

October 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 -

In just a few weeks, you will have the opportunity of participating in the future of this congregation! The long, and sometimes, awkward interim time is coming to an end as the Pastoral Nominating Committee presents a candidate to the congregation on Sunday, October 15. There will be one worship service at 9:30 AM. The candidate for pastor will lead the worship service and following the service, the congregational meeting to call a new pastor will be held. What a wonderful opportunity this is for as many as possible to usher in a new chapter in the life and ministry of this church! You all deserve a great deal of credit for making the most of this in-between time, especially those who fulfilled roles as elected church officers. Yes, there is a future for the First Presbyterian Church of the City of Cape May, and you're invited to be part of it!

*Amen!*  
*Rev. Tim Hines*  
*Interim Pastor*



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

## OCTOBER SIP'S

October 1 Pay yourself a compliment.

October 8 Take time to listen to someone.

October 15 Offer a friend a ride.

October 22 Try not to complain all day.

October 28 Hold the door for someone.

## CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the Congregation is hereby called following a joint 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, October 15. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the report of the Pastoral Nominating Committee and to act on the committee's recommendation of a candidate to be the next installed Pastor. No other business may be conducted at this meeting. This meeting is called by the Session.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A MEET AND GREET

On Saturday, October 14th, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Wedgewood Room, the Pastor Nominating Committee invites you to come meet the candidate who will be put forward to be the next Pastor of our Church. Light refreshments will be served.

## OPEN DOOR DEADLINE

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

**Monday, October 16th.**

Email information to:

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

or place information on the office desk.

Thank you.



## IN OUR PRAYERS



All those dealing with the aftermath of recent hurricanes

Alfred

Ali

Skip Eagles

Julie Eagles

Deb & Bob Covey

Bill Rogers

Darrin & Christina

Barb & Bob

Jason & Kimberly

Jackie Richards

William

Mike

Tommy

Our Stephen Ministers

All serving in the Military

## CELEBRATIONS!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO...

October 8th Jane Gandy

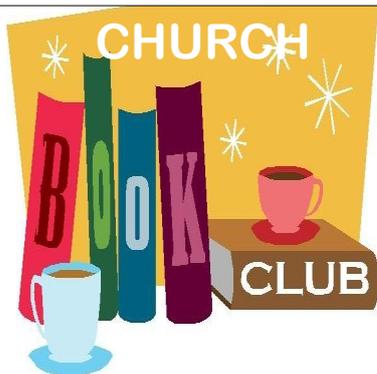
16th Dottie Rogers

17th Linda Kissling

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO...

October 3rd Linda & Dan Hadrava

8th Barbara & Roy Null



Our Church Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 8th in the church lounge at 6:00 PM to discuss *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster and *Bridge to Terabithia* by K. Paterson.

Amazon summary of Phantom Tollbooth:

For Milo, everything's a bore. When a tollbooth mysteriously appears in his room, he drives through only because he's got nothing better to do. But on the other side, things seem different. Milo visits the Island of Conclusions (you get there by jumping), learns about time from a ticking watchdog named Tock, and even embarks on a quest to rescue Rhyme and Reason! Somewhere along the way, Milo realizes something astonishing. Life is far from dull. In fact, it's exciting beyond his wildest dreams. . . .

Amazon summary of Bridge to Terabithia:

Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief.

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 August 31, 2017**

**Endowment Fund:**

Wells Fargo Advisors      **\$162,924.86**

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

Wells Fargo Advisors      **\$ 92,934.23**

**Total income for Aug.                      \$ 26,867.00**

**Total expenses for Aug.                  \$ 23,043.85**

**Net income for Aug.                         \$ 3,823.15**



**Consolidated Operating Checking Account  
Cape Bank, Cape May, NJ:      \$23,868.49**

Includes donations to the following sub-accounts for 2017:

Capital Building Fund      \$31,355.00  
Parking Lot Receipts      \$32,193.10

Submitted by:  
- Annie Szulczewski

## STEWARDSHIP

The third quarter of the year has ended and we are far short of meeting our budget for 2017. Many of you have increased your pledges, which is much appreciated. Repairs like replacing our fire alarm system to meet code, the social room air-conditioner breaking down and requiring a new motor leaves us in need of additional funds. We currently have a challenge underway. If you can see your way to give, the money will go toward building repairs and upkeep.

As you know, good stewardship is not only money, but time as well. Our biggest fundraiser, The Dicken's Bazaar contributes a large portion of their proceeds every year to the church's needs. This committee needs your help and input in order to make it a continued success.

Perhaps you have an idea for an additional fundraiser that would help ease the financial burden. If so, please bring it to any church officer for consideration and we will help get the support to make it happen.

The Building and Grounds Committee could use your talents as there are many things that need to be done in and around the church (painting, cleaning the garden, the dungeon, weeding around the building, trimming bushes).

Could you lend a hand to the Food Closet or Mission Committee?

Many hands make for light work.

Thank you for what you've already given to help us in our mission to be an active part of this community.

- *Frank Smith*

## MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

These are overwhelming times and there are many needs seeking our support.

Each of the following has received a \$1000 donation in your name:

- Glenwood Elementary School Backpack Program
- Family Promise
- Presbyterian Disaster Aid Hurricane Harvey
- Branches Outreach Center

These above monies are in our church's annual budget as funds to be administered by the Mission Committee.

In addition, our church participates in three offerings sponsored by our denomination, Presbyterian Church, USA: One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace Offering, and the Christmas Offering. Individual contributions are requested for these offerings.

During September, information about the Peace Offering was distributed at both worship services. The offering was received and will be dedicated on October 1st at World Wide Communion Sunday services. One-fourth of the monies received locally will be given to a local group or agency. The Mission Committee will report in October the local group receiving our money this year.

While there are many needs, please only give as you are able.

- *Hugh Blair*

## CAPE MAY COMMUNITY FOOD CLOSET

OCTOBER 2017

### NOW A RECOGNIZED NOT-FOR-PROFIT

It has been a long process, but now we are qualified as an independent not-for-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service. In September, we received our Employer Identification Number.

Why is this important? We are no longer dependent on First Presbyterian Church for not-for-profit status. We stand on our own now with our elected Board of Directors, our very own adopted By-Laws.

### CURRENT NEEDS

Grateful for all food donations, we currently have these special needs: tuna, canned fruit, bar soap, canned vegetables, peanut butter, 20 oz. or smaller jelly.

### VOLUNTEER CUSTOMER RATIO

Our volunteers are the very backbone of the organization. Recent data showed that we have a 2-1 ratio of volunteers to customers. That means we can provide very personal and exceptional service. Our volunteers show up, they have smiles on their faces, they speak kindly to those we serve and are glad to carry out bags of groceries.

### WE DELIVER

Did you know that our Food Closet is open for walk-ins twice a month, but we also have a team that delivers needed groceries to customers' own doors. There are over twenty persons in Cape May who receive their food right at their front door twice a month.

### DO YOU KNOW OF PERSONS THAT NEED FOOD?

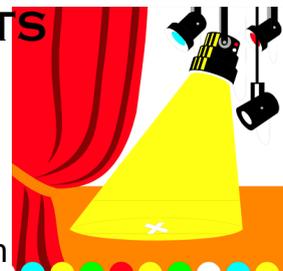
Under new procedures, persons don't need to be qualified for food distribution because we now distribute non-federal and state food once a month. If you know a friend or neighbor who needs food but is afraid or unwilling to show federal documentation, please call our director at 609-972-5343.

### EMERGENCY FOOD

There are always emergencies. There are many reasons families run short of food—end of month, loss of job, sick family member, eviction, loss of check or money. When you encounter an emergency, know that the Community Food Closet always—each and every day—has three bags of non-perishable food reach for pick up. Just call 609-972-5343.

- Hugh Blair

## ELTC PRESENTS A YEAR IN THE TRENCHES



Until October 14th catch a performance of A Year in the Trenches—a world premiere by James Rana to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the United States entering World War I. (No show October 4; shows Sunday October 8 at 7:30 PM and Wednesday, October 11 at 2:00 PM).

On Saturday, October 21 at 8:00 PM see Poe By Candlelight. ELTC actors read their favorite stories by the master of the macabre. Call 884-5898 for more info.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 AA 7:30	3 Alanon 10:00	4 ELTC 8:00	5 Bells 4:00 S. Ministry 6:00	6 Choir 9:00	7 AA Mtg 8:30 Eve AA 7:30 ELTC 8:00
9 Columbus Day	10 Alanon 10:00	11 Mission Mtg at the Blair's 2:00	12 Bells 4:00	13 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00	14 AA Mtg 8:30 Meet & Greet 10:00 Eve AA 7:30 ELTC 8:00
16 Open Door Deadline	17 Alanon 10:00 CM Book Club 11:30 Food Closet Bld 7:00 AA Mtg 7:30	18 AA Mtg 12:30 Wedgewood Rm	19 Bells 4:00 Session Mtg 6:00 AA Mtg 7:30	20 Choir 9:00	21 AA Mtg 8:30 Eve AA 7:30 ELTC 8:00
23 AA 7:30	24 Alanon 10:00	25	26 Bells 4:00	27 Choir 9:00 Food Closet 9:00 Wedding Rhrl 5:00	28 AA Mtg 8:30 Wedding 3:00
30 AA 7:30	31 Halloween Alanon 10:00	1	2	3	4 AA Mtg 8:30
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