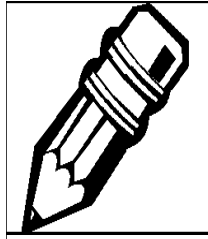


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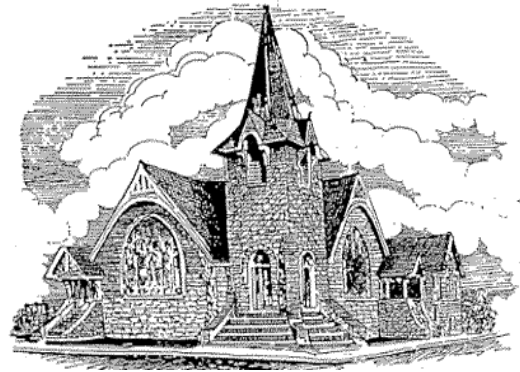
*THE VISITORS' CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY*

# THE OPEN DOOR



From the Interim Pastor -

Growing up Baptist and Pentecostal, I wasn't exposed to the liturgical seasons, and especially the season of Lent. It's true that in some non-liturgical traditions there is little, if any, attention paid to the season of Lent. I can remember as a kid hearing my Roman-Catholic friends talk about "giving up" things for Lent, usually things like chocolate or milkshakes; things that they liked! This made no sense to me! Of course, what did I know about self-sacrifice or spiritual discipline? To be honest, I can't say that I completely understand or appreciate such topics now, some 50 years later! Does giving up something we like for 40 days make us better, more spiritual? Probably not; but what if, for example, we gave up donuts and donated all the money we would usually spend on donuts during Lent? That makes more sense doesn't it? That's something that would make a difference and yes, even make us better and more healthy people. There are many opportunities to do things that actually make a difference in our families, communities and our world. I would encourage all of us during the season of Lent to be creative in discovering



new ways to act out the importance of self-sacrifice and spiritual discipline. Being better and healthier are achievable goals. Making a positive difference is foundational to our spiritual health. May it be so for us this Lent. Amen, and don't forget the donuts!

*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...

March 6th Ruth Rich  
26th June Willis  
Laura Olson

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

March 21st Bill & Jean Hill

## IN OUR PRAYERS



Ernie Heegard

Tom Hynes

Tommy

Kim

Joy

Richard

Barb Meyer

Rev. Hines' family on passing of his sister

Our Stephen Ministers

All serving in the Military

## SPIRITUALITY IN PRACTICE (SIP)

The SIP's for March are as follows:

- Mar. 5 Share an overheard compliment.
- Mar. 12 Before you go shopping, call and ask someone if you can get something for them.
- Mar. 19 Say thank you to someone who made a difference.
- Mar. 26 Tell a clean joke to someone.

## OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

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

**Wednesday, March 15th.**

Email information to:

[office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com](mailto:office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com)

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.

## ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME?

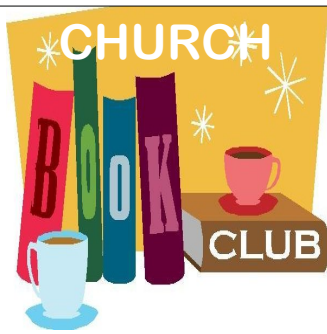
Did you know that our church has a Stephen Ministry? A Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a crisis or a difficult time.

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

## DON'T FORGET...

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 11th.





Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 12th in the church lounge at 6:00 PM to discuss *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf.

Amazon's summary: *In Mrs. Dalloway, the novel on which the movie The Hours was based, Virginia Woolf details Clarissa Dalloway's preparations for a party of which she is to be hostess, exploring the hidden springs of thought and action in one day of a woman's life. The novel "contains some of the most beautiful, complex, incisive and idiosyncratic sentences ever written in English, and that alone would be reason enough to read it. It is one of the most moving, revolutionary artworks of the twentieth century" (Michael Cunningham).*

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 January 31, 2017

### Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors \$151,211.69

### Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors \$ 89,594.76

**Total income for Jan. \$ 21,868.14**

**Total expenses for Jan. \$ 13,075.71**

**Net income for Jan. \$ 8,792.43**



### Consolidated Operating Checking Account Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ: \$32,773.50

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund \$515.00

Parking Lot Receipts \$ 32.00

Submitted by:

- Annie Szulczewski

## NEED PRAYER?

If so, please email [PrayerChain@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com](mailto: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).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Bus Trip to Peddler's Village Saturday, April 22nd

Join your friends for a fun day in beautiful Bucks County Pennsylvania! The bus departs North Cape May behind Big Lots at 7:30 AM, pick up in Court House at Pier One Imports at 7:45 AM; return at 7:30 PM. Trip includes bus fare, three course lunch at Cock 'n Bull Restaurant, taxes and gratuities.

There will be flower and landscaping exhibits, artisans, crafters, music and lots of fun and shopping. Seventy unique shops and numerous outlet stores.

Reserve your seat! Call Frank Smith at 898-9508. \$80 per person.



## 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.

## DEACONS' DOINS

Please welcome our newest Deacon, Jerry Graham. Thank you, Jerry, for offering your time and talents. And thank you, Lisa Lovero, for the time and talents that you contributed to us over the last three years! Also, Deacons would like to share that instructions are available to anyone interested in making a Prayer Shawl. They're easy to follow and don't require expertise in knitting...they are a blessing to make and a blessing to give! Also, please know that if you know of anyone who is feeling ill and needs some nourishment and love, that we have fresh soup available via our "Soup Angels" ministry. And don't forget that we have an ongoing clothing drive. If you have anything that you would like to donate (particularly this time of year, warm clothing), please leave it downstairs on the coat rack. And finally...a reminder to check out the Flower sign-up sheet...flowers from home, from your back yard, from your favorite florist are all most welcome!

*-Jane Senico*



HAPPY



# MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
5 Cape Aid Benefit Concert 3:00	6 AA 7:30	7 Alanon 10:00 Mission Mtg 3:00 Eve Alanon 7:30	8	9 Bells 4:00 S. Ministries 6:00	10 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	11 AA 7:30
12 Daylight Saving Book Club 6:00	13 AA 7:30	14 Alanon 10:00 Eve Alanon 7:30	15 Open Door Deadline	16 Bells 4:00 ELTC	17 St. Patrick's Day Choir 9:00	18 AA 7:30 ELTC 8:00
19	20 Vernal equinox AA 7:30	21 Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30 Eve Alanon 7:30	22	23 Bells 4:00	24 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	25 AA 7:30 ELTC 8:00
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