

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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MAY AT A GLANCE:

14th—Mother's Day



20th—Flea Market

21st—Music Sunday



28th—Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red)



29th—Memorial Day (Office Closed)



Every Sunday - 10am - In-person and Live Streaming
Worship on Facebook and then available on YouTube
for viewing later.

Every Saturday Daisey Roe Thrift Shop open
from 9am-noon.



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 and from concerns listed on our Facebook page.

- Alicia
- All those suffering with scleroderma
- All those struggling with addiction
- Andrew
- Anita
- Anitra and Family
- Aunt Sissy
- The Ayers family for the loss of Doc Ayers
- Baron
- Beth
- Bill Graham Jr.
- Carol and Corrie Bergeron and Carol's father
- Casey
- Charlotte Lawson and her family.
- Chuck Hughes for recovery from log splitter accident
- The City of Nashville
- Danny
- Deb
- Debbie
- Donna
- Ed & Judy Ahlers
- Eileen
- Ester
- Family of Mickey Shaves
- Fred
- Garrett
- Greg
- Irene
- Isaiah
- Jeffrey
- Jody with physical rehab
- John
- Jolene
- Joyce O.
- Kathleen
- Karen
- The Kelso family with the loss of Kathy Kelso
- Kenny
- Kevin King (Kay's brother) with Covid
- Kim
- Kristen
- Larry and his move to Kessler Rehab
- Marie
- Marilyn DalCin
- Michele
- Michael
- Mr. Pipers
- Pat
- Ray Price
- Rev. Chris
- Rev. Keyes
- Rich Lyzenga
- Ruth
- Ryan Early
- Sean
- S.R.



- Prayers of thanks for the healthy arrival of Maverick Dorian Opilla on 4/20/23



2ND QUARTER MISSION - ShelterBox USA is a top-rated charity that helps families affected by natural disaster around the world. With a score of 93% by Charity Navigator, this organization believes that all families require shelter - and that all families deserve to feel like their shelter is a home. Shelter Box delivers disaster relief by providing emergency shelters and the tools needed to help rebuild and recover after the event of a natural disaster. These tools include family-sized tents, solar lights, temporary shelter build kits, blankets, mosquito nets,



water filters and carriers, and sturdy, portable kitchen sets. Their disaster relief projects have positively impacted families dealing with situations including flooding, earthquakes, storms, and war in places such as Syria, Turkey, India, the Caribbean, and Ukraine. As Presbyterians, we are dedicated to providing relief to those in need and the Mission Committee is excited to support this new cause. Please consider donating to the 2nd Quarter Mission over the next three months to make a difference in the lives of those families facing unthinkable situations.

For more information about ShelterBox, go to <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>



DAISEY ROE CHAIN'S SPRING FUNDRAISER sale is going on until May 27th. Pick up a HOT PINK FLYER and visit C & C Growers, Route 206, Hampton Township. (across from Tractor Supply) Receive 10% off your purchase and 10% benefits Daisey Roe's mission, Presbyterian Mission Agency.



MANNA HOUSE \$5 SPAGETTI DINNER – Indoor dining or take-out, First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton (Church Street Entrance), May 9th from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Adults \$5.00, Children 5-12 \$3.00, and under 5 Free (included are spaghetti, salad, bread, and cookies or ice-cream)!

FISH & CHIPS DINNER – Frankford Plains UMC, 99 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ is hosting a Fish & Chips Dinner on Tuesday, May 2nd from 5 to 7pm. Take-outs (drive thru) are available from 5 to 6:30pm. Cost for adults \$17, kids \$6. They serve Fish & Chips, green beans, homemade coleslaw, homemade sunshine salad, homemade tartar sauce, rolls and homemade dessert. Call 973-702-0334 for tickets.





Church News



MUSIC SUNDAY - Come one, come all, and sign-up for Music Sunday, May 21, 2022! We would love to have a variety of musical offerings. Everyone is invited to participate. It doesn't have to be fancy – if you would like to sing, dance, play an instrument, or do anything to share your talents with the congregation, then please sign-up to participate. See or call Dawn Latincsics at 973-896-1630 to sign-up. Thank you!



DAISEY ROE SPRING FLEA MARKET — Saturday, May 20th, 9:00am - 2:00pm. (outdoor only) Come shop the vendors, enjoy coffee, bagels, and donuts. Stay and join us for lunch. DAISEY ROE's Thrift Shop will also be opened 9am - 2pm. There's something for everyone in our Thrift Shop, and remember we're open every Saturday from 9am - noon.



DEACONS' NEWS — Just a reminder if you know someone in the hospital and would like a visitation, please let Alycia in the office know and she will pass along the message to our Deacons. If anyone would like to make a donation to our Deacon Fund (not the food pantry) please send a check with *Deacon Fund* on the memo line. It would be greatly appreciated!!!

PENTECOST is Sunday, May 28th, so to honor the day when the Spirit came down on the disciples in tongues of fire, we ask that you please wear red to the worship service.





APRIL SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS of APRIL 10, 2023

- We have received donations from the Branchville Rotary in the amount of \$1,000 and from Vanguard Charitable in the amount of \$2,000. These monies will go toward current expenses.
- Insurance on the handbells and the organ will be added as a rider to our policy with FMI.
- Getting a quote from Guide One for liability insurance, which is required by Presbytery.
- Music Sunday has been reinstated. It will be held on May 21st.
- Pentecost Sunday will be on May 28th. All are asked to wear red.
- Donna Havelin has reached out to some members that have not been in church lately with positive results. The congregation is asked to help with this endeavor.
- Substitutes will be needed to cover the church office when Alycia is out. Please sign up with Alycia.
- The Stillwater Presbyterian Church has been officially dissolved.
- Lusscroft Farm has some nice furniture for our Conference Room (room 4).
- Fairclough came out to look at our kitchen stove. It needs servicing and cleaning badly. It also needs a new connection that is up-to-code. It is in rough shape. Mike Opilla has found a newer, used stove for \$500.
- The forsythia on the right side of the church property will be trimmed. Poison Ivy in the play yard will be removed.
- A clean-up day will be planned and the congregation will be asked to help out.
- Our Presbytery's Committee on Ministry has approved our Interim Pastor Job Description and has posted it on Northeast Synod's Crossroads Call Finder.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY

Karen Opilla	5/7	Jean Ransom	5/23
Gail Burckes	5/8	Lois Kinney	5/25
Aeliana Opilla	5/9	John Grau	5/28
Stacey Van Houten	5/9	Meryl Kurland	5/29
Emily Billings	5/11	Gay Plog	5/31
Debbie Guile	5/13		
Tom McCurdy	5/13		
Connie Leenheer	5/22		

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Beef Tortilla Taco Casserole

INGREDIENTS

- 1lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
- Package (1 oz) taco seasoning mix
- 2/3 cup water
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch strips
- 2 3/4 cups Thick 'n Chunky salsa
- 1 package (12 oz) frozen kernel sweet corn
- 6 flour tortillas for soft tacos & fajitas (6 inch)
- 2 cups shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese blend (8 oz)



PREPARATION

1. Heat oven to 350°F. In 12-inch skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix, water and bell pepper strips. Simmer 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Stir in salsa and corn.
2. Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish with cooking spray. Cut tortillas in half; place 6 tortilla halves in bottom of baking dish.
3. Top with half of beef mixture (about 3 1/2 cups). Sprinkle with 3/4 cup of the cheese and remaining tortilla halves. Top with remaining beef mixture and cheese. Cover baking dish with foil sprayed side down. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.



May

USHERS

Deacon of the Month - Nancy Clink

7th – Bev Simon/Lisa Hughes

14th – Marion Alden/Buzz Alden

21st – John Newcomer/
Krista MacCallum

28th – Judy Casey/Nancy Clink

LAY READERS

7th – Marion Alden

14th – Sandy Carlisle

21st – Patrick Murphy

28th – Liz Dietz

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View our website at:

<http://www.fpcbranchville.org>

and Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com>

**(ask to be friends with “firstpresbyterian
branchvillenj”)**

**You may e-mail
the secretary at presbsec@ptd.net**

View a daily devotion at:

<http://www.d365.org>



MAY COFFEE HOUR

DAISEY ROE

MAY FLOWER CHART:

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

Dates:

7th –

14th –

21st –

28th –

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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First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, NJ

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>3:00 PM Music & Worship Meeting</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Daisey Roe Thrift Shop</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells of Branchville Rehearsal</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 PM Session Meeting</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Daisey Roe Thrift Shop</p> 
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<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells of Branchville Rehearsal</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Daisey Roe Thrift Shop</p> 
<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bells of Branchville Rehearsal</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting</p> 			