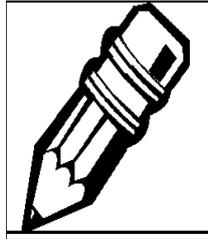


February 2017

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of the CITY OF CAPE MAY

THE VISITORS' CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY

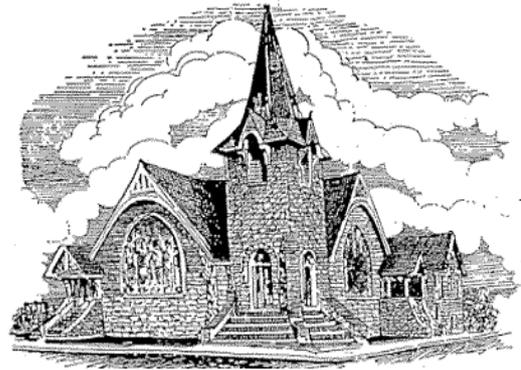
THE OPEN DOOR



From the Interim Pastor -

I was surprised at how busy Cape May was all the way through the holiday season. After leaving a few evening meetings, I marveled at the quantity and variety of Christmas lights that adorned so many of the houses and businesses. I did, however, have to keep my eyes on the road because those darn horse and buggy rides and trolley tours were still going on! It seems as though things have quieted down significantly as we make our way past the celebration of the New Year.

A number of folks have left for warmer climates. Our worship services are noticeably less attended. While we may be experiencing somewhat of a lull, there is still important work that needs to be done. On February 19th we will be holding the annual meeting of the congregation. If you are responsible for providing a written report, please get it in on time. Also make a special effort to attend the meeting. There will also be a special brunch between services on February 26th. I've learned that both worship services are held in high regard. That's great, but as one congregation we need to make every effort



to get to know one another — so please stick around, or come earlier on these dates.

As you know, the Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting regularly. Let's continue to remember them as they work carefully through this process on behalf of the congregation. The work and ministry of this congregation continues as we all take appropriate responsibility. Amen!

*Regards and Peace,
Rev. Tim Hines*

**Obedient in faith we intend to work
together to touch the lives of others
and be disciples of the Lord.**

CELEBRATIONS!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

February 1st Roy Null
Jane Senico
3rd Jessica McDowell
5th Rachel Jeffries-Fox Lauria
7th Jane Turkington
28th Bruce Jeffries-Fox

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

February 16th Edward & Cindy Russell

IN OUR PRAYERS



Ernie Heegard
Lee O'Connor
Tommy
Ray Szulczewski
Angela
Richard
Our Stephen Ministers
All serving in the Military

NEED PRAYER?

Do you or someone you know need prayer? If so, please email

PrayerChain@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com.

Unless specifically asked for, full names and detailed information will not be mentioned. If you would like to become part of the prayer chain, email that address as well with your request...or see/call Jane Senico (609-425-7355).

SPIRITUALITY IN PRACTICE (SIP)

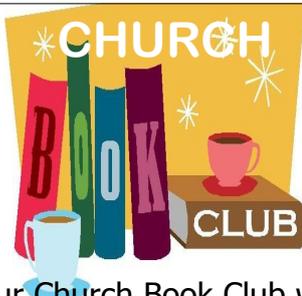
The SIP's for February are as follows:

- Feb. 5 While you are out, compliment a parent on how well-behaved their child is.
- Feb. 12 Take a meal to someone who is going through a tough time.
- Feb. 19 If you buy new clothes, donate some old ones.
- Feb. 26 E-mail or write a teacher that made a difference in your life.

ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

Did you know that our church has a Stephen Ministry? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a crisis or a difficult time.

To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact Pastor Tim or Veronica Scutaro (609-770-8512).



Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 12th in the church lounge at 6:00 PM to discuss *My Antonia* by Willa Cather.

Amazon's summary: *My Antonia* evokes the Nebraska prairie life of Willa Cather's childhood, and commemorates the spirit and courage of immigrant pioneers in America. One of Cather's earliest novels, written in 1918, it is the story of Antonia Shimerda, who arrives on the Nebraska frontier as part of a family of Bohemian emigrants. Her story is told through the eyes of Jim Burden, a neighbor who will befriend Antonia, teach her English, and follow the remarkable story of her life.

Working in the fields of waving grass and tall corn that dot the Great Plains, Antonia forges the durable spirit that will carry her through the challenges she faces when she moves to the city. But only when she returns to the prairie does she recover her strength and regain a sense of purpose in life. In the quiet, probing depth of Willa Cather's art, Antonia's story becomes a mobbing elegy to those whose persistence and strength helped build the American frontier.

The Church Book Club would love to have you join this discussion — all are welcome. If you have any questions, call Linda Linhares at 884-2646 or Connie Blocher at 884-7817.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE CITY OF CAPE MAY MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Balances as of December 31, 2016

Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$145,927.19**

Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$ 88,825.02**

Total income for Dec. \$18,540.00

Total expenses for Dec. \$12,874.40

Net income for Dec. \$ 5,665.60



Consolidated Operating Checking Account Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ: \$23,075.28

Includes the following sub-accounts:

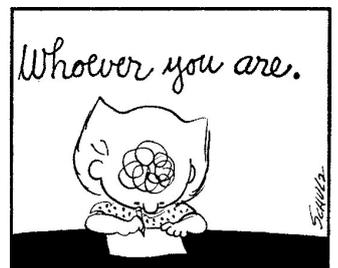
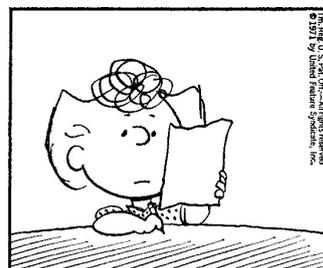
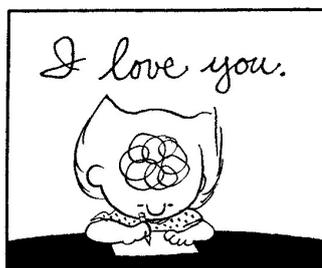
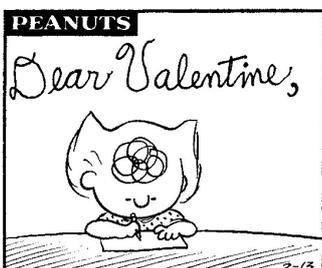
Capital Building Fund \$29,595.00

Parking Lot Receipts \$37,506.75

Submitted by:

- Annie Szulczewski

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you to one and all who helped with our Challenge 2016. We had a couple people who pledged a match amount and, thanks to you, we collected on all those match funds. We did not quite achieve the goal of \$30,000, but we did raise \$28,500 and this all went to cover costs of the air conditioning repairs, the steeple clean up and soon to be repaired ceiling there, and it will also help with the new Fire Alarm system to be installed in the next couple months. Schuler Alarm System has planned out the system and it has been sealed by the engineers and is now before the City Construction Office for permit approval to proceed.

Pledges were sent out to all who have membership numbers with the church. Please return these as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card, or if you received one and no longer wish to be on the rolls of the church, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Don't forget your per capita (\$40 per person) and turn that in also by the end of February. We have to pay this to the Presbytery in March. Thank you.

- *Frank Smith*

OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

Please have any news, pictures, celebration announcements, etc. in by

Wednesday, February 15th.

Email information to:

office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Congregation/Annual Meeting
Sunday February 19th 10:15 AM**

Please have all written reports for the Annual Meeting into the office by Thursday, February 9th

**Between Services Brunch
Sunday, February 26th**

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Thank you to Rev. Tim and all of you for your prayers, cards and calls while my husband, Ray, was in the hospital. We spent 50 days at The University of Pennsylvania Hospital and please know that during that very difficult time, every expression of concern and kindness was felt very deeply.

Ray has one more operation in February and, hopefully, he will then move forward to rehab and a full recovery. We would appreciate your continued prayers and we thank you all again so very much.

- *Annie Szulczewski*

PLEASE REMEMBER

The first Sunday of each month is Food Closet Sunday. This month the food closet needs the following items: Boxed spaghetti, shampoo, jelly, napkins, Kleenex, canned veggies, coffee and toilet tissue. There is a box in the narthex for your donations.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to **The Community Food Closet of Cape May**, or place cash in a separate envelope marked "Food Closet Donation". Thank you.

COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET

The new Board of the Community Food Closet Cape May, held its first Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of the City of Cape May, 500 Hughes Street, Cape May.

This Board was created so that the Food Closet could apply for IRS status as a 501c3 organization. This status was needed so that all donations could be tax exempt in accordance with the law. In addition, officers' liability insurance could be purchased to protect the Directors.

The newly elected directors of the Board are: Barbara Blair, Hugh Blair, Gail Bridges, Jerry DeMenna, Carol Elwell, Mike Goldade, Scott Griffin, Maurice Hight, Tina Johnson, Ron Rollet, Veronica Scutaro and Jackie Yaeger.

The officers of the Executive Committee include:

President—Barbara Blair

Vice President—Jackie Yaeger

Secretary—Gail Bridges

Treasurer—Carol Elwell

Executive Director—Tina Johnson

There are four community churches represented on the Board: First Presbyterian Church, Advent Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church and Cape May Lutheran Church. The Cape May Ministerium is represented on the Board by Rev. Mike Goldade.

The primary task of the Board at its first annual meeting was to establish committees to support the work of the Executive Director. These committees, each headed by a Director, initially will include the following:

Finance Committee—Carol Elwell and Veronica Scutaro

Nominating Committee—The Executive Committee

Volunteer Committee—Ron Rollet and Janet Westcott (volunteer)

Audit Committee—To be established October, 2017

Public Relations Committee—Hugh Blair

Program Development and Fund Raising—Jackie Yaeger

Treasurer, Carol Elwell, reported in her Annual Treasurer's Report that the year's balances were as follows: Beginning balance: \$26,073.59; Disbursements: \$15,810.49; Operations account year end: \$12,962.63; Capital expenses account year end: \$10,000; Donations received during 2016: \$22,691.92. It was noted that due to some changes related to Federal and State food distribution requirements, our responsibility for direct food purchases may increase next year.

The next meeting of this Board will be held on April 20, 2017 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Room. The Executive Committee has authority to make decisions on behalf of the Board between meetings.

Donations of food and money are always appreciated. For more information contact Tina Johnson at 884-1467. Checks should be written to Community Food Closet Cape May.

- *Hugh Blair*

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				Groundhog Day Bells 4:00	Choir 9:00	AA 7:30
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Deacons Mtg 6:00 AA 7:30	Alanon 10:00 Eve Alanon 7:30		Bells 4:00 S. Ministries 6:00	Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	AA 7:30
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lincoln's B-Day Church Book Club 6:00		Valentine's Day Alanon 10:00 AA 7:30	OPEN DOOR DEADLINE	Bells 4:00 Session 6:00	Choir 9:00	AA 7:30
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Congregational/Annual Mtg 10:15 Jazz Vespers 3:00	Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED AA 7:30	Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30 Eve Alanon 7:30		Bells 4:00	Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	AA 7:30
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
Between Services Brunch	AA 7:30	Alanon 10:00 Eve Alanon 7:30				