

TOWER CHIMES



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Did you know there are 3 ways in which to "attend" Sunday Worship Services:

1. In person at First Pres.
2. Virtually via Facebook live stream
3. Recorded video on our Facebook page or website

We would love for you to join us @ 10:30am at the church or on FB.

From Pastor Erin...

This part of the season is filled with the hearty pause of summer. Fruit is at its ripest. Veggies are filled with flavor. The grass has that either lush or crunchy part to it depending on the amount of rain. July, I believe, offers us a tremendous horizon of possibility. The beauty of summer is still ahead of us. I know that many of us feel this way after taking a deep breath from this past year. We've found a way to see the friends and families we haven't been able to see. Birthdays, graduation parties, and other celebrations fill up our calendars. And we are full.

I also know that we are still like a toddler who is learning to swim, sticking our toes in the water. Each one of us has our own comfort level and concerns when it comes to joining social activities. That includes church. We, the church, have done our best to offer worship experiences in a variety of ways over the past year and a half. And we miss seeing you for in person worship, even for coffee hour. But, we also know that some of us are ready to jump in and others are still sticking that toe in the water. And we support you either way.

We cannot be church without you. Our church is made up of her people, the body of Christ. Otherwise, we have an amazing empty building. My hope is that as you take this time over the summer to find your way, that you find your way back to church. Sure, we know that these next months we will be figuring out how to be community. It will require some creativity. As Christians we are filled with the creative and surprising Spirit of God. The same Spirit that was with God at the beginning of our world, whose power raised Jesus from the dead and is with us now.

We will celebrate our reunion and we will be full. My prayer is that God's grace be with you and guide you through these summer months.

Reconnecting with Church Family

The past year has been such a challenge for us all, however, the vaccines have made it possible for us to begin to see our families and friends once again. Praise the Lord for such a blessing! The elders have two events planned so that our church family can reconnect, gather to hear each other's voices, laughter, and to catchup on each other's lives.

We hope you can join us for one of them or both.



It's time to celebrate and cool down with a sweet summer...

Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, July 18

Time: 11:30am

Who doesn't like a sweet treat? And it's even sweeter when it can be shared with your church family. Following worship we will have an ice cream social. Can't join us for worship? That's ok, pop in and enjoy some ice cream anyway.

C'mon, you know you wanna!!!



Family Fun Day

When: Saturday, August 21

Time: 10:00am-12noon

Join us for a morning outing of church family fun. Plans are still in the works, but the one thing we know for sure are that family games are guaranteed to be a blast! Do your children have a friend they want to bring along? Bring them too!





Thanks again to everyone for helping with both flea markets. Through both of them, we raised approximately ...

\$8000

Since they were minor sales this total is amazing and will help our budget with expenses. We are planning on another one in September and will be taking donations. Please, no books, tvs, vcrs, used clothing, or printers.

Again, thank you all!

FYI: The downstairs area will be open the first Sunday of each month for anyone who wants to shop.



**Congratulations,
Vincent & Elizabeth DeLuca...**

on the birth of your son

*George Vincent
May 30
8 lbs. 2 oz.*



Carol DeLuca, the proud grandmother of this handsome little guy, sent me this adorable photo.



**THANK
You
SO VERY
much**

Since the year I began working at 1st Pres, in April of 2007, I have always felt a part of this amazing church family. Thank you for making Administrative Professionals' Day so very special!

Professional's Day so very special!

Much love to you all,
Carol Ann



July

- 1 - Monyka Elyzabeth K.
- 1 - Erwin A.
- 2 - Tori Rae D.
- 3 - Ray M.
- 4 - Fred R.
- 8 - Rev. Doug G.
- 10 - David K.
- 10 - Richard M.
- 19 - Bridget N.
- 23 - Lauren H.
- 27 - Joanne P.
- 27 - Uma K.



July

- 14 - Debby & Fred

A shoutout to....

Richard McCarthy

for always brightening our days with thoughtful cards, calls, and for thinking of us on birthdays and anniversaries.

Richard had sent cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day, for those who didn't get to see them.

Thanks, Richard!



Rahway Food For Friends



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RFFF had an article in *Our Town* newspaper celebrating 30 years. One of the paragraphs showed some love / thanked our church:

We would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church who has been nothing short of a miracle to RFFF from the beginning. The support and hard work of this congregation is very well the epitome of what love is and should stand for. Thank you to Dawn Mandela, Dana & Bill Marsh, Carlos Allende & Erwin Altona, Joanne & Ted Padavano, Gail Anderson, Andy & JoAnn Roesch, Carol Ann Bregman, Helene Haith, Ilanda Kerobo, Patrick Weaver, Al & Robin Shipley, and Pastor Erin Hayes-Cook.

They will celebrate 30 years of service at Rahway River Park on Friday, August 13th, from 12noon until 8pm. All are welcome so stop in if you're in the area.



The Best is Yet to Come...



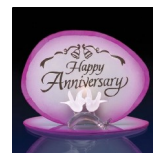
Wedding blessings to Aleya & Maurice, who exchanged vows on June 12.

Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together.



Aug.

- 7 - Vincent D.
- 8 - Dan M.
- 15 - Lawrence C.
- 15 - John L.
- 16 - Zachary W.
- 18 - Caitlyn Anne O.
- 18 - Tracie W.
- 20 - Hazel Marion McBride R.
- 21 - Eric R.
- 21 - Sam S.
- 21 - Lucas Joseph S.
- 27 - Ashley Nicole C.
- 27 - Bill D.
- 31 - Michael T.



Aug.

- 8 - Kristen & Russell
- 13 - Carol & Jake
- 22 - Judy & Eric
- 29 - Robin & Alex
- 29 - Candy & Michael

To all who have been working to beautify & clean the Sanctuary & the childcare room, thank you for all your hard work! You're appreciated more than words can express.





Congratulations to the top 10 Rahway High School graduates - great job.

And guess who was among those very talented young people? None other than one of our own church family, **Scott Nwosu**, who was the valedictorian.



**"FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, WHICH IS THAT OF A STORYTELLER, I SEE YOUR LIFE AS ALREADY ARTFUL, WAITING, JUST WAITING AND READY FOR YOU TO MAKE IT ART."
— TONI MORRISON**

"LIVE WITH LIFE. BE COURAGEOUS, ADVENTUROUS. GIVE US A TOMORROW, MORE THAN WE DESERVE." - MAYA ANGELOU

Monyka Koenig, graduated Mother Seton Regional HS on May 27th. She is job hunting and thinking about her next steps and what the future might hold.



Charlotte Koenig, graduated on June 16th from Winfield School District. She will be heading to Rahway HS.

"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS." - ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

"DON'T EVER UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPORTANCE YOU CAN HAVE, BECAUSE HISTORY HAS SHOWN US THAT COURAGE CAN BE CONTAGIOUS, AND HOPE CAN TAKE ON A LIFE OF ITS OWN." — MICHELLE OBAMA



Caitlyn Crowley, graduated from the 8th grade at Carl H. Kumpf.





Thank you so much to Scout Master Eric Crowley, Assistant Scout Master Hernan Garcia, Erie Lugo, Eagle Scout Ryan Crowley, Eagle Scout Sebastian Garcia, Boy Scouts Erie Lugo, Chris Bacek and Anderson Schieferstein for helping weed and clean up the bushes at First Presbyterian Church. The First Presbyterian Church family appreciated your help! Thanks again!



Thank you



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Please consider either calling or sending a card to church family who are homebound; call the church office (732-382-0803) if you need phone numbers and/or addresses.

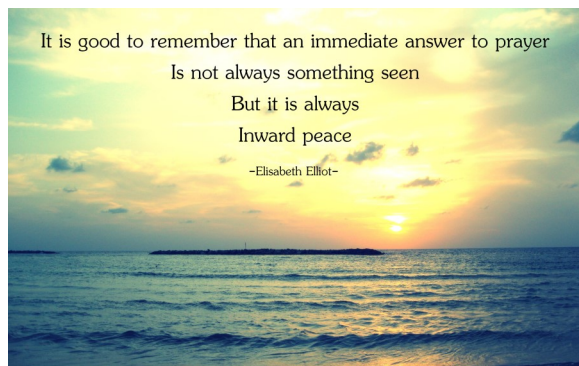
Prayer Requests

Alyne B., Amanda, Billy H., Candie A., Cathy H., Christine H., Debbie C., Evelyn, Gail, Gary M., Gigi, Jeremy, Joey H., John C., Leo, Mary, Russ G., Savannah B.,

Those that are homebound—Caroline Balla, Doris Kapus, Beverly Woolley

Our condolences to....

The Kropoth family on the passing of **Inga Kropoth** on April 28th. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.



Prayer Persons

JULY

- July 4th - Kevin Crowley**
- July 11th - Lauren Davis**
- July 18th - Robyn & Bryan Koenig**
- July 25th - Bonnie Josephs**

AUGUST

- Aug. 1st - Joan Cubino**
- Aug. 8th - Kristin Hinckley**
- Aug. 15th - Janis Karpinski**
- Aug. 22nd - Kennedy & Bridget Nyambi**
- Aug. 29th - Michele Panila**

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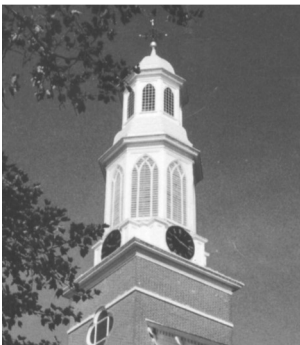
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