CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Branchville, New Jersey

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JUNE AT A GLANCE:

5th—Pentecost
(Please wear red)

8th—Daisey Roe Lunch
12pm Dominick's

12th—Trinity Sunday

19th—Happy Father's Day

21st—Summer Begins

Every Saturday—Daisey Roe Thrift Shop is open from 9am-12pm

Every Sunday—10am Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and then available on YouTube for later viewing

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

Spring is Sprung

With the shootings in Uvalde, TX, and at the Geneva Presbyterian Church in CA, and at the supermarket in Buffalo, NY, it's sometimes hard to see anything worthwhile going on around us. Those are some pretty dark clouds that have been over us, so let me refresh your memory of some life-giving activities we've seen around our church during this spring.

Donations to Ukraine were made by members and shipped out to them in early April.

We had an Easter Egg hunt and donuts on Palm Sunday.

Care packages went out to our college-attending members who enjoyed the treats we sent. It helped them through finals week.

Easter Sunday was a joyous occasion with our largest in-person attendance of the year, as well as our largest online attendance! He is risen!

In May we repaired our sign board,

and then held our Jeans Sunday service in the yard.

The news out in the world can be overwhelming at times, so I just wanted to point out some of the life-giving activities that still continue to happen around here. Please join in as often as you can, because that's a way God gives life balance and joy.

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.

- Andre Kut
- Anne recovering from surgery and awaiting test results
- Amy & children
- Aunt Marion
- The Bambrick family
- Birthday good wishes to Betty Willis' friend Karen
- Beth
- Bonnie
- The broken education system
- Candy
- Carol
- Caroline Hatch Deaderick (Pastor Jeff's sister) and her family on the loss of her husband Bob
- Charlotte
- Chick Krug
- Chris Krug
- Christopher Gore
- Dan P.
- Dave Marion
- Deb B.
- Douglas
- Gabe Titus
- Harry
- Heidi
- Irene
- Jim L.
- Joan
- Joanne
- Johnny
- Joyce O.
- Karen M.
- Kathy C.
- Kipp Cash
- The LaValle Family
- Lewis
- Linda & Bill Godlewski
- Mabel
- Makenzi
- Marion
- Michelle
- Millie Toman
- Mr. Pipers, that his surgery is successful, with thanks that his tumor is not cancerous
- Pam
- Peter
- Earl Post he has passed away and pray for Jonnie whom has lost a great husband
- The Preste Family
- Rev. Keyes
- Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Geneva Presbyterian Church in CA, and Buffalo, NY.
- The Shafer/McLean family
- Speedy recovery for Mama Marline after her kidney surgery
- Sylvia
- Vincent with cancer

- We offer our prayers of thanks for the birth of baby Jesse Blaine to Caitlin and Ian
- It's official, Beverly Baier Keur and Willem Wesselink Keur (Link) are grandparents, (Omoe and Opa). Son Ryan and Brittany had a little baby girl, Haydon Baier Keur, who entered the world at 9:32 PM in Raleigh NC, she's 7 lbs, 9 oz, 20 inches. Ryan predicted and was accurate, May 22, 2022. All are happy, healthy, and doing well.

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SIGN-UP TO BE AN USHER — Please help us in worship by signing up to usher. We are always looking ahead to future months and would like to have members sign-up for any time they are available, so if you would like to sign up for September, December, or any month you can do so below. Thank you!

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2ND QUARTER MISSION — Our local focus for April, May, and June is Communities' Little Helpers. This group of children up to 12 years old, led by our own Kristen Reinertsen, gathers to perform acts of community service and kindness. They visit with, make crafts for, shop for, and donate to those in need. One of their traditional projects is to create gift bags for children admitted to the Newton hospital! Your contributions allow them to purchase items that are necessary for their program activities while they learn the value of helping others. You can mark your pew donation envelope for quarterly mission or memo "CLH" on your check made out to FPCB or use the QR Code to make your donation. Thanks for giving to this local cause!

MANNA HOUSE $5 SPAGHETTI DINNER —Take-out only, First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St., Newton (Church Street Entrance), June 14th, 5:00 to 6:30pm. Adults $5.00, Children 5-12 $3.00, and under 5 Free. (Included are Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, and Cookies.)

PENTECOST — Is June 5th, so to honor that day when the Spirit came down on the disciples in tongues of fire, we ask that you please wear red to the worship service.

SUCCESSFUL FLEA MARKET — We're happy for completing another successful fundraiser. Thanks to our church family, friends, and neighbors for their continued donations and support to both our Thrift shop and Flea Market. Thanks to our members and friends for volunteering. Special thanks to our Flea Market "chairs" Bev and Marion.

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DAISEY ROE LUNCH AT DOMINICK'S — 10 E. Clinton Street, Newton. Please join us Wednesday, June 8th, at 12pm. We will order from the menu and receive individual checks. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you will be attending. There will be a short meeting to discuss the August picnic.

BREEZEWAY COMPLETED — We hope you noticed the new sidewalk from the breezeway to the kitchen door. Daisey Roe finally crossed off a project from our list. This was made possible from a generous donation from a Daisey Roe family in memory of Denny Bains. We appreciate and thank Steve Leenheer for the fine job. We're working on removing the garden and leveling the lawn that caused drainage problems.

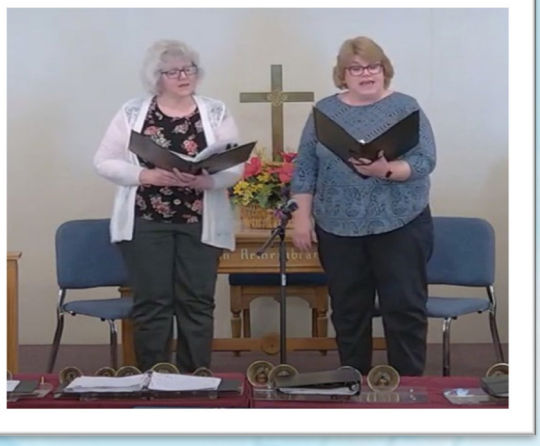
MAY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- There were 50 in-person attending our Maundy Thursday service with 240 views online, and 89 in-person attendance for Easter with 250 views online.
- We're working with 101Mobility of Boonton regarding the new chair lift up to the Sanctuary (and removal of the deteriorating ramp) as our next PVR priority.
- Reminder to members to please keep up their pledges as we're a bit behind last year's numbers.
- Member Giving (non-pledged) and Per Capita giving are both doing very nicely.
- Our Superintendents will not be available to do an in-person week-long Vacation Bible School this summer, but may put on a one-day Sunday VBS.
- The Fellowship Committee sent out 15 College Care Packages. Thanks to the congregation for all the goodies donated.
- Half of our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) donations will go to denominational causes (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People) and half will go to Camp Johnsonburg for their training program on how to build wells in third world countries.
- Pentecost Sunday will be on June 5th - please wear red.
- Father's Day will be June 19th and fathers will each receive a gift from the Deacons.
- Pastor Jeff and Kay will be away on July 10th, 17th, and 24th for vacation. The Rev. Dr. Benhardt Fraumann and June Heyer will substitute for Pastor Jeff. Robin Van Dyk will substitute for Kay.
- The first three August worship services will be held outdoors on the lawn. Worship on August 28th will be held at the Opilla Farm and will include a potluck lunch.
- The walkway under the breezeway has been repaired by Steve Leenheer and a new sidewalk has been installed from the breezeway to the kitchen, all courtesy of the Daisey Roe women's group.

MUSIC Sunday

Thank you to everyone who participated in Music Sunday! It was a great day and I'd like to share a summary of who did what….just in case you missed it.

The Bells of Branchville played along with the opening hymn as well as played two anthems – "Trumpet Voluntary" and "Waltz in C." After the Prayer of Confession, Anne McAuliffe and her sister Beth Carlson sang a beautiful arrangement of "Amazing Grace!" The Chancel Choir was joined by Katrina Franck on bells as they sang "Rejoice This Glorious Day." Aimee and Junko Nishimura did a Bach cello and violin duet, and nobody will forget when Kai Nishimura later joined Aimee and Junko creating a string trio that played "Mississippi Hot Dog Twinkle" – a delightful treat for us all! Judy Casey and John Newcomer sang a duet that made all of us smile and think of Coke when they sang "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" and Karen Opilla played "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" as a piano/organ duet with me during the Offertory.
As you can see there were a variety of musical offerings! Thank you **everyone** for sharing your talents as well as thank you to the congregation, who participated through singing and reading hymns! --Kay Hatch



CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU'S:

Hello Church family!

I just wanted to thank you all for the generous and love-filled care package I received! It helps a lot during these upcoming finals time! Hope to see you all soon and hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!
- Emily Billings

Dear Church family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful college care package. It's always such a nice reminder of what a wonderful Church family I have. I miss seeing you all and I look forward to seeing you all soon!
- Catherine Goatsworthy

To my loving Church family -
Thank you so much for my college care package. I appreciate it very much and I love all of the goodies included in it. I appreciate you guys thinking of me and all you have done for me!
- Tara Hughes

Thank you very much for the spring package!!! I really appreciate it!!!
- Victoria Van Houten

Pastor Jeff,
A big thank you to both you and the church for the care package! It was a pleasant surprise going into finals week!
- Josh Langley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE

Bryce Becker	6/3	Betty Willis	6/16
Dillon Dean	6/4	Deanna Nussberger	6/17
Cassandra Hardy	6/5	Cindy Clark	6/24
Bob Price	6/6	Linda Buehrer	6/24
Gary Snyder	6/7	Steve Leenheer	6/26
Emery Castimore	6/10	Claire Willis	6/29
John McCurdy	6/13		

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fresh Strawberry Jam

INGREDIENTS

- 2 qt. fresh strawberries (about 2lbs.) hulled and chopped
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 5 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (from 2 large lemons)

PREPARATION:

1. Stir together strawberries and sugar in a large saucepan. Cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until sugar dissolves. Stir in lemon juice. Increase heat to medium-high; let mixture come to a boil, stirring often. Continue boiling over medium-high, stirring often, 1 minute.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Attach a candy thermometer to saucepan; simmer mixture over medium, stirring often, until mixture reaches 220°F, about 30 minutes

3. Immediately ladle jam into 2 (2-cup) sterilized canning jars. Cover jars with lids, and let cool completely at room temperature, about 2 hours. Store in refrigerator up to 2 months.

June

LAY READERS

5th – John Newcomer
12th – Judy Casey
19th – Trish Cherny
26th – Sue Martin

USHERS

5th – Bev Keur/Donna Havelin
12th – Open
19th – Judy Casey/Open
26th – Open

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

JUNE COFFEE HOUR

Hosted by:
DEACONS

JUNE FLOWER CHART:

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

Dates:

5th – Open
12th – Open
19th – Open
26th – Open

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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