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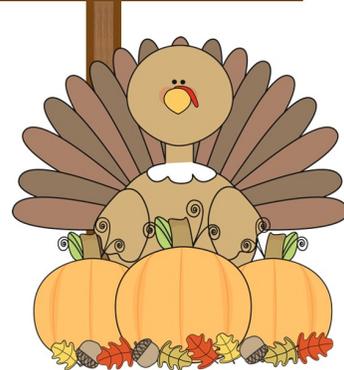
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday School Oct—June 9:00 am

We are
Thankful for
YOU!



November



November 2022

*I have not stopped
giving thanks for you,
remembering you
in my prayers.
Ephesians 1:16*

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30 Coffee hour	6pm Scouts	8 5pm Scout Fish Dinner	9 6pm Girl Scouts	10	11 Veteran's Day Office closed 3pm Pathway to Success	12
13	9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Confirmation Class 11:30 Coffee hour	14 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 11:30 Coffee hour 6pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1st Pres. Sayreville	21 6pm Scouts	22 8am Open Door Articles due	23 6pm Girl Scouts	24 Office closed	25 Office closed	26
27	1st week of Advent 10:30am Worship 11:30 Coffee hour	28 6pm Scouts	29	30 6pm Girl Scouts			



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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

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
 Larry Wallace

TIME TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias will be \$7.50 each. Orders will be taken until December 18.

You can also order flowers "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one for Sunday worship. Sunday worship flowers are \$25.00 for both urns. Please make all checks out to **CASH**. Thank you.

Jean Greene 732-727-8690

Attention All Committees



All reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting in January 2023, **must be given to the office by January 8, 2023**. Please have all reports typed, clearly written, or clearly printed on 8 1/2" x 11" unlined paper, on one page if possible. ~ Shirley Weaver

Inspirational Bible Verses

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and **thanksgiving** be made for everyone--"*
1 Timothy 2:1 NIV

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through Him."*
Colossians 3:17 NIV

Submitted by Molly Solanki



Happy Birthday Jesus Breakfast Dec. 11, 2022

The Deacons and Missions Committees are hosting our Happy Birthday Jesus breakfast after service on Dec. 11. ~ Deacons & Missions

ANGEL TREE



In the spirit of sharing the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, we are sponsoring an Angel Tree for those less fortunate. Anyone wishing to help a child for Christmas can take an angel card off the tree and buy an age-appropriate gift for that child and return the gift under the tree unwrapped. Please return the angel card with the gift. Gifts will be picked up weekly. When all the angels are adopted, the tree will have all crosses to replace them as a reminder of the Lord's "Christmas Present" to us, "His Son". Please have all gifts back by Dec. 15th, so we may get them out in time.



Five Finger Prayer – Giving Thanks for Harvest

The five finger prayer. Counting off on your fingers give thanks for: 1. God the giver of life 2. For those who brought in the harvest from land and sea 3. Food processors who add variety and longevity 4. Distributors and retailers who make it available 5. The person who shopped for and cooked the food.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

We are very proud of our students. They have been learning about how God saved the Jews from slavery in our lesson

“God Saved the People” and how God provided food and water during their journey in our lesson “God Provides Food and Water”.

~ Miss Judy and Miss Shirley

Bread

Give us today our daily bread.
-Matthew 6:11



What would a hearty Thanksgiving meal be without some bread?

In Biblical times, people ate bread every day. Women would make flour by grinding kernels between two circular-shaped stones. The dough consisted of flour, water, salt, and some yeasted dough from the day before to make it lighter in texture. A loaf of bread was round and flat, not unlike the pita we are familiar with.

Bread could be baked on a stone hearth made hot with a fire fueled by wood, thorns, or grass. The baker would brush away the ashes, set the dough flat on the stones, and cover the dough with the ashes. A different method baked the dough on upside down bowls set over a fire. Bakers could have also used a dome-shaped oven covered with clay. It would have been two to three feet high with a vent hole at the top. Loaves on top of a board could be placed through the side of the oven (like today's pizza!) Alternatively, dough patties could also be fixed on the outside of hot oven walls or placed on racks over coals.

Wealthier families could afford wheat flour. For poorer families, barley flour was more affordable, because barley thrives in unfertile soils and thus was more easily obtained.

From Family Bible Cards, “Bread Baking” (Daily Life and Times), Grolier Inc. MCMXCVI

Submitted by Molly Solanki



November Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to:

Nov. 3 Edith Hanmore

Nov. 6 David Coates

Nov. 8 Christian Dwojeski

Nov. 10 Joseph Beselinoff

Nov. 11 Dominick Vigliante

Nov. 23 Dorothy Rhodes

Nov. 24 Anthony Vella Sr.

Nov. 25 Joyce Solanki

Want to add your special day?

Tell Shirley in the office.

Blue Christmas Service

A service of comfort and hope

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5:30pm



***“Be Not Afraid,
for I bring tidings of comfort
and joy to you and all
people.”***

at First Presbyterian Church
150 North Broadway
South Amboy



A Walk to Bethlehem

Dec. 11, 2022, 2pm

Starts at K.O.C. South Amboy

More information to come.

Deacons

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come before His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord, He is God;
it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise;
be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good; His mercy endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.



As we gather with family and friends to enjoy the Holiday of Thanksgiving, may we all express gratitude for everything God has given us. Count our blessings and pray for those less fortunate.

The Deacons wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Next meeting is Nov. 20, after service.
~ Betty Pinella

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.

Special Days



Community Thanksgiving
at First Pres. Sayreville
6:00pm

Decorating the Sanctuary
for Advent/Christmas



TBD



First Sunday in Advent
Nov. 27
10:30am

Walk to Bethlehem
Dec. 11
2:00pm



Blue Christmas
Dec. 21
5:30pm

Christmas Eve
Service
Dec. 24
5:00pm

Christmas
Eve



Merry Christmas!

Christmas Day
Service
Dec. 25
10:30am

Deacons T-shirts

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

T-shirts \$15 each



November Quotes

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house."

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."

-Jim Bishop

"It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon."

-Sarah Addison Allen

"November's sky is chill and drear, November's leaf is red and sear."

-Sir Walter Scott

"The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playing swirls, and the wind hurries on... A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind."

-Aldo Leopold

Submitted by Molly Solanki

The Mission Committee

Missions met again on October 19 and we welcomed Joyce Solanki to our group. We began planning our activities for 2023 and will publish them soon. We continue our quarterly giving to Our Daily Bread, Veritas Recovery Center, Boy Scout Troop 91, Presbyterian Relief and NJ Dogs of Honor. We appreciate all the generous contributions we're receiving. Please continue as winter heating bills will be starting soon. We welcome anyone who wants to join our group!

~Ruth B. - Mission Chair

The Old Timers of Troop 91 and The Camp Dill Foundation

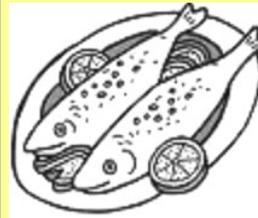
Scouts Fish Dinner - November 5

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 will be selling tickets. This is their only fundraiser so let's support the boys!



“
O, heavenly Father:
We thank thee for food
and remember the hungry.
We thank thee for health
and remember the sick.
We thank thee for friends
and remember the
friendless. We thank thee
for freedom and remember
the enslaved. May these
remembrances stir us to
service, that thy gifts to
us may be used for others.
Amen.”

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

women's day

Session

Next Session meeting will be
Wed., Nov. 16th, at 2:30 pm.



Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

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Sweet Fellowship

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing” - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” - Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)

If I were to pick one word to describe our emphasis as a church these past few months it would be fellowship. We use that word around church a lot but what does it mean? In the simplest terms it means community, close relationship, and sharing things in common with one another. It's a beautiful thing for Christians to be together in fellowship.

There's a reason we call our downstairs “Fellowship Hall”, because that is where we gather together to get to know one another and share a meal together at our now weekly coffee hour. It's a place designed for meals to be shared, for parties to be had, and birthdays to be celebrated - all places where that sweet fellowship takes place. We were blessed to have had several of those in recent months.

I also find it beautiful that our food pantry distributes food out of Fellowship Hall during the week. We are literally sharing what God has given to us out of a place of fellowship. God has given us so much and to be able to share His resources and hold all things in common with anyone in our area who will come sends a beautiful message of who we are as a church.

Even our recent outreaches on our front lawn have been a place of fellowship as well. Even as we desire to reach our community with the gospel and invite others to experience the grace given to us, it has also been a sweet time where many faithful saints gather together to enjoy the worship and one another's company. To my delight this has also included several people who regularly go to other churches, but have been faithfully coming to our Worship & Testimony nights to sing God's praises and to enjoy the company of the saints. That is truly being a “house of prayer to all nations” (Isaiah 56:7) and not just to our own who faithfully gather on Sunday.

As the weather gets colder and we have less opportunities for outdoor events like that we are hoping to announce more worship & fellowship events for the late fall and winter months.

When we consider how important fellowship is to the culture of the church it becomes obvious why podcasts and livestreams could *never* be an adequate replacement for gathering together with the saints! Just as Zoom could never replace Thanksgiving Dinner, a video on Facebook or YouTube could never replace the church! The “oneness” we have, the community we have, being there for one another and praying for one another cannot be replicated through a screen.

That being said, we are grateful to live in an age where we can offer this for people who are homebound, sick, traveling, serving during the service, or checking out our service online before they attend in person. Yet we recognize it was never meant to “replace” meeting in person. In terms of fellowship, modern social media has *nothing* on God's original social network - the church!

Pastor John Mottley