

# 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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## JUNE AT A GLANCE:



**4th—Trinity Sunday**

**14th—Daisey Roe Lunch**  
**12pm Fellowship Hall**



**14th—Flag Day**

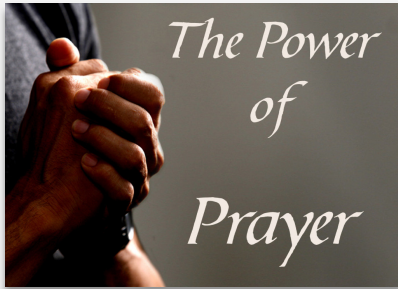
**18th—Father's Day**



**21st—Summer Begins**



**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.

- Aaron & Ethan
- Alex Thomas in the hospital
- Alex Legon for the loss of here brother Dave
- Alicia
- Andrew
- Andy
- Ann
- Anita
- Audra
- Barbara
- Beth
- Bobby
- Carol Jolliffe with cancer
- Casey
- Chuck
- Dan Kantenwein
- Damaged Veterans
- Danney
- Debbie
- Eileen
- Eric Dabney
- Ethan
- Esther
- Families of accident victims in Andover
- Family & friends of Keith H.
- The family of Dr. Peter Lohwin who passed away
- Family of Pete Fletcher
- Fred
- God bless the World.
- Gregory A. Stetzel
- Harry McDole in the hospital
- Henderson Lewis
- The Hammell family for the loss of William
- The Henderson family for the loss of their mother Beatrice
- The loss of Peter Suddenly
- Irene
- Irwin Becken
- Jolene & John
- Karen
- Karen with cancer
- Ken
- Kenneth
- Kim
- Kim Snyder
- Kristen
- Kyle
- Larry
- Laura
- Lois
- Mark
- Mary
- Michael
- Michael & Tammy Phipps for the loss of their son.
- Michele
- Midge in hospice and her family.
- Molly
- Pat
- Ray Price (Lois Kinney's brother) very ill
- Remembering "Those That Gave All"
- Reverend Keyes
- Ryan
- Sara
- Scott
- S.R.
- Shannon
- Victims of Allen, Texas



- Linda & Mike Osborne became Grandparents to healthy Sylvan Steff.
- Meryl Kurland graduating from Montclair State University.
- Richard Parson celebrating 91st birthday.
- Safe birth of Oswin Malcolm Tanis, Grandson of Judy Casey.



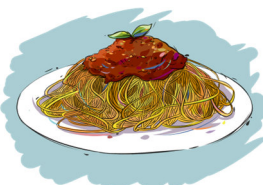
## Church News



**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

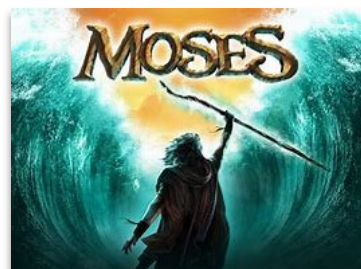
include family-sized tents, solar lights, temporary shelter build kits, blankets, mosquito nets, water filters and carriers, and sturdy, portable kitchen sets. Their disaster relief projects have positively impacted families dealing with situations including flooding, earthquakes, storms, and war in 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/>



**MANNA HOUSE \$5 SPAGETTI DINNER** – Indoor dining or take-out, First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton (Church Street Entrance), June 13th 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.





# Church News



**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!!!

**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!



**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of coffee, toilet paper and mayonnaise. Please consider picking up a few items while doing your own household food shopping. – Jean Ransom & the Deacons

**DAISEY ROE'S LUNCHEON** will be held Wednesday, June 14 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall, Room 4. The Luncheon will be catered by The Barnyard, and cost is \$15.00. Reservation and payment required by June 11th. (There is no meeting in July.) Our August PICNIC meeting will be August 16; more info to follow.



**THE DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP** - DAISEY ROE Members, Church Family, Friends, and Neighbors: a few Daisey Roe members and friends are volunteering at the Thrift Shop. We have a new look and are ready to accept CLEAN/REUSABLE items for the shop. Remember please, NO electronics, text books, or manuals. Call the church office at 973 948-3495 to make arrangements to bring donations, or you may

bring items Saturday mornings from 9-11:30am. Please DO NOT leave items on the breezeway. Contact Gay Plog to volunteer on Saturdays - it's a fun way to spend the morning and meet new people!

**SUCCESSFUL FLEA MARKET** — Thanks to our church family and friends for our successful Spring Flea Market. Special thanks to Co-Chairwomen Marion Alden and Beverly Keur, and thanks to Daisey Roe Members for volunteering!







Thank you to all of the musicians that contributed to Music Sunday:

- Robin Van Dyk for her prelude, hymn accompaniment, and postlude
- Our Sunday School children and teachers for the percussive rendition of "Jesus Loves Me"
- David and Pastor Nancy Young for "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- The Bells of Branchville for "O Lord How Shall I Meet You" and "Ring Merrily"
- The Chancel Choir for "Glory Bound," with special guest Patrick Murphy
- Junko and Kai Nishimura for "The Chorus From Judas Maccabaeus" and "French Folk Song"
- Anne McAuliffe and Wende Clausen for their duet "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
- Mike Osborne for his mandolin piece "J.S. Bach's Cello Suite #1, Prelude" and Karen Opilla for her piano offertory "Glory to His Name".

We are blessed to have such a bounty of musical talent!

*Thank you*

- A "Note" from Dawn Latincsics/Music Director

## **MAY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS of MAY 8, 2023**

- Sunday School end of year program will possibly be held on June 11, 2023.
- Looked into getting a defibrillator for the church. There are many rules to be followed. A few people must be certified to work with it. The unit must be inspected annually. An attorney has advised us not to get one because this opens us up to liability. By consensus, it was agreed that we not have one in-house.
- One Great Hour of Sharing total collections were \$870.00.
- Vacation Bible School will possibly be a one day event again this year. Details to follow.
- Deacons should be in charge of keeping a supply of coffee in-house.
- The Health Inspector has approved our kitchen with a satisfactory rating.
- Our fire certificate is out-of-date. Trying to contact the Fire Marshall or the Fire Inspector for Branchville Boro.
- Our stove is no longer useable. It has to go. We cannot get any more gas delivered for our stove. The hook-up is not to code.
- Got an estimate from Willco for air conditioning. \$39,000 for the sanctuary only. Will get an estimate for Fellowship Hall.
- Patrick Murphy has re-wired the cross in the Narthex as the wires were burned out. Thank you Patrick! Mike will put a timer on the cross.



## **This is what the 13 folds mean:**



1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
11. The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

# HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

## Continuing to Honor all fathers with poems

By Dear Annie, NJ Herald  
Published Jun. 17, 2019

**Dear Readers:** Fathers and father figures deserve more than one day of recognition for all their work and love, and the amount of beautiful words sent in reflected this. Below are a few more moving tributes submitted for Father's Day.

### 'My Father's Example'

A father gives instruction to his family,  
Is willing to go the extra mile.  
Always willing to help others  
Leaving them with a joyful smile.  
He is an example of what it means  
To have a walk with God.  
Gives his children a desire to follow,  
The path of faith that he has trod.  
He is willing to rise up early,  
To provide the needs for the home.  
Never grumbling but ever faithful,  
Without a grudge or a moan.  
When in times of distress  
And trouble is knocking at the door,  
Father keeps an upbeat mood,  
Just as he was the day before.  
Although corrections in life must

come

To mold us to walk the "narrow way,"

You know they are coming from a heart of love

That will last forever and always.

When not a word is spoken

You can have a confident trust,

That dad is right beside you

Giving your feeble heart a rush.

If I could have one prayer

While walking on this earth,

It is that I could be just like my dad

On the day of my child's birth.

--**Dana B. Wagner, author**

*Here's another Father's Day poem submission by C. David Hay of the Villages, Florida:*

### 'Little Man'

Little Man, how fast you grew  
And went the way all children do  
Into a world you've yet to know;  
You needed room to stretch and grow.  
I watched with pride as you felt your way  
And tested strengths in work and play;  
We shared our fun as buddies do -  
When you were cut I bled some too.  
I'll always treasure those memories past,  
Could prayers but make the good times last,  
But boys were meant to grow up strong  
And daddies can't just tag along.  
So I hope you know and understand  
I'm always near if you need a hand,  
And of all God's gifts could I

choose but one -

It would be a father's love for his son.

--**C. David Hay**

*And here's a final tribute to fathers everywhere:*

### 'The Best Father in the World'

In our family we had plenty of boys and girls

But we also had the best father in the world.

Our father taught us to study and work for our goals

And he was the best example and mentor for that role.

We were never allowed to be ugly, nasty or rude

And we were always taught love, discipline and a positive attitude.

If we tried to be unruly, crazy and other dumb stuff

Our father would always talk with us and say, "That's enough!"

Our father taught and preached that education was the way

That's why we had to read and study almost every day.

We were always encouraged to do our very best in school

Never were we allowed to act dumb or be like fools.

When life sometimes got uneven, difficult and a little rough

Our father always reminded us that we had the "right stuff."

Our father taught us to always respect ourselves and others

He insisted we treat them as if our sisters and brothers.

Our father allowed us to grow and become decent adults

Today we are living proof of his diligence and loving results.

So imagine how proud we are when our boys and girls

Tell everyone that they have the best father in the world.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

Dillon Dean	6/4	Steve Leenheer	6/26
Cassandra Hardy	6/5	Claire Willis	6/29
Bob Price	6/6		
Gary Snyder	6/7		
Betty Willis	6/16		
Deanna Nussberger	6/17		
Cindy Clark	6/24		
Linda Buehrer	6/24		

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Fresh Strawberry Mousse

#### INGREDIENTS

- 12 1/2 ounces strawberries (3/4 pound)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup whole or whipping cream (cold)
- extra strawberries for topping



#### PREPARATION

1. Clean and slice the strawberries, In a blender or food processor add the sliced strawberries and the sugar and puree. Remove 1/2 a cup of puree and set aside.
2. In a cold bowl add the cream and beat until stiff peaks form. Then fold in the remaining puree (not the 1/2 cup) gently.
3. Divide the 1/2 cup of puree between the 4 small/medium\*\* glasses and top with the strawberry mousse. Refrigerate for approximately 1 hour or even over night if desired. Top with fresh sliced strawberries and serve. Enjoy.





**JUNE**

**USHERS**

**Deacon of the Month - Wende Clausen**

- 4th – Aimee Nishimura/Lisa Hughes**
- 11th – Judy Casey/Trish Cherney**
- 28th – Buzz Alden/Marion Alden**
- 25th – Wende Clausen/John Newcomer**

**LAY READERS**

- 4th – Debbie Gardner**
- 11th – Lois Kinney**
- 28th – Donna Havelin**
- 25th – Marion Alden**



**JUNE COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

**DEACONS**

**JUNE FLOWER CHART:**

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

**Dates:**

- 4th –**
- 11th –**
- 28th –**
- 25th –**

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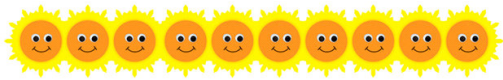
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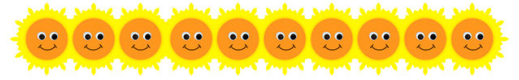
**You may e-mail**  
**the secretary at [presbsec@ptd.net](mailto:presbsec@ptd.net)**

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





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## First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, NJ

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