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*Independence Day*

**July**

# JULY 2022

God bless America, land that I love  
 Stand beside her and guide her  
 Through the night with the light from above

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30am Worship/Communion	4 <b>Independence Day</b>  Happy 4th of July!	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:30am Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Community Vacation Bible School Week</b>						
17 10:30am Worship	18	19 Food Delivery	20	21	22	23
24 10:30am Worship	25 5pm Bowl for Hunger	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:30am Worship						



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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

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

1621 Rt 22, West Bound Brook, NJ 08805

**Carla Ring**

1084 Mulberry Pl, Toms River, NJ 08753

**Deborah 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  
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

## Sunday Worship Flowers

I have many openings for Sunday Worship flowers. They 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



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

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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.**



To our High School Graduate  
Anthony Vella



*Best of luck to you in all your future endeavors!*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY Through APRIL

TOTAL INCOME \$27,574

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -\$32,061

A more detailed report will appear in the next Open Door.

1 Timothy 6. "Be generous and willing to share."

Elaine Lopez, Treasurer

Sunday School Teacher NEEDED



We are still 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.



## INK CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

I finally got back to bringing our recycled Cartridges to Staples. Our \$40 rewards will start next month so keep up the good work and save your recycled cartridges.

Elaine Lopez





## 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.

### Deacon's Monthly Update

We hope all the men enjoyed their Father's Day gifts.  
Happy Independence Day!!!



As we work, play, celebrate and enjoy this summer with family and friends, may Jesus's love and guidance be with us. Let us be grateful for the summer season and be

confident his presence in our hearts will guide us to what is right and keep us safe.

In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

We wish everyone a fun and safe summer.  
~Betty Pinella



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

T-shirts \$15 each

Sizes Available:

S, M, L, XL, 2XL

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### July Anniversaries

Wishing a very happy anniversary to:



July 17  
Janet & Kelly  
Bills



### July Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

July 4 John Mottley  
July 8 Richard Spinelli  
July 26 Elaine Lopez  
July 28 Elizabeth Pinella  
July 31 Adalyn Mottley

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



### Missions Committee

Missions does not formally meet during the summer, however, community needs continue especially now with the inflation rate and recession severely affecting everyone. Please continue your Missions giving, needed more now than ever, so we can help those in need. Thank you for your prayers and your generous giving.  
~Ruthie

## Your Hut Is Burning



The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming.

Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements and to store his few possessions.

But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

"God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him.

"How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers.

"We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Author Unknown

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:8-9

Submitted by Molly Solanki

## Independence Day Prayer



Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help me never to take these blessings for granted.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your name, I pray.

Amen.

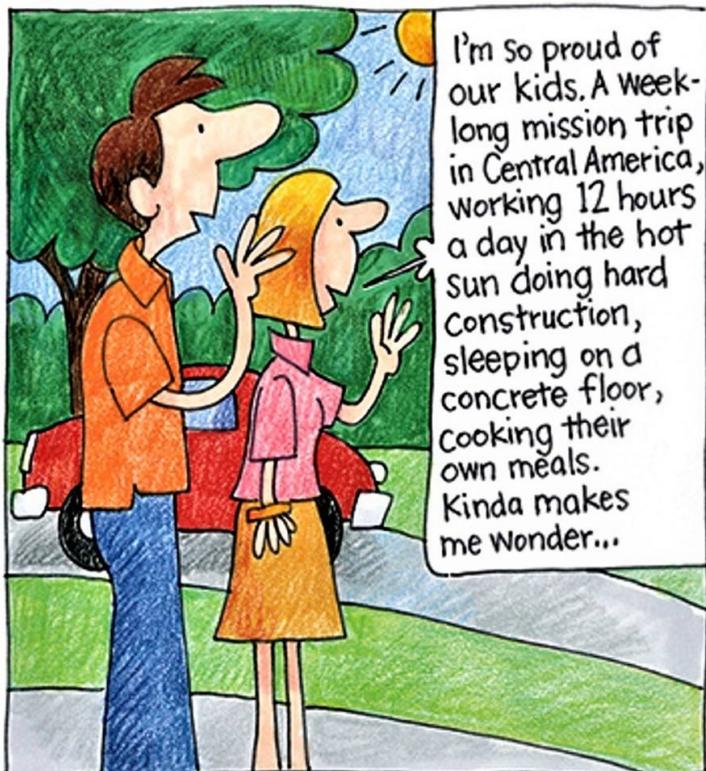
## Sunday School Happenings

We are so proud of our boys leading worship on June 12<sup>th</sup>. They have learnt well during Bible study and fun arts and crafts. We hope you enjoyed their program "A Special Father." Which included Bible readings, the Footprint poem and singing "This Is My Father's World."

We hope that everyone enjoys their summer and can't wait to see you all in the Fall.

Miss Judy and Miss Shirley

## Sunday School Closing Program



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## The Will of God?

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“For this is the will of God, your sanctification...” - 1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV)

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” - Romans 12:2 (ESV)

A very popular question that gets asked is “What is God’s will for my life?” What is God’s will for my job, for my family, for my dating relationships, for my finances, etc...? We speak of these topics like they are shrouded in some great spiritual mystery that we are lost to discover on our own. Fortunately, this couldn’t be further from the truth. God’s word speaks to every one of these areas and gives principles to guide us.

In all of these areas and more, 1 Thessalonians 4:3 tells us precisely what God’s will is for all of us: “our sanctification,” or the process of becoming more Christlike over time. God’s will is for us to make decisions that honor Him and glorify Him in our job, our family, our relationships, our finances and so on. This fact alone takes much of the “mystery” away.

Furthermore, the Bible has already spoken directly on all of those above issues. God’s will for your job is found in Colossians 3:23 that says, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.” God’s will for your family is found in the verse the deacons put on my new Fathers Day mug: “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15. God’s will for dating relationships is found in 2 Corinthians 6:14: “Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?” In other words, only date other Christians that share the most important part of your life with you.

I could go on and detail further examples but we’re beginning to see the main point of all this. Once we see what God has “already” spoken in these areas through His word, we usually find we already know everything we need to make God-honoring decisions in these areas of our lives. As we get to know God and His word better, the more the “mystery” of God’s will is taken away. We still ought to take our requests, our questions, and our particular circumstances to God in prayer and ask for His wisdom and direction, but we should realize we aren’t “wandering in the dark” until He answers our prayer.

I once heard someone say, “if you want to hear God speak to you, read your Bible. If you want to hear God speak to you out loud...then read your Bible out loud!” While I do believe God can and does speak to us through a variety of ways, nothing is as clear, as authoritative, or as trustworthy as what God has already said in His Word. So as we attempt to discern God’s will in one of these areas of our lives, we trust first and foremost what God has already clearly spoken to us to guide us, and often find that we already have more than enough to guide us in life. Thanks be to God.

*Pastor John*