

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

June 2020

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

"Get into the habit of saying, "Speak, Lord," and life will become a romance." -- Oswald Chambers
How is your spiritual love life these days? Is it running on empty? Is it overflowing? Is it stagnant? Heeding the words of Oswald Chambers is good, but with apologies to him, I would improve on his words by adding these words: the words, "I am listening." It is in listening to God when God speaks that His Word takes root in our lives and brings healing and growth. Want an overflowing spiritual love life? Ask God to speak to you. Listen when He does. Do what He tells you to do. Doing these three things on a daily basis will deepen your faith and grow your love for God and other people. Do it and be amazed!

*With prayers for your physical, mental, and spiritual health,
Pastor Chris*

THANK YOU, 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR STEPPING UP AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CARTERET!

On behalf of our Food Bank Families, I want to thank 1st Presbyterian Church for its generous gift of \$680 to the Food Bank! Over the years that I have been with you, you have been very supportive of the Food Bank. Your continued concern for the welfare of others is particularly needed at this time. Since our families cannot come into the Food Bank to select their food, we have been packing bags and delivering them through our Drive-By/Drop-Off Program begun in March. I have a team of six volunteers that have been doing an awesome job: June, Celia, Nancy, Debbie, Jay, and Sue. We have also had some wonderful donations from Fred Gerstler, Divine Mercy Parish, United Roosevelt Bank, and Scout Troop 88.

God bless you all for helping to make a difficult time a little easier!!

*Sincerely,
Pastor Chris*

HEALTH UPDATE: Jan Sager had her scheduled surgery on 5/28. She is due to come home on 5/29. **The surgery went well.** Biopsy reports should be available in about a week. Continue to keep Jan in prayer as she recovers at home. Keep Jill in prayer as well. She will be staying with Jan---providing companionship and loving care.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE: Amy and Pastor Chris will be trying something new...putting together a virtual worship service...which we hope to have up and running on Sunday, June 7th. Thank you to Chris for donating his time to play the music for us!! You will be notified how to access the virtual worship service as soon as all is in place. Keep us in prayer for guidance from the Holy Spirit on this new way (for us). **We will be very interested in your feedback!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 GRADUATES: Justine Stefura and Erik Anderson (Doris and John's grandchildren) and Danica Cotov (Paula and Tom's daughter, sister of Matt and Jake). **Well done!** Have a great time celebrating with your family and friends when the time is right! **God bless you as you move into the next stage of your life!**

GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

We are looking forward to starting up our nonprofit thrift store as soon as we are allowed and feel safe. Everyone continue to stay safe and hope to see you soon.

*Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Barkkume*



SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website **Jesuslovescarteret.org** you can find our newsletters and bulletin here.



Or check out our **Facebook** page **Carteret Presbyterian**, where you can connect with friends old and new.

FINANCE & PROPERTY REPORT JUNE 2020

It has been three months of isolation. We pray all are keeping safe and well.

Due to the loss of income from the SDA Church and the Thrift Shop we had to dip into a savings account we have to carry us over. Thank God we have this account at this time. We had paid our organist, Chris, half pay for about a month and a half. He had contacted Doris and informed her of his appreciation but understands if we can't continue. He has not been paid since, as we have had no services.

Prior to the time of opening the Church again, we will have the carpets cleaned and sanitized. The bathrooms and church will be cleaned again. Signs have been ordered for both the Church and Thrift shop to the effect of wearing masks and keeping social distancing.

This has been a challenge on finances and we ask that the congregation does not forget to mail in or drop off in our mailbox, at the Pastor's office side entrance, their offering envelopes.

We pray that soon we will be able to meet together again. In the meantime, please follow the recommendations for staying safe and keeping others safe and well.

*May God Bless all of us,
Finance & Property Committee
Carole Sullivan
John Michael
Doris Stefura*

SPIRITUAL LIFE

As we get closer to the time when we will be getting together once again, we look forward to some special activities. Some possibilities may include an outside worship service or a hymn sing followed by a pot luck supper.

Also up for discussion is a women's retreat day focusing on women of the Bible. Please contact Marianne or Edith if you have any suggestions.

Marianne Wilson
Edith Raimo

If you are able please send in your offering envelopes. You can drop them in our secure mailbox or mail them in. Our church still has expenses that won't stop during this shut down. Thank you to all who have sent their envelopes in, they are greatly appreciated.

ZION'S FOOD BANK Please donate cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk always needed. **MORE THAN EVER!!**



June 1 Michael Anosike
June 8 Christine Emolo
June 17 Erik Anderson
June 22 Shannon Zullo
June 30 Donna Sloan

June 21 Margaret & Dave Anderson

Sunday June 21

Session will hold their first meeting since the Covid 19 pandemic started, on Wednesday June 10th. We look forward to coming back as a Church family bigger and better than ever. If you have any ideas, concerns, suggestions on getting together once we are able please reach out to a Session member.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

THE CHURCH STEEPLE

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Please remember to keep the prayer list up to date!! Please look over the list each Sunday and make any changes and leave in the collection plate for Amy's attention. Thank you we love hearing that our prayers are working!!! And we love praying for the needs of this church and church family!

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