

# CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER



**Our Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to gather as a church family for worship and spiritual fellowship, to nurture and educate, and to proclaim the gospel to the world.

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## OCTOBER AT A GLANCE:

**1st World Communion Sunday**



**9th Columbus Day (Office Closed)**



**11th Daisey Roe Meeting 3pm**



**29th Reformation Sunday/ Congregational Meeting**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**31st Happy Halloween!**



**Every Saturday—Daisey Roe Thrift Shop is open from 9am-12pm**

**Every Sunday—10am Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and then available on YouTube**



Please offer prayers for these concerns that have been brought to our attention. They are collected each Sunday morning during the past month from the prayer concerns list

- Aaron
- Aimee Nishimura's Grandfather Mike Nowlan.
- Alison
- Allison Hermann
- All dealing with cancer
- Anita
- Beth
- Bill Graham Jr. hoping for recovery.
- Bob McDowell
- Casey
- Charlie
- Danny
- David Rude's Daughter Robin
- Debbie
- Esther
- Ethan
- Elizabeth Falco Lung cancer
- Fred
- Glen
- Greg
- Gregory A. Stetzel
- Healing to All
- Irene
- Jean Ransom
- Jessica Gray
- Jim
- Jim Krug stroke victim
- Joyce
- Karen
- Karen V. fighting cancer
- Kelly O'Brien
- Ken
- Kenneth Michael Brown
- Kim
- Larry
- Mason Martin HS Quarter-back from Pa who collapsed on the football field from a brain bleed .
- Maureen
- Mr. Pipers
- Mrs. Rispoli
- Nia Sumpter brain surgery
- Pat
- Paul Opilla
- Paula Clarks Mom & Mother-in-Law
- Raymond Price
- Robert
- Rose Zukowski
- The Family of Herb Jones
- The Family of Mary Coker
- That we all stay close to the Lord during these difficult days.
- The people of Morocco
- Tom & Corinne Coulter
- Tom Krug



- Cathy Bambrick's Son's baby Girl Kinsley Rae, and Mom Brittany. All doing well.
- Gratitude to God for the healthy birth of Mary Grace to parents Bryant & Kate, and grandparents Pastor Jeff & Kay.
- Prayers of Joy to Dan & Kelly on their wedding and safe travels to Italy.
- Coker & Katherine on their marriage.



## Church News



**TRICK OR TREAT CANDY** – We are requesting candy donations that we'll hand out to Trick-or-Treaters in front of the church on Halloween. Donations may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall by October 30th. If you are interested in helping to pass out candy on October 31st, we will be meeting in front of the church around 3:30 (costumes are optional but would be fun!).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th** – We'll meet immediately after worship in the sanctuary to elect officers and go over the budget for 2024. We hope you'll be here in person. Coffee and donuts will be served.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING



**DAISEY ROE MEETING** – Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, Room 4. Reporting on Fall Flea Market and Pastor office renovations. The agenda will be charity of our choice. Hostesses are Lois Kinney and Karen Opilla. Hope you'll join us!

**MANNA HOUSE \$5 SPAGHETTI DINNER** - Outdoor dining or take-out (weather permitting), First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton (Church Street Entrance), October 10th 5:00 to 6:30pm. Adults \$5.00, Children 5-12 \$3.00, and under 5 Free. (Included are Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Cookies)



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP** is October 1st at 10am. Come, worship with us!

**FOOD PANTRY** - is in need of laundry detergent. Our food pantry will be open on WEDNESDAYS from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.



**COMMUNITIES LITTLE HELPERS** - On October 22, 2:30 - 4pm, Our little helpers will be assisting the organization Foodshed Alliance at a local farm (most likely Blairstown) in harvesting apples/corn/other seasonal produce to be given out to those who need at one of the organization's free pop-up markets. If you are interested please contact Kristen Reinertsen at 862-266-7719 or [kristenarath@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenarath@yahoo.com)



## SEPTEMBER SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- All bills have been paid including Per Capita for August 2023.
- The Reverend Heather Morrison Yaden was moderator at the September session meeting.
- Julie Clawson has retired as one of the two Sunday School Superintendents. Liz Dietz has volunteered to be the lead teacher.
- The Congregation is asked to volunteer to be in the classroom to give other members the chance to attend church.
- The Fellowship Committee is asking members to give donations to the College Care packages and the Halloween candy hand out.
- Fall activities will include pumpkin/apple picking.
- Karen Opilla advises us that Pastor Nancy Young has agreed to fill our pulpit beginning October 1st.
- Susan Friedl will be our substitute pastor on September 24th.
- Our Lay Reading program has started up again. Please volunteer.
- A new personnel policy manual is in the works and will be posted online once it is approved by session.
- This year's Congregational meeting will be held on October 29th. We will not have a pot luck lunch. Instead we will have a high power coffee hour.
- Per Capita will remain at \$42.50 for 2024.
- A tree in the backyard has been removed.
- Poison ivy has been sprayed.
- The session has voted to leave the propane hook up for the new stove.



DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
3 WANTAGE AVENUE, BRANCHVILLE  
CLOTHING & LINEN SALE  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
9am-12:00pm      \$7 a Bag

## 4TH QUARTER MISSION



Since 1997, Family Promise of Sussex County has provided services to assist families and single men and women as they work towards housing stability and self-sufficiency. Family Promise of Sussex County works to eradicate homelessness in Sussex County and provides resources to strengthen children and families. They provide emergency shelter, meals, counseling, and intensive case management services. Your contributions to the 4th Quarter Mission (October–December) will go to this very worthy program to help our Sussex County neighbors who are in dire need. You may mail a check made out to "First Presbyterian Church of Branchville" with "Family Promise" in the memo. Your contributions to special mission projects make a big difference!! Thank you for your generosity.



## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We will once again be sending out college care packages to our young members away at college for the Fall semester. Donations for the care packages may be left in the Fellowship Hall through October 22nd. Please consider donations of Halloween candy or decorations, pencils, pens, sticky notes, prepackaged snacks, homemade cookies or brownies, individual-size cereal boxes, popcorn, gum, tic tacs, etc.

It would also be extremely helpful if you would consider a monetary donation to provide for the mailing cost of the packages by marking your donation/contribution "Care Packages" (each costs about \$16 to mail).

Please contact the church office to provide us with the updated address for your college student so that we can include all of our church family college students. Thank you again for your continued support of this ongoing mission project for our young members away at school. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Fellowship Committee (Sandy Carlisle, Debbie Gardner, or Kathleen Katzenstein).





## Step up and out for Stewardship

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

*This was the offertory prayer from our September 10th service by Mark Hontz, Pulpit Supply Pastor. Mark is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Newton, a Certified Lay Servant in the United Methodist Church, and a Ruling Elder at Yellow Frame Presbyterian Church in Fredon.*

## What is Stewardship: Hospitality

Hospitality is a another of the 4 pillars of stewardship. It is Christian kindness.

As I said last month, love is a core of stewardship. If love is an action, how can you serve?

We serve with hospitality through Christian kindness.

Listening to Elder Mark Hontz, sing "Get Together" with his wife during the offering that Sunday in September, it was clear that there is a need and much love to share in this congregation.

While I was looking through past annual pledge letters and brochures, I came across the 2020 pledge brochure, which shows how our budget allows "Love Kindness" and what it was made of during those past years. Wow! Hospitality with "Love Kindness" was shared by all ages through many activities.

We talk about giving, also **emphasizing hospitality**, forgiveness, generosity risk-taking and selflessness as part of the vocabulary of stewardship.

"Love thy self as thy neighbor. Love GOD" It is SO SIMPLE per Elder Hontz's sermon.

As we prepare for the October 29<sup>th</sup> preview of the 2024 budget, with Dessert and Discussion at the congregational meeting please remember stewardship, hospitality and love.

If you feel the Christian Kindness, please contact me at the below to participate in the Stewardship Committee.

Yours In fellowship –  
Susan Parson  
Stewardship Chair  
sep@icloud.com  
551.358.1266

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER

Debbie Nussberger	10/4	Aimee Nishimura	10/18
Victoria Van Houten	10/5	Ed Nishimura	10/18
Kai Nishimura	10/6	Makenzi Decker	10/23
James Seeger	10/6	Victoria Palma	10/26
David Yaden	10/11	Madison Preste	10/30
Dawn Latincsics	10/13		
Hannah McAuliffe	10/15		
Karen Pawelczyk	10/17		

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Pumpkin Fluff Dip

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 (5 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 (15 ounce) can solid pack pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 (16 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed



#### PREPARATION

1. Mix pumpkin, pudding mix, and pumpkin pie spice together in a large bowl. Fold in whipped topping.
2. Chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
3. Serve in hollowed pumpkin with your favorite fall cookies.



**OCTOBER  
USHERS**

**Deacon of the Month—Aimee Nishimura**  
**1st – Trish Cherny/Debbie Grimm**  
**8th – Judy Casey/Nancy Clink**  
**15th – Linda Osborne/Aimee Nishimura**  
**22nd – Wende Clausen/Aimee Nishimura**  
**29th – Debbie Gardner/Karen Opilla**

**LAY READERS**

**1st – Debbie Gardner**  
**8th – Kathleen Katzenstein**  
**15th – Judy Casey**  
**22nd – OPEN**  
**29th – OPEN**

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**You may e-mail**  
**the secretary at [presbsec@ptd.net](mailto:presbsec@ptd.net)**

**View a daily devotion at:**  
<http://www.d365.org>



**OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR**

**SESSION**

**OCTOBER FLOWER CHART:**

*If you would like to provide flowers for any of the dates, please see instructions below:*

**Dates:**

- 1st –**
- 8th –**
- 15th –**
- 22nd –**
- 29th –**

*Call Lisa the week before your signup to have flowers delivered. Gail Burckes will contact you for your dedication or memorial.*

**Flowers By Lisa 862-268-3123**







# OCTOBER 2023



## First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, NJ

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