



## THE SPIRE

November 2018

Dear Friends in Christ:

They say not to talk about religion or politics in polite conversation. I say let's learn how to talk about religion and politics in healthy, respectful ways. They say religion and politics don't mix. I say religion and politics belong together like peanut butter belongs with jelly, like milk belongs with cookies.

Here's why I feel this way:

God is Sovereign. This is a central tenet of Presbyterians dating back to the Protestant Reformation when the reformers dared to interfere with the politics of a corrupt church-state alliance. God's reign extends beyond the church to all aspects of civil society. Separation of church and state is essential, in order to preserve the freedom of the church and individual Christians to shape, critique and, when necessary, overturn the powers-that-be. Fortunately in the United States we do not need to resort to revolutionary tactics to influence government. In the United States we influence government by voting.

People who don't vote say, "my vote won't matter." I say, vote for voting's sake. People who don't vote say, "all politicians are the same." I say, no they are not. Some people don't vote because they are angry at the government. I say, if you are angry at the government, one constructive thing you can very easily do is vote.

Our elected leaders have access to power. Their choices shape our common life for the better or for the worse. Old Testament prophets like Micah and Amos stood up to the Kings of Israel to demand justice. Similarly, economic justice was a constant theme in Jesus' teachings. Jesus spoke more about money than almost any other single topic. He objected to a religion focused on rituals instead of on people, justice and love.

*Therefore, vote.* Vote as a religious act. *Don't vote* for the candidates that will be best for you personally. *Do vote* for candidates who will promote justice for the poor, who will insist on careful stewardship of God's good earth, who will build bridges, de-escalate conflict, tell the truth, and help make America civil again.

Vote as an expression of gratitude for all God's blessings—including one of the most precious blessings of them all—the right to vote in the first place.

Yours in Christ's Service,

*Ruth L. Boling*

Ruth L. Boling, Pastor

**Consecration Sunday**  
**November 18, 10:45am**  
**Celebration Luncheon after Worship with**  
**An Original Theatrical Production!**

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP AT A GLANCE

### Nov. 4 All Saints' Sunday

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Revelation 21:1-6

Meditation: "Strength for Today and  
Bright Hope for Tomorrow"

*Bring framed photos of loved ones  
who have gone home to the Lord.*

### Nov. 11 25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-24

Mark 12:38-44

Sermon: "The Generosity Gospel"

*Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders*

### Nov. 18 Consecration Sunday

Guest Preacher, Elder Judy Tharaud  
*Celebration Luncheon after Worship*

### Nov. 25 Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

Sermon: "Alpha, Omega, and  
Everything In Between"

Advent Palooza after Worship

### Daylight Saving Time ends

**Sunday, November 4.**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour  
before you go to bed on Saturday night.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP NOTES

*"Therefore God has highly exalted him. . .  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. . .  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God."*

(Philippians 2:9-11)

November 25 is Christ the King Sunday - the last Sunday of the Christian year, one week before the first Sunday of Advent. The "pattern of the Christian year keeps us centered in Christ as we seek to proclaim the story of our faith, grow as Jesus' disciples, and serve Christ's mission." (Book of Order W-1.0202) Advent begins the church year as a season to focus on the birth of God's Son in a Bethlehem manger, and to await the second coming of Christ. Through the course of the church year we celebrate Jesus' baptism, his transfiguration, his death on Good Friday, his resurrection on Easter, his ascension, the Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and All Saints' Day. Christ the King Sunday celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Christ who now sits at the right hand of God and reigns over the universe. It is a time to give thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ "who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom . . . who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:5,8)

Join us at 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel every November Sunday to give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our King. Two old familiar hymns tell of Christ's kingship. In 1746 Charles Wesley wrote, "Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore; Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice." In 1851 Matthew Bridges wrote, "Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity." Thanks be to God!

See you in church. Thanksgiving Blessings to you and yours.

Ethelyn L. Fulton, Worship Team chairperson

## **CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING!**

“Become Rich in What Matters to God” is the theme for our stewardship education emphasis this year, leading up to Consecration Sunday on November 18. Over the next few weeks, we invite you to reflect on what this phrase means to you. How does supporting the church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of your income help you grow spiritually in your relationship with God?

Once again this year, the Session has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program to help us in our understanding of the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. This program is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of viewing ourselves as members of a social club who should pay dues, we will strive to be followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. We will look to respond to the question “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we will make our financial commitments to our church’s ministries by completing an Estimate of Giving Card. Participation is voluntary, but we do urge everyone to attend, even those who feel reluctant to complete a card. The process will be led in such a way that no one will feel awkward if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will not make visits or phone calls to ask for pledges. We will reach out to invite everyone to attend worship on Consecration Sunday and stay afterwards for the Celebration Luncheon. During morning worship, our guest leader, Elder Judy Tharaud, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration. This will be followed by quiet time in the pews to complete Estimate of Giving cards as a confidential act of worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.  
Nancy Edmond for the Finance and Stewardship Team

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## **OUR CONSECRATION SUNDAY GUEST LEADER**

Judy Tharaud, our Guest Leader on Consecration Sunday, has been a familiar face at Newark Presbytery for many years. She began her work with the Presbytery more than 25 years ago with service on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry followed by several terms on the Committee on Ministry. She was elected to serve as Presbytery Moderator. The Board of Trustees was her next role, serving as President. She is currently moderator of the Finance Team where she has served for many years. She works closely with staff, the Presbytery Treasurer, committee moderators, advisors from the institutions which hold presbytery funds, and the new outsourced bookkeeping firm to seek and provide the best stewardship of Presbytery assets. Judy is an elder, and served for 26 years as the Administrator at Wyoming Presbyterian Church in Millburn before she retired in 2014. There she worked closely with pastors and session leaders on all matters financial, from stewardship to budget preparation to bookkeeping and financial reporting. Judy is honored to have been invited back to work with the Church on the Green during the Stewardship season.

## **FROM THE CLERK'S DESK:**

Notes from the Session meeting of September 19. . .

### **Buildings and Grounds Team:**

1. Approved the use of the Parish House by the Montclair Learning Center for mini camp programs on Monday, October 8; Thursday-Friday, November 8-9; Monday-Tuesday, January 21-22; Monday, February 18; Friday, March 1; Monday-Friday, April 22-26.
2. Approved the use of the second floor library by Christiane Agkpo for a home schooling group (2-5 students) Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., September-June.
3. Reported on the teams' efforts to fix lighting issues in the Chapel.

### **Education Team:**

1. Approved Church Scholarships to Jamie Dalzell (graduate student Rutgers Newark), Rebecca Maciag (undergraduate Ramapo), Daniel Monteagudo (undergraduate Yale) pending completion of the interview process.
2. Announced this year's Bible Palooza theme as "Here I Am Lord" with an emphasis on the who, what, why and how of local and international mission. The goals are to develop our young people's personal sense of call to mission, to develop a long-term relationship with mission co-worker the Rev. Leslie Vogel, to develop a long-term relationship with Renata - the child in Mexico sponsored by the Deacons.

### **Finance and Stewardship Team:**

1. Approved the designation of 25% of our 2018 Peacemaking Offering to the Greater Bloomfield Interfaith Partnership.
2. Approved the 2019 Schedule of Special Offerings as follows -  
January - Presbyterian Ministries, February - Bloomfield High Scholarship,  
March - One Great Hour, April - Easter, May - Blankets & Tools,  
June - Green Church/Green World, July - Camp Johnsonburg,  
August - Bloomfield College Chaplaincy, September - Per Capita,  
October - Peacemaking, November - Deacons' Fund, Stewardship Campaign,  
December - Christmas with 25% to Christmas Joy Offering
3. Reported that the Consecration Sunday model will be used again this year with some modifications for our annual stewardship campaign. Consecration Sunday will be November 18 with Elder Judy Tharaud returning as our guest preacher and a congregational luncheon following worship.

### **Questions or Concerns for Session?**

Drop a note in the Clerk's mailbox in the Church Office or see me after Sunday worship. I will be happy to listen and to answer your questions or direct you to those who can.

Respectfully, Ethelyn L. Fulton, Clerk of Session

## **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY PHOTOS**

When you come to worship on Sunday, November 4, you are invited to bring framed photos of your loved ones who have gone home to the Lord to be placed at the front of the Chapel. During worship we will remember with thanksgiving those who have entered the Church Triumphant. Please help us fill the tables at the front of the Chapel with visible reminders of “the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor.”

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 were awarded for the academic year 2018-2019 to undergraduates Rebecca Maciag and Daniel Monteagudo, and to graduate students Jamie Dalzell and Jennifer Dalzell Sobrera. Congratulations to all.

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## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION**

Our Sunday morning adult education series on the Heidelberg Catechism continues in November. We meet from 9:45AM to 10:30AM in the parlor. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you want to attend consistently or occasionally. There is a place here for YOU! If you have any questions or want your own copy of the catechism, please contact Glenn Maciag.

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## **BOOK GROUP**

Our next once a month book group meeting will be on Monday, November 12 in the education building. We meet at 7:30PM. We will continue to work through “The Cross: God's Way of Salvation” by Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Our focus at our November meeting will be on chapter 3 “The Wisdom of God.” If you have questions or want a copy of our book, please contact Glenn Maciag.

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## **LIVE NATIVITY**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” to the Live Nativity on Friday, December 21. One tour only at 7:30PM followed by a carol sing and refreshments in the Parish House. Volunteers are needed to supervise our Shepherds and Angels. Bakers are also welcome to bring “Joy to the World” with your delicious treats. If you are interested in being a VOLUNTEER or BAKER, please contact Cathy Dalzell at (973) 818-9905 or Linda Rosania at (201) 306-2353.

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## **ADVENT PALOOZA – NOVEMBER 25**

Mark your calendars, cancel everything else and run, don't walk, to Advent Palooza after worship on Sunday, November 25, Noon-3:30PM. These not-to-be-missed “Palooza” events are the centerpiece of our educational ministry, and this one isn't just for kids! Advent Palooza is for everyone. Join us for lunch, singing, Bible learning, games, and awesome Advent crafts related to our year-long mission theme, “Here I Am, Lord.” Make an Advent wreath with fresh greens to take home for the season. Have fun with other kids or be a kid again for the afternoon. Sign-up at church or RSVP to the church office by Sunday, November 18. For more information or to volunteer to be a helper, speak with Elder Susan Turnbull or Pastor Boling.



## DEACONS 3rd QUARTER REPORT

This report is a summary of our activities from July through September 2018.

Contacts with our Church Family (total = 78)

- † Hospital and Rehab Visits (19)
- † Home Visits (15)
- † Home Communion Visits with Pastor Ruth (2)
- † Phone Call Follow Up (27)
- † Provided Transportation to MD Office (1)
- † Attended Wake (1)
- † Attended Funeral Service (2)
- † Sent Cards (11)

We voted to place flowers at worship annually on the first Sunday of November (All Saints Sunday) to acknowledge all of those in our church family who died in the previous year.

We continued to provide the Upper Room (available in the rear of the Chapel) to those who are interested.

We continued to send the Upper Room to those on our Visitation and Keep in Touch Lists.

We continued the BPCOG Prayer Chain, including all of our Deacons and Prayer Triplets.

We delivered the Sunday Worship Flowers to our shut-ins, those in the hospital, those experiencing difficult times and those celebrating special occasions.

We prepared and cleaned up Communion on Communion Sundays.

We continued to sponsor Renata Aritzabeth Gonzales Vidal, who lives in Mexico, through ChildFund and mailed a letter to her from the church family.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the work of the Deacons, please contact Janice Fulton, Moderator.

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## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE NOTES

Advance Directives - a very important topic that many of us find difficult to discuss. What are Advance Directives? They are the legal documents that allow you to give direction to medical personnel, family and friends concerning your future medical care when you cannot speak for yourself. There are 3 components in an Advance Directive:

A Living Will (Instruction Directive) - This is a set of instructions regarding your wishes about life sustaining medical care such as dialysis, breathing machines, resuscitation if you stop breathing or your heart stops, tube feedings and organ or tissue donation after your death. It is used when you are terminally ill, incapacitated or unable to communicate and make decisions. It protects your right to accept or refuse medical care.

A Health Care Proxy - This is the person you designate to make your medical decisions if you are unable to do so. He/she may need to use their own judgment when your wishes are not known. You want to choose someone who knows you and your wishes well.

A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (Proxy Directive) - This is a legal document that names your healthcare proxy. It is different from a Durable Power of Attorney for Finances, where you designate someone to manage your financial affairs when you are unable to do so. You may choose the same person for both, or choose 2 different people.

Completing Advance Directives provides direction for the medical professionals and removes the burden of decision making from family and friends at a time when they are already under a

great deal of stress. Time after time, those of us in healthcare have had families tell us that they wish they had completed Advance Directives before the medical crisis occurred. You do not need a lawyer to complete these forms.

How can you get started?

- Δ - Make a list of the 3 most important things you want those close to you to know about your wishes for end-of-life care.
- Δ - Think about who you would want to make your medical decisions for you if you could not speak for yourself.
- Δ - Plan when and where you might want to talk to that person and others close to you about your wishes.
- Δ - Make a list of questions you would like to ask your healthcare provider or Faith Community Nurse and get those questions answered.
- Δ - Download the New Jersey forms for a Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney: [www.state.nj.us/health/advancedirective/ad/forums-faqs/](http://www.state.nj.us/health/advancedirective/ad/forums-faqs/) or ask your healthcare provider for the forms.
- Δ - Fill out the Living Will (Instruction Directive) and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (Proxy Directive). Once completed, they should be signed, dated, witnessed (2 witnesses) and copied. You should keep a copy and give a copy to your healthcare provider.

Janice Fulton RN - Faith Community Nurse

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I fear no evil; for thou art with me . . .*

*And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)*

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## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

Are you or is someone you know having trouble making ends meet in this economy? Has an unexpected medical expense or household repair bill left you worrying how you will pay for heat this winter? The church may be able to help. Earnings from a bequest in memory of Helen Jarvie enable the Deacons to offer modest grants to those experiencing financial difficulties.

A confidential request for funds for the calendar year 2018 may be made to Janice Fulton, Moderator of the Board of Deacons, or to Pastor Boling **by December 1st.**

Recipients of grants must be members of, or connected in some meaningful way to, the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Available funds will be dispersed according to the best judgment of the Board of Deacons, maintaining strict confidentiality from start to finish.

Please note: *We are bound by a number of restrictions regarding the use of the money available from this bequest so funds are limited and may not always be available.*

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## **A RASH OF DIRTY DISHES?... WHY YES, WE HAVE A CASE.**

Although we have not been able to solve the mystery, we have had a rash of dirty dishes being left in the Parish House sinks or by the dishwasher. If you see something, say something. Dirty dishes lead to bigger issues. The building belongs to all of us. Your cooperation and “eye spying” is appreciated.

## **YOU'RE THE NEXT CONTESTANT ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS "I SPY!"**

### **LET'S PLAY**

- 1) I spy with my little eye... something new in the Education Building kitchen.
- 2) I spy with my little eye... something cleaned in the back room of the Parish House.
- 3) I spy with my little eye... something that looks better on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. (Multiple correct answers possible.)
- 4) I spy with my little eye.... a room that looks very different than it did 2 months ago.
- 5) I spy with my little eye... something newly trimmed outside the Education Building.
- 6) I spy with my little eye.... a light with a new ballast in it.
- 7) I spy with my little eye... something newly stained in the Education Building... (And still tacky as of this writing.)
- 8) I spy with my little eye...something different in the front room of the Parish House.
- 9) I spy with my little eye... a tree that has been trimmed of low hanging and dead branches.
- 10) I spy with my little eye...something missing that was old, no longer of any use to us and sold so it could be put to good use. (sorry, no building hint on this one.)
- 11) I spy with my little eye.... an official document now hanging in the Parish House kitchen.
- 12) I spy with my little eye... something temporarily repainted in one of the men's restrooms.

### **ANSWERS ( YES, I AM MAKING YOU FLIP YOUR SPIRE OVER UNLESS YOU CAN READ UPSIDE DOWN.**

- 1) A new clock.
- 2) The carpet was recently shampooed.
- 3) The floor in room 201/202 received a thorough shampooing and steam cleaning.
- 4) Rooms 204 and 205 are now being used for a home schooling group.
- 5) The hedges outside the main entrance.
- 6) The light in the church school office.
- 7) Balusters and the banister in the center stairwell in the Education Building.
- 8) All chandelier globes have been washed and all missing globes have been replaced.
- 9) The Walsh Memorial Tree by the Church Street parking lot.
- 10) The second piano in the back room of the Parish House.
- 11) The inspection certificate from the Bloomfield Board of Health.
- 12) The stained ceiling tiles in the first floor men's room.

So how did you do?

Got them all correct? You are a Buildings and Grounds All Star

7-12 correct - Nice job. You see what is happening.

1-6 correct - Keep your eyes peeled to see what else changes.

0 correct - That is OK. The game was only for fun. Buildings and Grounds Committee work can show up at any time and any place around our facility. If you are able, stop in and take a look or join the committee and get the answers first hand. Tough week? We are open on Sundays! This game of "I spy" has been brought to you by the hard work and generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of the office and paid staff, private benefactors, members, volunteers and your Buildings and Grounds Committee.



## **PUT AWAY THOSE FLASHLIGHTS... NEW LIGHTS ARE ON THE WAY!**

New lights are on the way allowing you to eye spy lots of new and different things. After much consideration and effort getting estimates to fix the lights in our worship space and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway, it was decided it is more efficient and wise to upgrade the lighting in both locations with LED lights. Although a timetable has not been determined for either project they should both be done shortly. The new lighting will save us on future electric bills. New dimmers in the worship space will allow for more functional lighting to support worship and other programs in this space. Buildings and Grounds is very cognizant of our budget constraints but felt strongly that it was wiser in the long run to spend the money to upgrade our facility. Although all the lights have been working over the last several weeks, we are still going to move ahead with the project. There has been much time and effort put into solving the issue and we will be back in the same position next spring and summer if we don't. Questions/Concerns?? See any member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Have a question, concern or suggestion? Please see us. We are here to work for you. See a job, Pick a job, Fix a job!! Making a difference one small job at a time.



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## **LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME**

As we continue to clean the building and look to get rid of old and unused furniture we still have some items that are up for grabs for a donation. Do you know someone or are you looking for stuff for a project? We have:

- Our old chapel organ
- Some old lockers
- Some old chairs
- Old display cabinets
- Old table or two.

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## **MASON JARS- WHERE ARE YOU?**

This is a casting call for all unused and unwanted mason jars. Do you have any? Know where to get some? We will also gladly accept donations of new 16 oz. mason jars. Mason jars will be the star celebrity of our upgraded luminaries for the Live Nativity and Christmas Eve. The goal is to collect between 100-150 mason jars, but the sky is the limit, the more we have, the more we put out. Bring them in anytime between now and December 24<sup>th</sup>. See Scott Maciag with donation. Don't let your old mason jars be left out of the show!

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## **THRIFT SHOP**

We are still in need of volunteers for our Friday and Saturday shifts. Even if only one day a month that is still a big help. How about being an on-call helper? If one of our regular volunteers needs a day off, can you be called upon last minute to come in and take that person's place? Thank would help so much. Biggest help of all is for you to spread the word about the Thrift Shop. Great items at bargain prices. We have something for everyone.

## **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM**

Every three years, thousands of teenagers from all over the country come together on the campus of Purdue University in Indiana for a spectacular experience called the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. The Triennium is all about connection and discovery. Engaging worship, small group reflection, an interactive prayer center and tons of recreation activities build relationships and ignite faith.

2019 is a Triennium year! The Triennium will take place, July 16-20, and youth who will be entering freshman year through graduated seniors are eligible to attend.

Interested? Excited? Curious? There will be a short meeting for youth AND parents after worship on Sunday, November 4, to go over the details. Speak with Elder Susan Turnbull or Pastor Boling for more information.

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## **PRAYERS**

Please pray for our homebound church members and those for whom special prayers have been requested: Ellen Smith, Doris Elmer, Joan Caramagna and family, Lucille De Fabritis, Beverly Monahan, Rev. Paul Boger, Rev. Rick Sommers, Lois Erickson, Michael Lewis Jr., Laura Boger, Helen LeDoux, Indira Bissoondath, Candy Antoine

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## **THE CHURCH IN PRAYER**

*"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10*

<b>To:</b>	Our Church Family		
<b>From:</b>	Charlotte Cade, Ethelyn Fulton, Eve Space		
<b>About:</b>	Our Church Family Prayer Journey		
<b>Purpose:</b>	To develop the discipline of prayer		
	To build relationships centered and focused on prayer		
	To pray in one accord with all members of the church family		
<b>Who:</b>	Individuals or Prayer Triplets		
<b>What:</b>	Read and discuss scripture texts, pray		
<b>Where:</b>	Any place that is comfortable for you		
<b>When:</b>	Any time that is workable and comfortable for you		
<b>November Theme:</b>	Trust and Obey, Love and Serve God Who Reigns Forever		
<b>Scripture Texts:</b>	Ruth 1:1-18	Psalm 146	Mark 12:28-34, 41-44
	John 18:33-37	Hebrews 10:11-25	Revelation 1:4-8

### **Special Prayer Requests from the Presbytery of Newark:**

- November 4 – presbytery meeting to be held on November 10
- November 11 – Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Orange
- November 18 – all presbytery committees
- November 25 – Korean United Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

# POINSETTIAS

Christmas is coming. We want to once again fill the sanctuary with Poinsettias to help us celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Poinsettias are supported by donations from members and friends. We are suggesting a donation of \$15.00, but donations of any amount are appreciated. Donations may be dedicated "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" family and friends. Following the Christmas Eve Worship Service, the Deacons will bring the Poinsettias to those on our Visitation and Keep In Touch Lists and others who are currently dealing with difficult life issues.

If you wish to donate, please tear off the section below, complete the requested information and place in an envelope stating **Deacons Flower Fund**. The envelope can be placed in the Sunday Offering or mailed to the church office: 147 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

**DEADLINE: December 16<sup>th</sup>**



## 2018 Poinsettia Donations (\$15.00 per dedication suggested)

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I Would Like To Take My Poinsettia Home: ☐ Yes ☐ No



### Happy Birthday

- 16.. Fritz Ntoko Njume  
Clifford Toliver
- 18.. Linda Rosania
- 19.. Carlos James
- 24.. Helen LeDoux
- 26.. Joan Campbell
- 27.. Jeffrey Eaton
- 28.. Rich Barone
- 29.. Kim Rooplal Birjah

### Happy Anniversary

- 14.. Rob and Aida Laffan





*Be sure to call the church office for building closings in the case of inclement weather. The message will be updated at 6:00 a.m.*

**THE CHURCH  
OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED ON  
THANKSGIVING DAY  
(NOVEMBER 22)  
AND  
THE DAY AFTER  
(NOVEMBER 23)**



## **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who so generously donated the supplies to Watsessing and Fairview Schools as well as our international school in Ohafia, Nigeria. The school supplies have been delivered. However, if anyone wishes to add to our donations to our Nigerian school, Mr. Kalu will be returning to Nigeria this December.

**Thanks also to everyone who has pledged their financial support to us. We continue to meet our mission pledges because of your generosity. If you have been meaning to support us, please know that it is not too late.**

Chrismon Tree Decorating is Sunday, November 25 after worship.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon is Sunday, December 2 after worship. The women who attended the Churchwide Gathering in August 2018, will share their experiences with us.

Photos will be displayed showing what's going on at our international school in Ohafia, Nigeria courtesy of Mr. Kalu.

Linda Rosania, Moderator

## **THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION**

*Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.*

Francis De Sales

# NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AA and NA meet in the Parish House unless otherwise noted AA meets: Sunday at 2:00 pm and Tuesday at 8:00 pm NA meets: Thursday at 7:30 pm  Spanish Church : Wednesday at 7:30pm  Cub Scouts meet in the Parish House or in the Library				<b>1</b>  7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>  Food Pantry Thrift Shop	<b>3</b> Thrift Shop
<b>4 Daylight Saving Time ends</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 11:45 Triennium Meeting (Parlor) 5pm- Church Leader Dinner (Manse)	<b>5</b>  6:00 Cub Scouts 7:30 Evangelism and Outreach Team (Parlor)	<b>6</b>  7:30 Women's Fellowship Coordinating Team (Parlor)	<b>7</b>  Food Pantry Thrift Shop 7:00 Lenape Trails (Parlor) 7:30 Finance & Stewardship (History Room)	<b>8</b>  7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>  Food Pantry Thrift Shop	<b>10</b> Thrift Shop
<b>11</b> 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Youth Choir rehearsal Deacon's Meeting after worship (Parlor) Session Reports Due	<b>12</b>  7:30 Book Club (History Room)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Food Pantry Thrift Shop  7:30 Session	<b>15</b>  7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> Food Pantry Thrift Shop	<b>17</b> Thrift Shop
<b>18 Consecration Sunday</b> 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Youth Choir rehearsal Congregational Luncheon following worship  Monthly SPIRE Articles Due	<b>19</b>  5:00 Feed the World  6:00 Cub Scouts (Art Room)	<b>20</b>  AA in the Chapel	<b>21</b> Food Pantry Thrift Shop  Spanish Church in the Chapel	<b>22 Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Church office is closed</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Church office is closed</b>  Food Pantry Thrift Shop	<b>24</b> Thrift Shop Food Pantry
<b>25</b> 9:45am – Adult Education (Parlor) 10:45 Worship Service 11:45 Youth Choir rehearsal Decorate Chrismon Tree Noon – 3:30pm - Advent Palooza	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Noon –Naomi Circle (Parish House)	<b>28</b> Food Pantry Thrift Shop 10:00 SPIRE Team	<b>29</b>  7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>  Food Pantry Thrift Shop	

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