



# CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER



First Presbyterian Church  
of Branchville, New Jersey

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## M<sup>ORCH</sup> AT A GLANCE

**2nd - Ash Wednesday**  
(no service this year)



**17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day!**



**19th - Daisey Roe Thrift Shop opens**

**Beginning Sunday, March 20th—  
Lenten Study via Zoom at 7pm**



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**



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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

## LEAVIN' ON A JET PLANE



*Have you ever wanted to go somewhere but it always seemed out of reach? Where is that place for you? A Caribbean island? The home country of your ancestors? Perhaps just a place you've wondered about and never been to? Perhaps it's somewhere here in this country or perhaps somewhere abroad?*

*About the time you read this, Kay and I will be flying over to the Holy Land. I've been a Christian all my life: baptized, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Youth Group, Sunday Worship, etc., so I've heard about the places Jesus traveled, and they've always been foreign words to me in some sense: Judea, Samaria, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and on and on.*

*So prior to the Pandemic I began making plans to travel to the Holy Land. This would have been in the fall of 2019. I got in touch with a guy who arranges sabbaticals and pilgrimages and we began making plans. He offered to arrange for us to go to Israel, rent a car, have a personal guide, and drive around seeing the sights. We could plan our own itinerary and go when and where we wanted to go.*

*I said no thank you. I've never been there before and have no idea how to get around Israel. There are Jewish areas, Palestinian areas, Muslim areas, and Christian areas, and some are off-limits to tourists. Instead, I asked to be a part of a group that has their bus, meals, sleeping accommodations, and itinerary all pre-arranged. He was willing to do that, and soon put us in touch with a Presbyterian church group from Austin, TX, who was planning to go in 2020. and had an opening for us Perfect!*

*And then the Covid-19 virus hit and all plans were off. But not actually off, just in hibernation. We were back on for our planning as of last fall, and everything has fallen in place since then. We will be traveling with the Hope Presbyterian Church of Austin, who have 25 going, along with their pastor. Kay and I will join them as fellow Presbyterians who want to experience the Holy Land for the first time.*

*The past 4 Thursday nights we've been Zooming together in studying the history of the area, its many religions, and the current political realities. Turns out Presbyterians from just about anywhere are really nice people, and we're all looking forward to this adventure.*

*So we're wheels-up on the 2nd and will be walking in many of the places Jesus did for 10 days. I'll try to post some pix on Facebook along the way, but that might depend on the internet. We'll definitely share our experiences when we return. Please pray for our safety and that this trip truly opens our eyes and our faith in new ways. We'll see you soon!*

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.

- Aaron
- Americas elderly and all those in need of Gods love and grace
- Amy and her family
- Beth facing surgery March 1st
- Bonnie
- Brian
- Charles—fighting cancer
- Chuck Hughes
- Deb
- Diane Stephanie
- Ed
- Elsa
- Ethan
- Frank Gioeli's family on his unexpected passing
- The Geimer family on the loss of their father and grandfather Edward Geimer

- Genell
- Glenn Bischoff
- Grace
- Harry
- Heather
- Irene
- Joanna Chase
- John
- Karen Opilla
- Kathy
- Ken and his family on the passing of his mother-in-law
- Kipp Cash and family-diagnosed with Leukemia
- Les Guile
- Lewis
- Lillian Castimore's family after her passing last week
- Linda
- Lisa —fighting cancer
- Lou Frato's family
- Marie's foot surgery
- May Ellen
- My brother-in-law Thomas and my Daughter Rebecca. Rebecca's soon to be born Daughter Nell.
- Nicole Perry
- Prayer for teachers nation-wide who are

increasingly burnt out and losing passion in their career that makes all others possible.

- Roberta Ann Burkhart
- Sandy
- Sherry
- Stephanie
- Sylvia Dachisen
- The Crump family on the loss of Mr. Crump
- The Lois Zitone family
- The people of Ukraine
- The Primo family on the loss of their mother/grandmother Rose
- The USA
- Vickie Haggerty's speedy recovery from second knee replacement.





**DAISEY ROE THRIFT SHOP** – We appreciate and thank you for your donations to our thrift shop, however, we ask you NOT to leave items in breezeway. Items may be left in the Fellowship Hall or in the church basement. And it would be helpful if you please call the church office (973-948-3495) to make arrangements to leave items. The Daisey Roe ladies will accept CLEAN, REUSEABLE ITEMS beginning March 2nd. Please, NO manuals, textbooks or medical books, electronics, mirrors, or baby furniture. Our opening date will be Saturday, March 19th, 9am-noon weather permitting. Spring is around the corner, so we'll be glad to be back in the shop and to see you.



**DAISEY ROE FLEA MARKET** Spring is just around the corner. The First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and the Daisey Roe Chain are planning their 25th Annual Spring Flea Market including the thrift shop on Saturday May 14, 2022, from 9 am to 2 pm. Our group will be renting tables outdoors for \$20.00 each. Table space is limited to 25 tables. We do the advertising and provide tables for outdoors and sunshine only. Daisey Roe keeps spaces for our church members who are interested in renting a table. Please

send in your check by April 28th, 2022, to reserve your space.

Co-Chairwomen: Marion Alden and Beverly Keur

Checks payable to: Daisey Roe Chain and mail to:

Marion Alden, 170 Culver View Lane, Branchville NJ 07826. 973-948-3663

**DAISEY ROE MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** – Meeting & Movie “Overcomer” Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall at NOON. We hope you'll join us. Please RSVP to Carol Vealey 973-383-5018 by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**DEACON DOUGHNUT DAY** – This is a call for us all to join in fellowship after church on Palm Sunday, April 10th for... Deacon Donut Day! In addition to lots of donuts there will be activities for the children. We look forward to gathering together in real-life—maybe even mask free!

**STEWARDSHIP** – Thank you to all those who have turned in their Pledge Card. If you have not yet turned in your Pledge Card for 2022, please drop it in the offering plate during our worship or mail it back to us at First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, PO Box 1, Branchville, NJ 07826. Thank you! - Stewardship Comm.





**SIGN UP TO BE AN USHER**—Below is the link to the Usher sign-up form. If you would like to volunteer to be an usher, just use the link and add your name to the date you would like to sign-up. Thank you!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PtXTt-i8tGs0Zil6mqjJbqQPKFspneu6pixvsQWuPd8/edit>

### LENTEN STUDY

March 20, 27, April 3, and 10

**Our Adult Lenten Study** will begin 3/20 on Sunday evenings at 7pm via Zoom. Our study will be themed “Lent In Plain Sight” to help us live deeper in our faith by examining 4 very plain items that each have biblical significance: the Cross, Coins, Shoes, and Oil.

The online class will go for 4 weeks and include a reading, discussion, and prayer. Sign up via Facebook, or by emailing: [pastorjh@ptd.net](mailto:pastorjh@ptd.net)

Each class will each last just one hour. I hope to see you there.  
—Pastor Jeff



Please join us for the celebration of life of

### **ROY HAVELIN**

Saturday, March 26, 11:00am

at the Frankford Firehouse  
390 US 206  
Branchville, NJ

A lite reception will follow the service.

Please share this info with others who knew Roy and would like to attend.

If you are a member of the “Travelin’ for Havelin” Team please feel free to wear your team shirt.

We kindly request that all guests, regardless of vaccination status, please wear a mask.



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of Hudson River Presbytery offer an

### **Ash Wednesday Zoom Gathering**

March 2, 2022

10:00A.M.-11:30 A.M.

Speaker: Rev. Debra Bronkema  
on

“The Power of Stories”



**RSVP to Diana Drake Behan  
to get Zoom link**

[diana.pwhrp@gmail.com](mailto:diana.pwhrp@gmail.com)



## MISSIONS MARCHING ON!



**Our congregation is doing great Mission things in the midst of this pandemic!**



The Souper Bowl of Caring garnered **\$117** in a one-time collection that will be donated to our 1st Quarter local mission of local soup kitchens —Manna House and Harvest House. Thank you all for donating!

The Mission committee will continue to collect donations for our 1st Quarter Mission, which is Manna House in Newton and Harvest House in Sussex. Both kitchens are staffed by volunteers and continue to serve take-out lunches every weekday. They rely solely on donations and volunteers and receive no government support or grants. Yesterday (Feb. 23rd), a group of us from FPCB, led by Bev Simon, prepared, packaged and presented hot meals for 35 grateful people at Manna House. Please consider a contribution to keep these kitchens operating. Make your check to “First Presbyterian Church,” indicating “Manna House/Harvest House” on the memo line and/or use the pew envelope also marking it for “Manna House/Harvest House”, or use the QR code to make your donation. In addition, One Great Hour of Sharing will begin this month. Look for our letter of explanation to arrive in the next week or so! As always- thank you for your support!!



It would greatly help us meet our budget if you would use the Per Capita envelope, or note on a check “Per Capita” to help us offset what we have to pay out of our regular budget. Please remember to Love Your Church with your Per Capita gift. The 2022 Per Capita is \$40 per member.

**HELP UKRAINE:** In the season of Lent, which begins March 2nd, we will be collecting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Currently one of its parts is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) which responds to crises and disaster around the world. They are now responding to the Ukraine crisis this way: “We are responding to the Ukraine crisis as a member of the ACT Alliance. Fellow ACT Alliance partners, the Russian Orthodox Church and Hungarian Interchurch Aid, are the lead implementers of the response.” So please give to the OGHS this season and help those displaced from their country. For more information, use the link below:

<https://pda.pcusa.org/page/ukraine-report-2-11-2015/>

**One  
great hour  
of sharing**

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Our Food Pantry always needs re-stocking in these uncertain times, and donations of any canned items, paper products, cereals, pasta, or personal hygiene products are needed. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community.

## PAST VISION RENEWED (PVR) CAMPAIGN AND/OR DONATION OF EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY

The Music & Worship Music & Worship Committee thanks you for supporting our PVR for church improvements or giving a lily for our Easter Service. Please remember to take your lily after the service or let Gail know if you would like it to go to a church member on the Deacons' prayer and concern list. With our thanks, Happy Easter!

You may give a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one to help grow our PVR campaign. Easter Lilies are a beautiful symbol of the Easter Season and the promise of spring. You may order your Easter Lily now for Easter Sunday, April 17th. Make checks for \$15 each, payable to "First Presbyterian Church" along with your order form and give to Gail Burckes or Alycia in office by April 3rd.

We encourage you to continue to support our PVR Campaign. Happy Easter!

Purchase an Easter Lily @ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

-or-

Donate to the PVR Campaign \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

-or-

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



Thanks in advance for your donation.

Gail Burckes, Music & Worship Committee



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH

Kurt Nussberger	3/1	Bev Keur	3/16
Jennifer Knaust	3/2	Frank Cardinale	3/18
Bev Simon	3/2	Bret Swanson	3/20
Dot Westpy	3/3	Stephanie Leenheer	3/23
Nancy Clink	3/8	Geoff Dean	3/26
Kay Hatch	3/8	David Langley	3/26
Baylie Rawson	3/8	Geri Sutphen	3/27
Greg Becker	3/13	Karen Bath	3/28
Matthew Hlavaty	3/14	Matthew Seeger	3/30
Jeff Willis	3/15		

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### STUFFED CABBAGE

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 large head cabbage
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 small yellow onion, cut into rings
- 1 onion, finely diced
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup cooked white rice
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed tomato soup



#### PREPARATION

1. Place cabbage head in freezer and freeze overnight. Remove from freezer, thaw and peel away leaves.
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Combine the beef, egg, onion, rice, salt and pepper. Mix together well. Take a small handful and form into a small roll or ball. Place into the center of a cabbage leaf. Fold the sides of the leaf over and roll the ball up into the leaf. Place seam side down in baking dish. Continue until all of the filling is used up.
5. Mix together the soup with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  can water; pour over stuffed cabbage.
6. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 1 hour; baste often with the sauce.

lá fhéile Pádraig sona  
(Happy St. Patrick's Day)







## March

### LAY READERS

6th - Marion Alden  
 13th - Marion Alden  
 20th - Sandy Carlisle  
 27th - Kristen Reinertsen

### USHERS

Deacon of the Month– Marion Alden

6th - Beverly Keur/Anne Bains  
 13th - Cathy Bambrick/Karen Pawelczyk  
 20th - Beverly Keur/Marion Alden  
 27th - Nancy Clink/Wendy Clausen



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 the secretary at [presbsec@ptd.net](mailto:presbsec@ptd.net)  
 or the pastor at [pastorjh@ptd.net](mailto:pastorjh@ptd.net)

View a daily devotion at:

<http://www.d365.org>



### MARCH COFFEE HOUR

Hosted by:  
 Session

### MARCH FLOWER CHART:

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

#### Open 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

*(even though her shop closed, she'll still do flowers for our church)*





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