



# CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER



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of Branchville, New Jersey

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## JUNE AT A GLANCE:

**June 10th — Daisey Roe Luncheon**

**June 13th & 14th — Cleanup day**

**June 14th — Sunday School Celebration/Potluck**

**June 19th — Juneteenth (Office Closed)**

**June 21st — Father's Day**



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**Our Mission Statement:**

**“We Welcome all as we celebrate God’s love.”**

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Dear Church Family,

Spring is finally here and summer is on its way! I have been trying to find time to spend outside, enjoying God's creation whether through walks, runs, or just finding a sunny patch of grass to sit in. People often make the mistake of assuming that being in a church makes you closer to God, but God is soaked into every part of creation. We find God in nature, in the trees and flowers, in creeks and rivers. We also find God in other people, men and women, young and old, even in Christians and non-Christians. We all carry part of the Divine with us.

With summer approaching, church attendance will begin to decline, not just here at Branchville, but at churches around the country as people travel, visit with friends and relatives, or just take time to sleep in. While attending church is important, worshiping God is something that can be done in any building or in any location!

I will be missing two Sundays myself at the end of June, traveling to Ireland to explore religious differences and the saints of Ireland. During my travels, I like to carry a paperback Bible with me (although it is beginning to lose its cover), a book about the religion in the area I am traveling to, and a playlist of Christian music to listen to on planes and trains.

Ireland has a very rich Christian tradition, one full of prayer, meditation, and the study of scripture. I have an idea of what I want to learn and what I want to bring back to this congregation, but I have also learned that it is God who will direct my education on these trips.

While I am gone, I encourage you all to find how God is speaking and moving outside of our sanctuary walls as well. Take walks through your neighborhood. Listen to a new gospel song. Watch children run around on a playground. And while you are doing all that, quiet your mind and listen for the Spirit.

I look forward to sharing our discoveries when I return!

Peace,  
Rev. Adrienne Poissant



*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.*

- Aaron & Ethan
- Albert
- All those with cancer
- All Troops home & abroad
- All who are away from families
- Amy
- Amy D. & Children
- Anthony a 1st grader with cancer
- Barbara Z.
- Betty McMickle
- Bobby
- Bobby Bonds
- Bode
- Brandon
- Carlos
- Chuck
- David with broken foot
- Debbie's Mother
- Edie
- Eileen
- Eliane Hocking on her surgery.
- Esperanda
- George O.
- James C. Clark
- Jeanie
- Joyce, Amy, Molly with cancer
- Julie & Pat
- Karen
- Kevin
- Lynn
- Michael
- Michelle
- Our Country
- Patty
- Rick Dunstan Family
- Robyn
- Rogar Gibbins
- Ron & Katie
- Sal
- Sara Zur
- The Family & Friends of Reggie Hockings on his passing.
- Tom & Brenda
- William



- The Birth of Judy's new Grandson.
- Happy Birthday to Karen Opilla



# Church News



**MANNA HOUSE \$5 SPAGHETTI DINNER** — Indoor dining or take-out, First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton (Church Street Entrance), June 9th 5:00 to 6:30pm. Adults \$5.00, Children 5-12 \$3.00, and under 5 Free. (Included are Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Cookies)

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of Beets, Eggs, & White Rice. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community. Open Weds 10am—12pm. Thank you to our church congregation for your generous support of Jean’s Pantry. Your kindness truly makes a difference.



**THRIFT SHOP** — Please continue to donate your CLEAN/REUSABLE items to the shop. Sorry, but we can NOT accept electronics, textbooks, or manuals. Opened Saturday’s 9am—1pm.

**THE DAISEY ROE LUNCHEON** will be June 10th, 10:00am at Pomodoro Restaurant, Hamburg, NJ. We must have a head count by June 7th, Please call the office to RSVP. We will be ordering from the menu and paying individually. Hope to see you there.



**SUCCESSFUL FLEA MARKET** - Marion Alden and Bev Keur would like to thank everyone for a successful 36 vendors at the Daisey Roe Flea Market. Thanks to featured artist, Carol Decker who donated her prints' artwork proceeds, and her assistance from Mary Carrol. Thanks to Debbie Anderson for history tours of the church, for Donna Havelin and the kids craft table, for Sandy Carlise and Dawn Latincsics at the church information table. We appreciate the "set up and clean up" crew: Brian, Buzz, Charlie, Dawn, Karen, Link, Mike, Sandy, and Patrick whose music entertained everyone all day. Special thanks to Alycia, and Ellen who helped behind the scenes. A beautiful weather day for community, and camaraderie.

**OUT OF OFFICE** - Pastor Adrienne will be out of the office June 15th to 30th. Please call the office and leave a message if you need assistance. presbsec@ptd.net or 973-948-3495





**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/>



**CALLING ALL PAINTERS/CARPENTERS/LANDSCAPER VOLUNTEERS!** Your Church Property Team is organizing a Property Clean-up / Maintenance weekend - JUNE 13 & 14. There are lots of projects that need attention - some smaller, others fairly big! If you have time to volunteer - any amount over the two days - we will plan to be working both days on a variety of clean-up/beautification AND maintenance/repair projects. Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall so you can choose an area that you would like to work on. More details will be forthcoming!



## SUMMER MUSIC

There will be no weekly Choir practice during our summer break. 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 our organist John and they will be glad to meet with you at 9:30 am on a Sunday morning to go over your selection (or help you find one!). Thank you in advance!



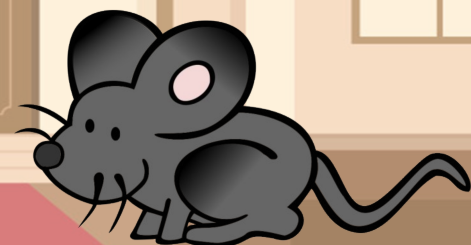
## MAY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 5/11)

- There will be nursery care available during worship this summer. We will evaluate the program at the end of the summer and make a decision regarding its continuation.
- We will be creating an account with “Advertiser News” for increasing the church’s visibility in the community.
- We will be printing and distributing “First Presbyterian Church of Branchville” Lawn signs.
- We will host an Oktoberfest celebration on October 16.
- We will host an outdoor movie night on July 24.
- There will be a church cleanup/work weekend on June 14-15. Food will be provided!
- We are beginning the work on installing a new air conditioning and heating system in the sanctuary.
- Shelter Box is our 4th Qtr. Mission
- The sanctuary’s slate roof needs repair. We are reaching out to tradesmen to assess the situation.



## OUR CHURCH MOUSE

Eek! I've been learning something new everyday; Soon I'll be the smartest mouse in church. I've learned that when communion is served in the seats, you are serving each other as Jesus served his disciples. The server hands the tray of bread or juice to the first person in each row who then serves the person next to them and that person serves the next person till the end of the row. That's how you serve each other.





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

- \* Our last day of Sunday School will be 6/14 where we will recognize our wonderful volunteers, have the children sing a song for the congregation, as well as have a small celebration and potluck lunch with our kids. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Parents, please make sure that you try and have your children attend this important Sunday!
- \* VBS will again be at the Frankford Plains Church in Augusta, Aug. 10-14, 9:30-12. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kim Scudieri at [kscudieri1023@yahoo.com](mailto:kscudieri1023@yahoo.com) to let her know or ask any questions to Donna H.
- \* The Nursery is cleaned, organized and ready to go. We are in need of a "gently used" Pack and Play crib. If you have one to donate, please bring it in and let us know. We are also trying to get volunteers, for the summer months (July and August), to sit with any young children under 4. If no children attend, then you will be able to return to church. Please find the signup sheet in FH if you are able to help and thank you!
- \* Our next CE meeting will be Tues., 8/4 at 3:30.

### ADULT EDUCATION

- \* Our Bible Study and Discovery and Discussion group will be on vacation for the Summer...Stay tuned.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

<b>Bob Price</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>Cindy Clark</b>	<b>6/24</b>
<b>Gary Snyder</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>Linda Buehrer</b>	<b>6/24</b>
<b>Betty Willis</b>	<b>6/16</b>	<b>Steve Leenheer</b>	<b>6/26</b>

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### STRAWBERRY PIE

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 sheet refrigerated pie crust
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 package (3 ounces)  
strawberry gelatin
- 4 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- Whipped Cream



#### PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 450°. Unroll crust into a 9-in. pie plate. Trim edge. Line unpricked crust with a double thickness of heavy-duty foil or parchment. Bake 8 minutes. Remove foil; bake 5 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack.
2. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in gelatin until dissolved. Refrigerate until slightly cooled, 15-20 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, arrange strawberries in the crust. Pour gelatin mixture over berries. Refrigerate until set. If desired, serve with whipped cream.



**JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

- 7th – Nancy Clink/Linda Wistermayer
- 14th – John Newcomer/OPEN
- 21st – Debbie Gradner/Brian Dietz
- 28th – John Newcomer/Open

**LAY READERS**

- 7th – Patrick Murphy
- 14th – Mike Opilla
- 21st – Marian Alden
- 28th – Debbie Gardner



**JUNE COFFEE HOUR**

**DEACONS**

**JUNE 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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