



CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER



First Presbyterian Church
of Branchville, New Jersey

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NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE:

5th Daisey Roe Thrift Shop \$5 Bag Sale
and \$3 Book Sale (bags provided)



Thrift Shop
\$5 BAG SALE

9th Daisey Roe Meeting 3pm



24th Happy Thanksgiving



27th First Sunday of Advent



First Sunday of Advent

Every Saturday—Daisey Roe Thrift Shop is open from 9am-12pm
November 12th, 19th & 26th Christmas Thrift Shop

Every Sunday—10am Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and
then available on YouTube for later viewing

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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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**FROM THE
 PASTOR'S DESK**

A Scary Future

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You're reading this after Halloween, but it was written before Trick-or-Treaters hit the streets. Halloween makes me think of scary things, and it's a bit of a scary time in many ways. The Stock Market is all over the place, the war in Ukraine continues to escalate, the balance of power in Washington is undecided, the supply chain continues to be disrupted, Kay and I are retiring early next year with no clear plan for what happens after that, and the church will be facing life with no called and installed pastor for possibly another 2 years. How do we handle that much uncertainty? It is a bit of a scary time.

But consider Jeremiah's scary situation (chapter 32, verses 1-25). He'd been prophesying that Israel would be defeated by its enemies due to its lack of faith in God for so long that the king of Israel put him in jail to shut him up. The Chaldeans had taken much of Israel's land, had besieged the city where Jeremiah was a prisoner, and it was only a matter of time before the city fell. And yet with imminent defeat facing them, Jeremiah was given the opportunity to buy land from his cousin that was already in the Chaldeans' control.

Imagine if you had the opportunity to buy a piece of property worth a million dollars for \$10,000, but it was located in the eastern part of Ukraine. Would you buy it? Talk about a risky investment! And that's what Jeremiah faced in his situation, but he chose to make that investment anyway. It was a symbolic action to show his nation that God would not ultimately forsake them. Even though they were about to be overrun, and possibly forcibly removed from that land and sent to live as refugees in another country, the promise of God to restore them to the Promised Land was still in effect.

The point from this story is that despite uncertain times, God remains true to his promise that he will be with us, and will see us through to better days.

For Kay and me, that means that despite not having Branchville as our church family next year, God will find a way to support us and see to it that we will not go into the future alone.

For the church, it means that the strength this congregation has developed in its fellowship, its service, its ministries, and outreach will continue to make a difference in the interim period, and eventually result in a relationship with a new called pastor as welcoming and effective as it has been for us over the past 33 years.

So let's remember God's faithfulness as we face an uncertain future, and do so assured that God's love and grace will carry us forward in new and wonderful ways. The future belongs to God, which makes it a lot less scary.

Your pastor,

Jefferson L. Hatch





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 used in worship.

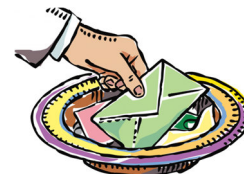
- Adreana's co-worker Stacy who just lost her husband
- Alicia
- Anne Clausen's Family after her passing
- Anne Montat
- Arlene
- Barbara and John Z.
- The Bari Family
- Beth
- Bill Lawson fighting cancer
- Bonnie
- The Castimore family on the passing of Emery
- Charlotte
- The Cabrera Family
- Dan, recovering from colon cancer
- Dan Peacock
- Danny Kantewein
- Dave Marion
- Davie
- Deb & Les Guile
- Debbie Ayers
- Dennis
- Eileen
- Elaine, Becky and Jeremy all in Florida
- Ester Wheeler
- Farewell to Pat Leenheer until the spring – prayers for safe travel
- The family and friends of Chuck Evertz after he recently passed away
- The Family of Ginny Shelton
- The Family of Mary
- The Family of Richard Gibe Schmidt
- Stacy who lost her husband recently
- The Family of Sue Vitella
- Harry
- Irene
- Jerry Donnell
- Joyce O.
- Karen
- Karen M.
- Karen Opilla
- Les
- Linda
- Lisa
- Maria's Father
- Mark
- Marty Finkelman who's now in Hospice care
- Mary in ICU with Covid
- May Ellen
- Meghan
- Michele
- Mr. Pipers
- Patty Hayes
- Pattie Paternostra after the loss of her son Dean
- Prayers for the family of Anne Clausen over her passing on Monday 10/10/22
- Prayers for our Sister Patty Hayes
- Prayers for Pastor Jeff recovering from Covid
- Prayers for Ron and Harriet Gibbins
- The Quinn Family after the loss of Brian
- Randy Van Patten
- Rayna Howell
- Rev Keyes
- Rita and family after losing her husband and their father
- Rob
- Ron Cain
- Rose
- Ruth B.
- Steff
- SR
- The Swanberg Family
- Sylvia
- Sylvia Hoising in Hospice
- Thanks for the safe birth of Astrid after a difficult pregnancy for our friends.
- Tom
- Trixie Penberthy



Church News



FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH - Flowers may be provided for our worship services each Sunday for a small \$15 donation to our flower account. You may sign up on the Flower Chart in the Holland Tunnel (F.Hall entry). Give your dedication info to Gail Burckes for the Bulletin's announcements. Please write "Flowers for Sunday" in the memo on your check. Thank You!



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022 - Any offerings that you wish to be posted for 2022 must be received by December 31, 2022.



FOOD PANTRY - It's that time of year again. We will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to our food pantry patrons so that they may enjoy a complete Thanksgiving meal. We will need 25 turkeys and all of the fixin's. So please keep that in mind and start earning your points for a free turkey from the local supermarkets. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall .

COMMUNITIES' LITTLE HELPERS - Our Communities' Little Helpers will be meeting at 2:30pm on Saturday, November 19th, to make up our annual comfort bags to be handed out to children at Newton Memorial Hospital. This year the hospital is giving us space in the Conference Center in the Foundation office to assemble our bags, and have invited the kids to their annual Festival of Lights starting at 4:30. If you would like to donate we are looking for new, unopened coloring books, crayons, and small toys that will fit in a Kraft Gift bag. Contact Kristen Reinertsen if you are interested 862-266-7719.



THE DAISEY ROE CHAIN meeting is Wednesday, November 9th, @ 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Agenda is our annual donations to local charities. Light refreshments will be served. Hope you'll join us. Our Christmas luncheon party will be at Third Base Pub Upper Deck, date to be announced soon.

DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP -

Saturday, November 5th, \$5 Bag Sale AND \$3 Book Sale at the Thrift Shop (bags provided)

Saturday, November 12th, 19th & 26th Christmas Thrift Shop

December 3rd, Thrift Shop Bag Sale and Final Sale day for the year. Please hold all donations for Spring 2023. Thank you for another great year! See you in the Spring!

Reminder: December 4th, 11th & 18th is Daisey Roe's turn for Coffee Hour: please Volunteer!





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PER CAPITA REMINDER - Just a friendly reminder for those who have not yet paid their Per Capita this year - it is \$40/person and helps our church a great deal when we don't have to take such a large sum from our already tight budget. As of November we have only received \$2,124.00 towards our \$8,520.00 due. In 2023 it raises to \$42.50/person.

CALL OF DUTY - We are in need of a volunteer to take out the garbage and recycling on a weekly basis. Garbage goes out on Thursdays by 9 am. Recycling goes out the 2nd and 4th Friday monthly. Please let Alycia know that you are willing to take on this very important task.

VOLUNTEER



PLEASE SIGN-UP TO BE AN USHER - Please help us in worship by signing up to usher. We are always looking ahead to future months and would like to have members sign-up for any time they are available, so if you would like to sign up for January, December, or any month you can do so below. Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PtxTt-j8tGs0Zil6mqjJbqQPKFspneu6pjxvsQWuPd8/edit>

OCTOBER SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Demetri Savapolous will begin his Eagle Project of relocating our Food Pantry soon.
- Pledges – As of August 31, 2022, we were \$12,372 behind in pledges YTD. In September 2022, the shortfall increased by \$3218. The difference in giving from September 2021 to September 2022 is now \$15,590. It is unlikely we will come anywhere near making budget. (So please check your pledged amount to date and catch up as much as possible – thank you!)
- Member Giving – we are a little less ahead (\$510) than we were in August.
- Other (non-member giving) – We are \$1,813 behind where we were last September. This is about the same as last month.
- Total operating income as of September is still \$10,118 behind last September but this is \$1,252 better than last month.
- Per Capita will be \$42.50 for 2023.
- Approved the Administrative Assistant position to change from hourly to a salaried position @ \$24,000/year starting in January 2023.
- Approved the draft budget which shows a deficit of \$1,572 for 2023. The proposed budget for 2023 is \$192,700 for income and \$194,272 for expenses.



4th QUARTER MISSION FAMILY PROMISE OF SUSSEX COUNTY



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.



DONATED:

David Bathgate painted a watercolor of our church’s former manse from the early 1900’s. Many of our pastors lived in this building, and it will hang in the Fellowship Hall alongside the watercolor done by Henry Kaneps. Perhaps we have a bit of an art gallery beginning! Thank you Dave—it’s beautiful!



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES THANK YOU’S!

From Tyler Van Houten:

Hey Pastor Jeff, thank you so much for my gift basket, I really appreciate that you and everyone else in the church is still thinking about me, I can't wait to see you guys again during my breaks.

HELLO ALL! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MY COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU GUYS HAVE SENT OVER THE YEARS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LOVE AND SUPPORT.

-TARA HUGHES



Celebrate!

This month the Fellowship Committee
Would like to celebrate our church members
That have been with our church for 30 years or longer.
Please join us in congratulating them and
Thanking them for being such loyal members.

Debbie Anderson	53 years	Kay Hatch	31 years
Ann Bain	61 years	Donna Havelin	35 years
Cathy Bambrick	36 years	Lois Kinney	39 years
Kathy Bellush	33 years	Connie Leenheer	35 years
Joel Bellush	33 years	Steve Leenheer	35 years
Art Buehrer	42 years	Pat Leenheer	31 years
Linda Buehrer	42 years	Werner Lutz	55 years
Steven Clausen	33 years	Dick Martin	50 years
Wende Clausen	33 years	Krista MacCallum	47 years
Nancy Clink	30 years	Gay Plog	50 years
Corrine Coulter	54 years	Bob Price	33 years
Geoff Dean	30 years	Jean Ransom	48 years
Mary Beth Dean	30 years	Terri Studer-Sweetman	31 years
Virginia Fielden	32 years	Alan Sweetman	32 years
Joyce Gibbons	52 years	Liz Yaden	34 years
Roger Gibbons	67 years	Dave Yaden	34 years
Sandy Harrison	39 years		

We apologize if we missed your name.
Please let Kathleen Katzenstein know
of any corrections/omissions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER

Kelly Osborne	11/2	Travis Pullis	11/11
Kim Rath Wall	11/3	Jeff Hatch	11/14
Kristen Rath Reinertsen	11/3	Scott Hatch	11/14
Leza Pullis	11/3	Jeanne Grau	11/15
Vanessa Clark	11/6	Wayne Block	11/17
Virginia Fielden	11/6	Jesse Hughes	11/17
Terry Fielden	11/7	Caitlin Dean	11/21
Lia McAuliffe	11/7	Audra Preste	11/22
Liz Yaden	11/7	Henry Cardinale	11/23
Tyler Van Houten	11/9	Jean Koszoru	11/23

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Apple Pie

INGREDIENTS

- Dough for double-crust pie
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 to 7 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 large egg white
- Optional: Turbinado or coarse sugar, ground cinnamon, vanilla bean ice cream and caramel sauce



PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 375°. On a lightly floured surface, roll half of the dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. pie plate. Chill while preparing filling. In a small bowl, combine sugars, flour and spices. In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice. Add sugar mixture; toss to coat. Add filling; dot with butter.
2. Roll remaining dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle. Place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edge. Cut slits in top. Beat egg white until foamy; brush over crust. If desired, sprinkle with turbinado sugar and ground cinnamon.
3. Bake on the lowest rack 60-70 minutes, until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly, covering with foil halfway if crust begins to get too dark. Cool on a wire rack. If desired, serve with ice cream and caramel sauce.



November

USHERS

Deacon of the Month—Linda Osbourn &
Cathy Bambrick

6th– Linda Osbourn/Cathy Bambrick
13th – Open/Cathy Bambrick
20th – Open/Cathy Bambrick
27th – Open/Cathy Bambrick

LAY READERS

6th– Debbie Gardner
13th – Kathleen Katzenstein
20th – Nancy Swanson
27th – Debbie Anderson

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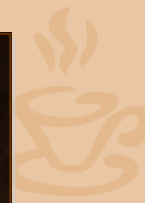


View our website at:
<http://www.fpcbranchville.org>

and Facebook at:
<http://www.facebook.com>
(ask to be friends with “pastorjh@ptd.net”)

You may e-mail
the secretary at presbsec@ptd.net
or the pastor at pastorjh@ptd.net

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



NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR

HAND BELL CHOIR

NOVEMBER FLOWER CHART:

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

Dates:

6th
13th
20th
27th

*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





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