous towards one another. Do you see a recurring theme? The reason “the Lord added to their number day by day” was not only because of people going out to make disciples, but because of the community they shared together. When people saw the love the church had for one another, their unity, and their community they knew that God was in their midst.

This is God’s “missions statement” for all His churches for all time. Go and reach the particular culture of your city, make disciples, and bring them into a community bound together in Christian love. The methods of making disciples may change, the way we minister as a community may change, but these principles are designed to last. A church that is “all outreach” but no community won’t keep people in the pews. On the other hand, a church that is “all community” but no outreach is wonderful to attend for a time, until the numbers naturally dwindle down to nothing.

Let us prayerfully consider what role we can play in Christ’s mission for His church. Who can you invite to church? Who can you share the gospel with? How can you help with the next outreach? Can you help set up coffee hour to help foster fellowship? Who can you invite over for a meal or out for lunch to make them feel more at home here?

I leave those questions between you and God. Whatever your personal answer is, let us be about our Fathers’ business working together for His glory. Amen.

*John Mottley*