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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am



# LENT

# March

# MARCH 2022

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." **Joshua 1:9**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 6pm Girl Scouts 	3	4 World Day of Prayer 3pm Pathway to Success	5
6 1st Sunday of Lent 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion Chosen People Ministry 11:30am Coffee Hour	7 6pm Scouts	8	9 6pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	10	11 3pm Pathway to Success	12 12pm Missions
13 2nd Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time begins 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	14 6pm Scouts	15 Food Delivery	16 2:30pm Session 6pm Girl Scouts	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 3pm Pathway to Success	19 12pm Private party
20 3rd Sunday of Lent First day of Spring 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 2pm St. Patrick's Day Parade	21 6pm Scouts	22	23 6pm Girl Scouts	24	25 3pm Pathway to Success	26 12pm Private party
27 4th Sunday of Lent 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	28 6pm Scouts	29	30 6pm Girl Scouts	31		

## 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

**Virginia Porter,** Care One Somerset Valley,

1621 Rt 22, West Bound Brook, NJ 08805

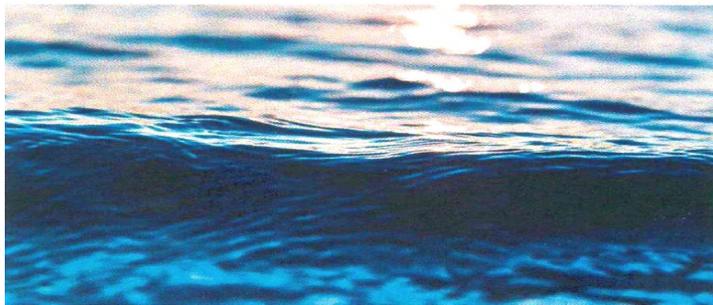
**Carla Ring**

1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ 08753

**Debbie Sargeant Sr.**

3058 Bordentown Ave, Parlin, NJ 08859

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



Substance Use Disorder and  
Inpatient Withdrawal  
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## VERITAS

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[www.veritasrecoverycenter.com](http://www.veritasrecoverycenter.com)

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  
McAleer  
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	Molly Solanki
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

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## 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

## History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.



Submitted by Shirley Weaver

## FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2022

Offerings	\$ 5,762
Covenant Income	1,595
God's Pocket	550
Designated Income	+267
Total Income	\$8,174
Disbursements	\$ -20,829

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21*



We are looking for a new Sunday School teacher to teach our students about the Bible, do arts and crafts and play games with the kids every other weekend. Classes start at 9am. If you are interested please see Shirley.

## NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES



Our former offering envelopes' cost increased to \$750 to reorder for 2022. Shirley and I searched the Internet and found our new offering envelopes costing \$150.00. We are trying them out and so far they are working.

Reminder: Please don't forget our ongoing Deacon Fund & Mission Fund. ~Elaine Lopez



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CELEBRATING



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



## Spreading Jesus' Love Luncheon

The Deacons hope everyone enjoyed the Valentine's Day Luncheon we had on Sunday after service on Feb. 20. It was so nice to have fellowship with you all that day. ~Shirley Weaver  
*(photos below)*



### **Installation of Officers was on Feb. 20**

Christopher Adams and Mary Porcello were reinstated into active service as Elders. Sherry Kuo and Elizabeth Pinella were reinstated into active service as Deacons. Joseph Spencer will be ordained and installed into active service as a Deacon at a later date. *(photo right)*



## Board of Deacons

We are happy to have Joe Spencer ordained and installed and Betty Pinella and Sherry Kuo reinstated as Deacons. Our Spreading Jesus' Love Luncheon, though delayed was a good time for all who were able to attend. We are looking forward to having a hospitality table set up in front of the church for St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20. ~ Betty Pinella



## March 13th Don't Forget

### Sunday School

February brought us some very cold weather and a snow day. However, we kept warm and played games, learning about temptation, forgiveness and God's grace. ~Miss Judy



## 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

## World Day of Prayer March 4, 2021

Worldwide Movement of Christian Women World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. It is symbolized by an annual day of celebration observed on the first Friday in March to which all people are welcome. It brings women of different races, cultures and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world. The motto of World Day of Prayer is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action." <https://wdp-usa.org/>  
Submitted by Shirley Weaver

## International Women's Day

International Women's Day (March 8) is a day commemorating women's historical, cultural, and political achievement. Did you know that Louisa M. Woosley (1862-1952) was the first woman minister of record from an American Presbyterian denomination? In 1891, she wrote *Shall Women Preach?* It wasn't until 1887 that she had the opportunity to preach when a minister did not arrive for one church's New Year's Day service in Caneyville, Kentucky. In 1956, Presbyterian Church (USA) ordained its first woman Minister of Word and Sacrament, Margaret Towner (born 1925), in Syracuse, NY. In 1965, Rachel Henderlite (1905-1991) was ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament by the denomination Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

<http://www.cumberland.org/hfcpc/minister/woosleyL.htm>

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2018/03/louisa-woosley-and-sacred-desk>

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/ordained-women-presbyterian-church>

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2015/03/womens-history-rachel-henderlite>

Submitted by Molly Solanki



## March Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

*Mar. 3 Megan Jarvis*

*March 10 Patty Van Horn*

*Mar. 11 Molly Solanki*

*Mar. 16 Carolyn Nappe*

Want to see your special date listed?

Give the office your info.



## Lent

The season of Lent is an important one for many Protestant denominations, including Presbyterians. It is a solemn period in the liturgical calendar when worshipers pray, fast and reflect on their sins and the suffering of Jesus Christ. Presbyterians use this time to focus specifically on their baptism into the faith and what it means to them. Each congregation may observe the season in its own unique way, following the traditional church calendar.

<https://classroom.synonym.com/does-the-presbyterian-church-celebrate-lent-12087576.html>

Submitted by Shirley Weaver

## One Great Hour of Sharing Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**\$4.1 million**

granted by PDA in the United States and 57 countries in the first half of 2020

**\$190,000**

recovered in stolen wages for hospitality workers in the U.S.

**over 17,000**

people trained nationally and internationally by OGHS ministries

**1,097**

Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods

2019

**234**

certified PC(USA) Earth Care congregations helped care for creation

**over 5,000**

projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since SDOP's inception

**94**

grants impacting 20 countries given by PHP in 2019

**51,000**

trees planted around the world

**50**

years of ministry for SDOP

**5,676**

PDA work team volunteers served in

## Ash Wednesday Bible Verses

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

*Psalms 103:13-14*

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

*Genesis 3:19*

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

*Daniel 9:3*

Submitted by Molly Solanki

## March Weather Lore

*A dry March and a wet May; fill barns and bays with corn and hay. As it rains in March, so it rains in June.*

*So many mists in March you see, so many frosts in May will be.*

Farmersalmanac.com

Submitted by Molly Solanki

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## Transitions

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"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)

"Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14 (ESV)

The month of March beautifully represents "transitions" in this church. Just as we get "hints" of spring in the warmer days, so we get hints of things to come with our new elders & deacons being installed and reinstated. In particular we welcome Joseph Spencer to the Deacons and Christopher Adams to the Session. I look forward to laboring alongside them as they step in to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in our community. Please join me in praying for them and their ministry.

We also have plans to start our next confirmation class to transition our youth into full members of our church. After several setbacks including Covid-19, the Holidays, and personal schedule issues we will soon begin organizing our next class of confirmands. Pray that they would be ready for that responsibility, ready for the hard questions of the faith I plan to challenge them with, and that their young faith would thrive through the process.

We also transitioned back into our "verse by verse" look into the book of Matthew after taking a break late in the year for our "Why Do We Do This" series that took an analytical look at our worship service. I pray you found this series helpful in "critically thinking" through our worship service and making aspects of our worship more meaningful to you. I certainly discovered some things myself as I prepared each message. I hope those confirmands were paying attention, as I will be making them think through the material. I believe those were very needful and timely messages, but no series is more important than the exposition of the Word of God.

It was with great joy that we also recently announced the food pantry was gifted a truck to help with deliveries of food. This opens up many possibilities for us to impact even more families in our region and we are grateful to God for this new resource He has supplied us with. It should be noted that this truck is for food pantry use only so please don't ask us to help you move with it.

God is doing amazing things this season at our church and we are grateful for the opportunity to be part of His plan. Pray about how you can be a part of it as none of this would be possible without the help of our whole church community working together as "one body". After prayer, ask someone how you can get involved. Who knows what God will do as we labor together in the name of Jesus Christ!

*John Mottley*