

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.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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AT A GLANCE:

JULY

3rd & 4th—Happy 4th of July (Office Closed)

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

16th— Sunday School Picnic 10am-12pm

AUGUST

16th—Daisey Roe Women’s Picnic 12pm



27th—Worship on Opilla’s Farm
& Potluck Lunch



**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.**

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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.

- A friend of Laura Smith's (Kelly) husband Dan had a stroke,
- Aaron
- All those with cancer
- Andrew Raffetto
- Ann & Pat
- Anita
- The Benavente Family, following the loss of 3 family members in a car crash
- Beth
- Carolyn
- Casey
- Cheryl Howard R.I.P.
- Christina who had back surgery
- Cindy
- Dana Strickler
- Danny
- Donna & Kathleen
- Dr. Sam Castimore bedridden with cancer
- Eileen
- Eppie & Mills
- Esther
- Ethan
- Father Ron
- Fred
- The Family of Dan O'Brien
- Fred
- Garrett
- Greg
- Greg Kruger
- Irene
- Jolene, John and caregivers
- Joyce
- Karen V. with cancer
- Kim
- Larry Re. Keys
- Jim
- Jim Whitman
- Karen
- Ken
- Kenneth
- Kim
- Laura getting hip replacement
- Lois Pellow
- Luke Liddy
- Lynn
- Mary
- Mia Thompson
- Michael W. Seriously injured in an auto accident
- Michelle who is suffering complications after 2 hip surgeries
- Michele
- Mika with complications from surgery
- Molly
- Our Nation!
- Pat
- Ray Price
- Ron
- Samantha
- Scott & Debbie Williams
- Shelley
- Ursula Janssen
- Wayne recovering from heart attack



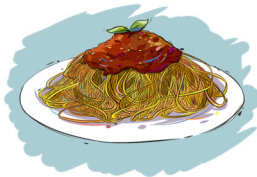
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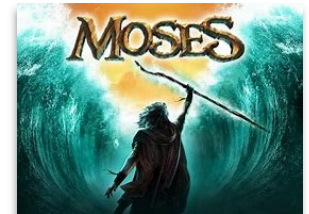
Support a classroom. Build a future.

3RD QUARTER MISSIONS — It's hard to imagine but we are already starting our 3rd Quarter Mission project!! This is one we have supported for a number of years- because Presbyterians support public education! It is DonorsChoose, a website where teachers post requests for classroom resources. This helps offset the money that teachers spend out of pocket each year to give their students the best classroom experience that they can. We will be collecting your donations to add to the budget and will select our educational projects at the end of September. We'll be sure to let you know where the money went!!



MANNA HOUSE \$5 SPAGETTI DINNER – Indoor dining or take-out, First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton (Church Street Entrance), July 11th & August 15th 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)!

“MOSES” AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER — The Sanctuary of Mary in Frankford is offering a bus trip to see MOSES at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster PA. The cost is \$150pp and includes the show, the bus, and family style lunch at the Huckleberry Restaurant - 2:15pm dine aboard a Steamboat at the Fulton Steamboat Inn. You must be at the Sanctuary of Mary on Rt 519 in Frankford by 6:45am on September 7th (Thursday). Please make payment to Linda Space 48 Lusscroft Road Wantage, NJ 07461—973-459-0359. Forms are available in the Fellowship Hall to register for the trip.



DEACONS' NEWS — Ushers are needed for August, Please contact Linda Osborne 201-317-4756 or the Church office to sign up. Thank you! 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!!!

NEW COFFEE MAKING PROCEDURE — We have run out of prepackaged decaffeinated coffee and will now be using canned coffee measured out in plastic bags marked “decaf.” Please use one baggie of coffee for each pot of coffee. Leave the empty baggie in the plastic container that holds the coffee so that we can reuse them. The money collected in the “coffee hour” donation can will pay for any future coffee, juice and cookies. Any questions, please see Linda. Thank you!





Church News

DAISEY ROE'S NEWS — Our members enjoy volunteering Saturday morning, some in the thrift shop and some in the gardens. Join us for a fun way to benefit the church and meet friends and new people. The thrift shop has been active and successful. Please continue to donate your CLEAN/ REUSABLE items to the shop. We can NOT accept electronics, text books or manuals. Thank You for supporting C & C Growers Fundraiser for our Presbyterian Mission Project. Daisey Roe will not have a meeting in July. Our picnic meeting (agenda Sept. Flea Market) is August 16, at Noon at Culver Lake, Trish Cherney and Marion Alden will be hostesses. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert. Hope you will join us!



SPECIAL WORSHIP AT WILLOW BROOK FARM — Please join us as we worship outside at the Opillas' Farm located at Willow Brook Farm, 138 Wykertown Road in Branchville, on Sunday, August 27th at 10am with a potluck luncheon served afterwards. Please bring a chair and your favorite covered dish. We hope you will join us for a day of faith, food & fellowship on the farm!

JOIN US FOR WALK N' TALK — 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Monday thru Friday June 19th - September 4th, then we move to Fall hours. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we walk around the circle by Selective Insurance, (the old fairgrounds). We park and meet by the tennis courts. Tuesday at Frankford Park, we park and meet by the basketball court. Thursday at Woodbourne Park, we park and meet by the first parking lot. Any questions — please direct to Beverly Keur.



SUMMER MUSIC — Our Bells of Branchville and Chancel Choirs will be taking a well-deserved break over the summer months. However...anyone who would like to sing a hymn or play an instrumental piece during a summer service would be greatly appreciated! Simply speak to Dawn, or organists John or Robyn and they will be glad to meet with you from 9:30 -9:45 am on a Sunday morning to go over your selection (or help you find one!). Thank you in advance!





Step up and out for Stewardship

1 Peter 4:8-11 (Love, hospitality and being good stewards of God's grace)

This verse reflects back on the double love command, calling for love. And one way that love is expressed is by giving generously to provide hospitality and serve our "neighbors." This verse also reminds us that we are recipients of the incredible gift of God's grace, and we are called to steward that gift by serving others. Ultimately, our giving is one way that we can glorify God and point to God's amazing love and grace for all of us, and that should be cause for generosity and celebration!

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett is Pastor and Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church in Hastings, Nebraska. He is a native of Flagstaff, Arizona, where he was an active member of Federated Community Church. Greg is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, and he also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Greg has worked in small, medium, and large churches and also worked at the PC(USA) denominational offices in Louisville as the general manager of Presbyterian World Mission.

What is Stewardship

We believe that stewardship is a vital part of Christian living and worship and that it is the church's responsibility to educate and equip the followers of Jesus Christ to become good stewards, faithfully growing in gratitude while acknowledging the many blessings we receive daily from God.

Stewardship is the responsibility to maintain and use wisely the gifts that God has bestowed on us to take care of His Creation - whatever that may be - money, time, or talent—stewardship is essentially a spiritual exercise, an issue of faith development expressed in generosity and commitment to supporting Christ's work in the world.

We know that often people think stewardship is all about money and we would like to provide a better understanding of the truths about stewardship in the coming newsletters.

This month, you are reminded that one of the most tangible ways of practicing faithful stewardship is through monetary offerings. Many of you have pledged annually to help us build a budget that will support ongoing mission and expenses. We ask of you now to continue to fulfill those pledges and the requested per capita. And it is never too late to pledge.

As we receive the Word of God through worship, scriptures, and witness, stewardship becomes an issue of faith development expressed through generosity and commitment toward continuing Christ's work in the world.

Yours In fellowship –
Susan Parson
Stewardship Chair

JUNE SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS of JUNE 12, 2023

- The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville will continue to sponsor Boy Scout Troop/Crew 180 with Mike Opilla being their Executive Officer.
- Pastor Nancy will be away on August 6th, August 13th and September 10th.
- Finances are looking good. We were able to send in a monthly payment for Per Capita in the amount of \$754.
- \$475 was transferred into the PVR account.
- There will be a Sunday School picnic on July 16th from 10:00 to 12:00. Sunday School will start again in September.
- We would like to recognize the hard work and success of Sunday School Superintendents Julie Clawson and Kristen Reinertsen as well as teachers Liz Dietz and Debbie Anderson.
- The coffee hour/lemonade/ice tea sign up is out for summer sign ups.
- Anyone interested in going on the bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater should send in a registration form to Linda Space or hand it to Kathleen Katzenstein. The show is "Moses".
- Our organ is valued at \$295,000 and hand bells valued at \$30,000. We are looking to insure these instruments at a reasonable price.
- We are in the final month of the 2nd quarter mission, Shelterbox.
- John Gagliardi has accepted the position as our permanent organist and was approved by Session.
- The August 27th worship service will be held at the Opilla Farm followed by a pot luck luncheon.
- The Officer & Personnel Committee is putting together an administrative operations manual.
- Alycia will be out of the office on July 3rd and August 7th. Substitutes will be needed for August 7th
- There will be a Youth Ministry and Christian Ed retreat at Camp Johnsonburg from 2:30 to 6:30 on August 27th. The theme will be "Retreat, Refresh, Renew".
- Mike Opilla will be here all weekend on June 24th doing handiwork and anyone who would like to help out is invited to join him.
- Mike Opilla has found a used stove just like the one we have. It is 50 years newer and very clean. The selling price is \$1000. Session has given Mike the go-ahead to purchase a stove at his discretion up to \$1500.
- Kathleen is trying to get an update on the search for an interim pastor.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY/AUGUST

Anne McAuliffe	7/6	Eliza Osborne	8/4
Bob Clark	7/8	Buzz Alden	8/7
Harrison Cardinale	7/9	Tara Hughes	8/12
Casey Cannon	7/12	Laura Smith	8/15
Cassidy Preste	7/16	Bud Gardner	8/16
John Preste	7/17	Brent Cannon	8/17
Maureen Block	7/18	Lindsey Barton	8/17
Kelly Katzenstein	7/20	Junko Nishimura	8/18
Corbin Opilla	7/21	Austin Willis	8/20
Art Buehrer	7/22	Carol Vealey	8/21
Lauren Cardinale	7/26	Sandy Harrison	8/25
Alexis Legon	8/1	Martyna Cannon	8/27
Mark Clark	8/1		

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Summer Corn Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 6 ears corn, husked and cleaned
- 3 large tomatoes, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste



PREPARATION

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook corn in boiling water for 7 to 10 minutes, or until desired tenderness. Drain, cool, and cut kernels off the cob with a sharp knife.
2. Toss corn, tomatoes, onion, basil, oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper in a large bowl; chill until serving.



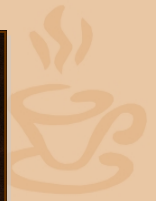
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**Deacon of the Month - Lisa Hughes/
Linda Osborne
JULY**

- 2nd – Lisa Hughes/Linda Osborne**
- 9th – Judy Casey/Gay Plog**
- 16th – Gail Burckes/Kathleen K.**
- 23rd – Pat Leenheer/Lisa Hughes**
- 30th – Debbie Anderson/Deb Gardner**

AUGUST

- 6th – Linda Osborn/OPEN**
- 13th – Gay Plog/OPEN**
- 20th – OPEN/OPEN**
- 27th – OPEN (Opilla's Farm)**



JULY/AUGUST COFFEE HOUR

**Volunteer's Needed/Sign-up Sheet
in Fellowship Hall**

JULY/AUGUST FLOWER CHART:

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

Dates:

JULY	AUGUST
2nd	6th
9th	13th
16th	20th
23rd	27th
30th	

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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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>



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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Daisey Roe Thrift Shop



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10:00 AM Worship



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Food Pantry



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Sunday School Picnic



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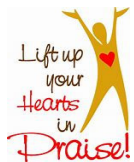
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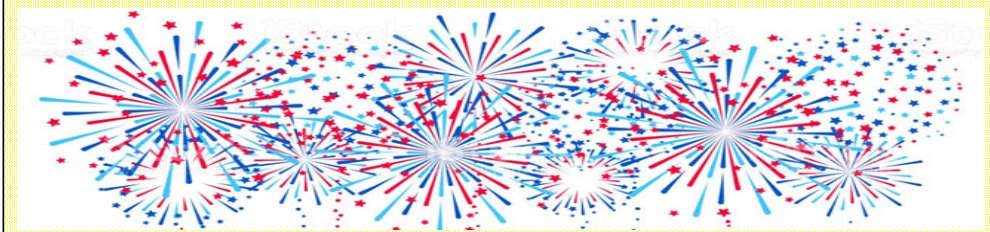
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