

# CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER



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## AT A GLANCE

17th— Martin Luther King Jr. Day—office closed



30th—Annual Congregational Meeting



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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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## Will It Be a New Year?

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



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I ask "Will it be a new year?" because there's really not a lot that changes between 12/31 and New Year's Day. There *can* be though, which is up to me to make it different. I can't change whether Covid surges or recedes, whether the stock market goes up or down, or the winter is milder or harsher, but there are some things I can do to make 2022 different and better from 2021.

So here are my list of ways to make this new year actually *newer*:

- Listen better. Get out of my own thoughts and where a conversation *could* go if I threw in my 2 cents' worth, and focus more on what the other person is saying. I'll be able to respond better when I really hear where they're coming from.
- Pray more. I have a continuing sense of God's presence in my life, but throughout my day I can intentionally share more with my Lord than just hoping that my thoughts are read. A quick prayer for healing for someone I hear of who is sick. A quick word with God about how something makes me feel. A "thanks" during the day for something good that happens. My prayers don't need to be lengthy or flowery, just off-the-cuff remarks to God like I might to a friend who is with me.
- Exercise more. A body at rest tends to stay at rest. Having had Lyme disease this past summer, that took away a lot of my energy, and the momentum I'd had for walking and exercising mostly dissipated, so I need to get that train going again so it's just a regular part of my day.
- Count my blessings. I live with a wonderful wife, in a nice part of NJ, with a close-knit family of faith in my church, with kids that make me proud... I could go on and on! And I need to do that more often to glow with gratitude and live a thankful life.

So those are my ways of trying to make 2022 a better year for myself and everyone I come into contact with. How will *you* make 2022 a new year? I hope to see you in church, and during Coffee Hour you can share yours with me. I will be listening (see my 1st point above).

In Christ,

*Pastor Jeff*





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.

- All those traveling this holiday, keep us all safe on the roads
- All of the families who can't be together for the holidays
- All those suffering with depression & anxiety
- All those with Covid
- All of our military personnel serving far and near
- All those who are lonely
- Alex & Daniel
- Anna
- Roberta Ann Burkhart
- Linda Buehrer
- Nikki Bush
- Muriel Card
- Curt
- Sylvia Dachisen
- Dan with Covid
- Danny
- Rebecca Davies
- Dorothy
- Bob D. with brain cancer
- Ed
- George
- Grace
- Donna Havelin & her family on the loss of Roy
- Heather
- Lauren Hoke
- Irene
- Jack
- John
- Jess
- Karen
- Kate & Mike
- Kate with Covid
- Lewis
- Lisa
- Marg
- Maria
- Meghan
- John Newcomer & his family on the unexpected loss of his brother Jim to a heart attack
- The Penberthy family
- Natalie (upcoming hip surgery) &
- Audrey (upcoming tonsillectomy)
- Nicole Perry
- Phyllis
- Ray & Diane
- Riley & Mikey
- Rob & Lisa
- Sandy
- Kaitlyn Schuyler
- Sherry
- Paul Sutphen, fighting cancer
- Thomas Taylor
- Sheila Venard recovery from surgery
- Becky Willis having knee surgery
- The Yaden family on the loss of Liz's mother



## Church News

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE OVERDUE** - The deadline to submit your 2021 Annual report was Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please email it to the church office ASAP at: [presbsec@ptd.net](mailto:presbsec@ptd.net) or drop it off. Thank you!



**FRANKFORD OIL SPECIAL DISCOUNT** - Bob Price has just negotiated a special price of \$2.74 per/gallon for heating oil! Payment may be cash, debit, or credit card. You will not find a lower price. The price of heating oil has gone up over 10 cents the last two days since the OPEC meeting this week. No other Promo Deals will be honored. If you are new to Bonded Oil you will have to have your oil tank inspected by them when you schedule your oil delivery (if you currently use Bonded Oil this has already been done).

To receive this price, you will need to call them (computer orders will not reflect this special price) at (201) 444-4961 or (888) 453-5350 and say you are part of the "Frankford Oil Group." We need to have at least 50 families to order to receive this type of special price in the future. The price will be \$2.74 per/gallon if ordered by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

A reminder - we are offered a special Oil Price twice a year: early January and early September. You can order oil anytime from Bonded Oil and get the Frankford Oil Group discount when it is not a special oil price.

Please remember to say you are part of the Frankford Oil Group or that Bob Price spoke with Chris to confirm this price. Remember that family and friends are also welcome to join our group.

**MISSION NEWS** - It's a new year – with an age-old challenge: hunger! Our First Quarterly Mission once again focuses on helping to feed the hungry in two local "soup kitchens," Manna House and Harvest House. Although there have been some changes in their programs, these places continue to provide a solid meal to those in need. Your donations will ensure food, along with the containers and accessories needed to serve the meal, can be delivered to our local population in need. Please help us support these well-established organizations with a check made out to FPCB with "1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Mission" in the memo line. If you are in the sanctuary, you can use the special envelopes available. Your donations make a difference!



**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** - For those who use offering envelopes, they may be found on the table just inside the Fellowship Hall. They are organized in alphabetical order. For those who chose to be assigned a "giving" number rather than using the boxed envelopes, may continue to use the envelope number that was assigned to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP** - Thank you to all those who have turned in their pledge card. If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2022 yet, please drop it in the offering plate during our offering, or mail it in to the church office. Additional pledge cards may be found in each pew. Thank you!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY

<b>James Bellush</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>Kathleen Katzenstein</b>	<b>1/16</b>
<b>Debbie Gardner</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>Samuel Decker</b>	<b>1/18</b>
<b>Virginia Fitch</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>Lillian Castimore</b>	<b>1/22</b>
<b>Judyth Casey</b>	<b>1/8</b>	<b>Cully Opilla</b>	<b>1/24</b>
<b>William Leenheer</b>	<b>1/11</b>	<b>Patricia Cherny</b>	<b>1/29</b>
<b>Corine Barton</b>	<b>1/12</b>		

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CRÈME BRULEE FRENCH TOAST

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 Tbs. corn syrup
- 1 loaf Challah bread
- 5 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half & half
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. Grand Marnier
- 1/4 tsp. salt



#### DIRECTIONS:

In a small heavy saucepan melt butter with brown sugar and corn syrup over moderate heat, stirring, until smooth and pour into a 13 by 9 by 2-inch baking dish. Cut 6 (1-inch) thick slices from center portion of bread reserving ends for another use, and trim crusts. Arrange bread slices in one layer in baking dish, squeezing them slightly to fit. In a bowl whisk together eggs, half and half, vanilla, Grand Marnier and salt until combined well and pour evenly over bread. Chill bread mixture, covered, at least 8 hours and up to 1 day.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and bring bread mixture to room temperature. Bake uncovered, in middle of oven until puffed and edges are pale golden, 35 to 40 minutes.



# JANUARY

## LAY READERS

- 2nd - Kathleen Katzenstein
- 9th - Debbie Anderson
- 16th - Donna Havelin
- 23rd - Judy Casey
- 30th - Vicky Martin

## USHERS

Deacon of the Month—Aimee Nishimura

- 2nd - Buzz & Marion Alden
- 9th - Nancy Clink & Gail Zubl
- 16th - Aimee & Ed Nishimura
- 23rd - Cathy Bambrick & Wende Clausen
- 30th - Aimee Nishimura

## COFFEE HOUR

The Deacons



View our website at:

<http://www.fpcbranchville.org>

and Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com>

(ask to be friends with "[pastorjh@ptd.net](mailto:pastorjh@ptd.net)")

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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>

## FLOWER CHART

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

Dates:

### JANUARY

- 2nd - Open
- 9th - Available
- 16th - *Would you like to provide flowers?*
- 23rd - Vacant
- 30th - *No one has signed up yet*

*Please either call the florist the week before your signup to have flowers delivered, or you may bring them yourself. Gail Burckes will contact you for your dedication or memorial.*

We use Lisa's  
Stonebrook Florist

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# JANUARY 2022



## First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, NJ

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Dec 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Feb 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



Pastor Jeff & Kay on

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10:00 AM Worship



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Happy New Year! - office closed



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10:00 AM -12:30 PM Food Pantry

7:30 PM Boys Scouts' Meeting

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10:00 AM -12:30 PM Food Pantry

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Pastor Jeff & Kay on Vacation

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10:00 AM Worship



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10:00 AM -12:30 PM Food Pantry

3:00 PM Music & Worship Mtg

7:00 PM Session Meeting via Zoom

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10:00 AM -12:30 PM Food Pantry

7:30 PM Boys Scouts' Meeting

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10:00 AM -12:30 PM Food Pantry

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10:00 AM Worship



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-office Closed



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7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting



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10:00 AM -12:30 PM Food Pantry

7:30 PM Boys Scouts' Meeting

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10:00 AM Worship



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7:30 PM Boys Scouts' Meeting

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10:00 AM Worship



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