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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Sunday School Oct—June 9:00am



June

June 2022

Be on your guard;
stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong
1 Corinthians 16:13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Girl Scouts	2	3 3pm Pathway to Success	4 12pm Missions
5 Pentecost 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Coffee Hour	6 6pm Scouts	7	8 6pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Scouts Leaders	9	10 3pm Pathway to Success	11
12 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/ Children's Program	13 6pm Scouts	14 Flag Day	15 2:30pm Session 6pm Girl Scouts	16	17 3pm Pathway to Success	18
19 Father's Day 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Deacon	20 6pm Scouts CCFL Practice	21 Summer Begins Food Delivery CCFL Practice	22 CCFL Practice CCFL Graduation	23	24 3pm Pathway to Success	25
26 10:30am Worship	27 6pm Scouts	28	29	30		



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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.

PULPIT SUPPLY - John Mottley
CLERK OF SESSION - Christine Vella
MODERATOR OF DEACONS - Elizabeth Pinella
TREASURER - Elaine Lopez
SECRETARY - Shirley Weaver
ORGANISTS - Phyllis Chao & Sharon Munoz
SEXTONS - Erin Gualdarrama & Shirley Weaver
MISSION CO-CHAIRS - Ruth Beselinoff & Stephanie
McAlear
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



The Mission Committee

On May 15th we sponsored the return of Linwood Bagby of Restore Ministries to our pulpit. Linwood founded this excellent after-school program for at-risk youth of Elizabeth. The Mission of this Christian-based program is:

"Our Mission is to nurture urban youth who are at risk of dropping out of school. Most of these young people lack spiritual roots. We help them finish high school or get their GED and encourage them to continue their education after high school." They accomplish this in partnership with the home and various community organizations, Restore mentors each youth, works with the family, advocates on the student's behalf at school, and links area religious and social agencies. They want their members to take charge of their lives and with education to develop their potential through personal and spiritual development so they can become responsible and contributing members of an ever-changing world.

Linwood led our worship with two graduates of his program. Afterwards, Missions provided a luncheon so that our congregation could meet each guest and learn more about the program.

Missions has sponsored this program for at least the last 19 years. It was so satisfying to see the program grow and to meet two fine gentlemen graduates who both attended college and have bright futures ahead!

Ruth Beselinoff



(above) Joseph Beselinoff and Phyllis Chao playing a beautiful medley of "He Leadeth Me" & "Be Now My Vision" for the congregation on Mother's Day.



The Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a pretty little legend
That I would like to tell
of the birth and death of Jesus
Found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely,
You'll see that you find here
Four nail holes and a fifth one
Made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily,
Its center is the star
That appeared unto the shepherds
And led them from afar.

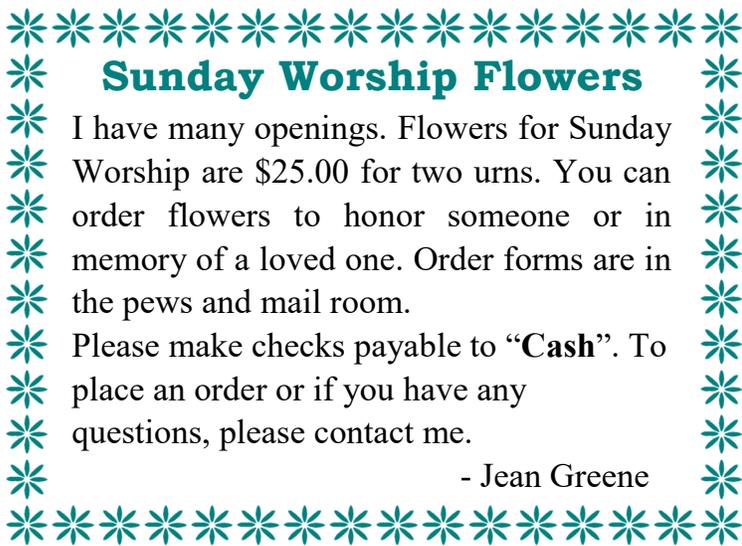
The Christmas poinsettia
Etched on the other side
Reminds us of His birthday,
Our Happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open
And here you will release
The five white doves awaiting
To spread Good Will and Peace.

This simple little symbol,
Christ left for you and me
To help us spread his Gospel
Through all eternity.

--Author unknown

Submitted by Molly Solanki



Sunday Worship Flowers

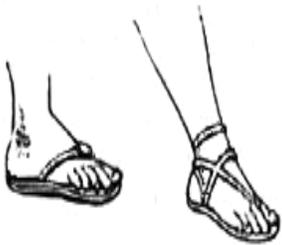
I have many openings. Flowers for Sunday Worship are \$25.00 for two urns. You can order flowers to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the pews and mail room.

Please make checks payable to “Cash”. To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact me.

- Jean Greene



Sandal Season



Because they were inexpensive, sandals were a common type of footwear in biblical times. However, impoverished or devout people would go barefoot. Isaiah went without sandals for three years to

illustrate Egypt’s enslavement and poverty (Isaiah 20:3-- Just as my servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and portent against Egypt and Ethiopia). Jesus asked his disciples to go without sandals (Matthew 10:10--... no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.).

Sandals commonly had hard leather soles, and sometimes were made out of wood or plant fibers. However, Romans and the well-to-do could afford more substantial shoes or boots. Soldiers and some wealthier folks had sandals made with thicker soles and coverings for the heels and sides of the feet. Some sandals had leather straps and laces that secured around the legs.

Sandals were symbolically used in business transactions. To close a deal, one party would offer a sandal to the other to symbolize a transfer of ownership. This tradition might have originated from the practice of declaring and setting boundaries by walking through a parcel of land. Abraham was asked to “walk through the length and the breadth of the land’ that God promised to offer him (Gen 13:17).

Source: Sandals (Daily Life and Times), *Grolier Family Bible Cards*, Grolier Inc., MCMXCVI

Submitted by Molly Solanki



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.



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.

Sunday School Happenings

What a wonderful year we have been having. We can't believe it is almost over. The kids have done such a great job this year.

Join us for our
Children's Closing Program
Sunday, June 12, 2022
During service 10:30 am

~ Miss Judy & Miss Shirley

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

T-shirts \$15 each

Sizes Available:
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Registration forms are in the mailroom if you want to sign up or volunteer for:

C.V.B.S.
July 11– 15, 2022
9am-12:15pm

at St. Bernadette's Church in Parlin

Closing Program is Friday, July 15, 2022 7pm

13th Annual Bowl for Hunger



Monday,
July 25th, 2022
5:30 - 7:30 pm
at Majestic Lanes

\$25 per person

Includes two hours of bowling, free shoe rental and a "Bowl for Hunger" T-shirt.

See Betty or Shirley if you want to sign up for this year's team. This event supports our food pantry.

RSVP needed by June 30th.



AS A FATHER
HAS COMPASSION
ON HIS CHILDREN,
SO THE LORD
HAS COMPASSION
ON THOSE WHO
FEAR HIM.

PSALM 103:13

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Quotes for the season

For the benefit of the flowers, we water the thorns, too.

Egyptian proverb

Some of the sweetest berries grow among the sharpest thorns.

Gaelic proverb

Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank

Submitted by Molly Solanki

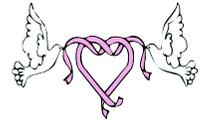
June Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



June 10th
Shirley & Michael
Weaver

June 14th
Suzanne & David
Schafer-Coates



June Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

June 2 Madhu Solanki
June 13 Gerald Ring
June 16 Jim Ballo
June 18 Marion Rothman
June 18 Peter Rothman
June 24 Michael Weaver

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

Deacon's Monthly Update

Hope all the women enjoyed the Mother's Day gifts. We are planning to honor the men with a little something on Father's Day.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Dear Lord, thank you that we can come to you in prayer. We trust in you to supply all our needs. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Wishing all a safe and healthy Summer Season. Peace be with you.

~ Betty Pinella

Memorial for Carol Schaefer

On Saturday May 21, 2022. George Schaefer held a beautiful event in memory of his wife Carol, who passed away 17 years ago from cancer. He decided to have Carol's doll collection refurbished and gave the dolls away to children who have cancer and to families who lost loved one to the disease. Among the recipients were Pastor John's daughters, who receiving dolls in memory of Beth Ann and Jean and Mary Porcello's granddaughter Evalise, who received a doll in memory of Debbie.



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What's the point?

'And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ' Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)

What is the point of church? Surely there is a reason we set the alarm early on Sunday morning, make ourselves a nice cup of coffee, and come to church every Sunday. It must be something profound for us to face the hot New Jersey summers and the cold New Jersey winters. Surely it's not entertainment, because the church couldn't compete with the myriad of outlets available to each of us today. There are much more witty and comical people alive today than your pastor!

The above scripture highlights one of the great advantages of coming to church - our spiritual growth!

In all our emphasis on what we are "saved from" in the gospel, it's important to remember what we are "saved to"! We have been redeemed from our former ways, given a new nature, and received the power of the Holy Spirit to walk in our newness of life to become more like Christ every day. One of the most powerful vehicles to that goal that God has given us is the local church.

The church is a place to discover and use our gifts, as the above passage says "he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers...". These are all different giftings and God made it that way on purpose. If everyone was a teacher who would be our deacons ministering to the needs of our community? If everyone was in the choir who would be in the pews? We all have a role to play.

The passage goes on to say that God gave us all these gifts to His church "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ". We come here to be challenged by the word of God, to be challenged to be more patient in the Sunday School, challenged to be more compassionate in the food pantry, and so forth. We grow when we step out to serve others in any capacity here.

Sometimes we think we are "helping the less fortunate" when we serve, only to discover God's plan was to help us grow and mature into the men and woman God has called us to be. Often we would never discover that lack within ourselves without stepping up to serve others. When I went to Haiti ten years ago on a missions trip I thought I was going there to help others. What really happened is that God used those people to help me! I discovered that week how selfish I was, how much I have taken for granted, and how much more love I needed to have in my heart for the truly needy in this world.

What is God calling you to do next? In what ways can you use the gifts God has given you for the betterment of others in the church, or perhaps to your own benefit as the Holy Spirit continues to work on you?

Pastor John Mottley