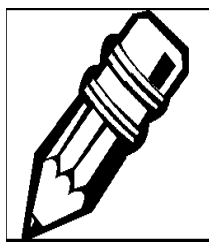


April 2017

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of the CITY OF CAPE MAY

THE VISITORS' CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY

THE OPEN DOOR



From the Interim Pastor -

Easter is so important in our faith tradition. We look forward to Easter Sunday every year. We know that our Easter worship will be special and accented with lots of special flowers, music and people. I can remember a few late night theological discussions I participated in during my seminary years. With Christ's resurrection occupying such a pivotal place in our tradition, some of us would wonder out loud, "...where is Jesus now?" It goes without saying that if Jesus rose from the dead, he has to be somewhere, doing something. I'd be interested in hearing what you might have to say in response to these truly "existential" questions. Certainly we affirm that Christ is present in us as we seek to obey him and follow his example. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) said it this way—"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people."



Could it be that the presence and power of the risen Christ depends on us? Makes sense to me. Let me know what you think. Have a wonderful Easter!

*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...

April 4th Ony Randrasana
5th Bill Rogers
8th Carol Elwell
10th Daniel Olson
20th Michelle Bingnear

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

April 10th Dick & Dixie Barab
21st Daniel & Jane Senico

SPIRITUALITY IN PRACTICE (SIP)

The SIP's for April are as follows:

- Apr. 2 Volunteer to do something you've never done before.
- Apr. 9 Give someone flowers.
- Apr. 16 Introduce yourself to someone in church you don't know.
- Apr. 23 Share a meal with someone.
- Apr. 30 Visit someone who is going through a tough time.

IN OUR PRAYERS



Family & friends of Jane Rech on the passing of her brother

Alfred

Jeff

Loy

Margie

Tommy

Ernie Heegard

Our Stephen Ministers
All serving in the Military

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).

OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

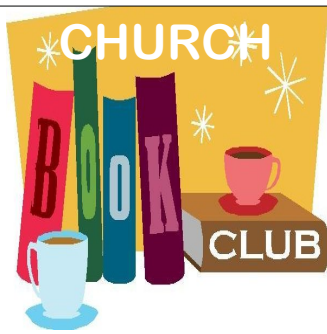
Please have any news, pictures, celebration announcements, etc. in by

Monday, April 17th.

Email information to:

office@FirstPresbyCapeMay.com

or place information on the office desk.
Thank you.



Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 9th in the church lounge at 6:00 PM to discuss *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie.

Amazon's summary:

Considered the best mystery novel ever written by many readers, And Then There Were None is the story of 10 strangers, each lured to Indian Island by a mysterious host. Once his guests have arrived, the host accuses each person of murder. Unable to leave the island, the guests begin to share their darkest secrets--until they begin to die.

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.

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).

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

Balances as of February 28, 2017

Endowment Fund:

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$154,003.29**

Manse Fund (Principal 80,000.00):

Wells Fargo Advisors **\$ 91,349.75**

Total income for Feb. \$ 6,905.73

Total expenses for Feb. \$ 16,288.29

Net income for Feb. - \$ 9,382.56



Consolidated Operating Checking Account Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ: **\$24,297.83**

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund \$515.00

Parking Lot Receipts \$ 96.00

Submitted by:

- *Annie Szulczewski*

JUST FYI

Kathy will be out of the office, on vacation, from Monday, April 17th thru the 24th. On a personal note—prayers for safe travel, please. Thank you.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The 10th Annual Good Friday Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Grand Hotel in Cape May, on Friday, April 14th at 8:00 AM. Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased by Thursday, April 6th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending (884-3949).

COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET OF CAPE MAY

April is the month when the Food Closet will collect and distribute food for a special Easter meal for our neighbors.

Please pick up a bag on Sunday and contribute food that is needed. Please fill this bag with these recommended food items and return it to church on April 9th or prior to April 12th. You can place your donation outside of the food closet or in the "Food Closet" box in the Narthex.

Canned Sweet Potatoes
Canned Pineapple
Canned Vegetables
Canned Ham (3lb—5 lb)

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the needed number of canned hams, make your check payable to **Community Food Closet of Cape May** and mail to: 500 Hughes Street, Cape May NJ 08204.

The newly formed Board of Directors will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 PM at the church.

-Hugh Blair

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Mission Committee has been involved with three projects during the winter months. First, the committee requested of Session that ConcertAid, a benefit for Branches Outreach Center for the Homeless, be held in our church. That concert was a success thanks to many who volunteered their time. Over \$9100 was donated to initiate an Emergency Fund for homeless persons seeking assistance at the Center. That amount included \$1000 which the committee had designated from First Presby's 2017 annual budget.

Second, the committee supported the Community Closet of Cape May in publicizing the Easter Food Distribution, which is detailed elsewhere in the newsletter. Food items for an Easter meal will be distributed on April 14th.

Third, during Lent, our church supports the denomination's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The mission committee is responsible for distributing the envelopes and providing information about the use of contributed money at the Minute for Mission during worship services. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The offering will be received on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

-Hugh Blair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



We are having a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, May 6th and need your help. Please consider donating CLEAN used clothing, table and bed linens, glassware, dishes, pots and pans, decorative items, books, and children's toys and games. (nothing electronic)

Please note, we are not able to accept items until Monday, May 1st.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017
8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017
6:30 AM
Sunrise Service at the Cove

9:00 AM
Traditional Service

11:00 AM
Celebration Service



APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 April Fools Day
						AA 7:30
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Alanon 10:00 Mission Mtg 2:00		Bell Practice 4:00 S. Ministry 6:00	Choir 9:00	
	AA 7:30	Eve Alanon 7:30				AA 7:30
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Church Book Club 6:00		Passover Alanon 10:00		Bell Practice 4:00 Maudy Thursday Service 8:00	Good Friday Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	
	AA 7:30	Eve Alanon 7:30				AA 7:30
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Cove Service 6:30 Traditional 9:00 Celebration 11:00	Taxes Due OFFICE CLOSED Open Door Deadline	Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30		Bell Practice 4:00 Food Closet Bd 7:00	Choir 9:00	Earth Day Peddler's Village Trip Boat Safety Classes 7:30 - 4:30
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Rummage Sale Set-up 12:30		Eve Alanon 7:30		Bell Practice 4:00		