

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

September 2020

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven." Ecclesiastes 3: 1

S o o n
E v e r y
P l a n t (a n d)
T r e e (w i l l)
E r u p t (i n)
M u l t i t u d i n o u s (c o l o r)
B l e s s i n g (a n d)
E x a l t i n g (o u r)
R e d e e m e r



In the midst of our tumultuous times, still your heart and mind enough to see the world around you being clothed in the gorgeous colors of Fall. Be still in the presence of God.....thank Him for the memories and the blessings....trust Him for the future.

*With love and prayers for you all,
Pastor Chris*

INSTALLATION OF SESSION On Sunday, September 13, 2020 at the 11:00 AM service, members of Session will be installed. *It is still not too late to join Session for 1 year.* Please call Doris at 732-347-5132 or Pastor Chris at 848-467-6556 if you would like to help out with this special ministry of the Church.

Thank you!

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE Pastor Chris is still in the process of putting together a program that will use both virtual and face-to-face methods (where safe and necessary).

Parents and class members will be notified as soon as all is put into place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Pastor Chris---848-467-6556.



Sept 5	Cathy Moss
Sept 7	Lindsay Wawrzynski
Sept 8	Doris Stefura
Sept 12	Kathy Sager
Sept 19	John Stefura
Sept 24	Robert M Sloan
Sept 25	Kathy Yanni



Sept 8	Paula & Tom Cotov
Sept 25	Joyce & Dave Saliski

FINANCE & PROPERTY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2020

At the time of this writing we are still waiting for the windows in the nursery room to be installed. Another concern has developed. The back room of the Thrift Shop is getting water inside. It is the problem of a large tree dropping debris into the gutters and blocking them; however, the gutters are falling apart. We will be in the process of getting quotes for new gutters and leaders around the Church and Thrift Shop buildings. We may need to cut the tree that is overhanging our property to prevent some of the debris in the future. Gutter covers are being considered with the quotes we will receive.

*We pray all are well.
God Bless All,
Finance & Property Committee
Carole Sullivan
John Michael
Doris Stefura*

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

A NOTE FROM YOUR CLERK OF SESSION:

Hi all, I can't believe Labor Day is almost here. Talk about a crazy summer.

Hope you are all well and ready to get back to the almost normal running of the church.

Session held a meeting with the SDA Pastor & several members of his church. They presented us with their plan for opening during the Pandemic. All plans were accepted. They will meet only on Saturdays from 10-12:30. Since they will not be using the building as much as they had in the past we felt it was necessary to adjust their rent accordingly.

Our plans were put in place & we can attend services feeling safe. Attendance has been very low & hopefully more members will return soon.

Session is also having problems with a resignation due to health problems & other sicknesses. We pray that some members could step up & volunteer for a one year term of service.

Stay safe, stay well & we hope to see you soon.

*Doris Stefura
Clerk of Session*

CHURCH ATTENDANCE IN THE MIDST OF COVID-19 As would be expected, In-Church worship is down. Session wants to assure all of you that the Property/Finance Committee has done everything possible to make for a safe worship environment. Temperatures are taken at the door. Masks are worn during the entire service. Social distancing is done with ease. You alone can decide for yourself and your family what is best for you and your family. Be assured that if you are not in church, you are not forgotten and we pray for you. And, please don't forget to support your Church with your prayers and your offerings--we need them both!

GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

To bring you up to date, the bags of clothing have been donated to the Carteret Board of Education. They were very thankful for our large donation.

It has been approximately three months of work sorting, cleaning and organizing the Thrift Shop. The main area where the clothes and housewares are, is ready. It was discussed among our regular Thrift Shop volunteers as to whether we, ourselves, are ready to open. We do have issues as we have loved ones at home to be concerned about keeping well also. An idea of making appointments to shop is being tried out. If this works, we will be notifying the public of this procedure. We feel there still is the need to be cautious and will continue to do so. However, anyone shopping has said it is a pleasure to shop and browse through a clean and organized place.

Should you be interested in shopping or know of someone who is, please give them the church number to call. (732-541-4469) Doris or I will get in contact with them and set an appointment.

Stay well.

*God Bless,
Carole Sullivan for the
Thrift Shop Staff.*



Steph and Carole have revamped the Thrift Shop. They have been working very hard to organize and clean up the shop. They got rid of old items that have been there for far too long. They moved racks to ensure there can be some social distancing!

The Thrift Shop is now open by appointment only. Would you like to volunteer to meet with some customers? If so let Carole know your schedule!

THANK YOU CAROLE AND STEPH!!!!

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.

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THE CHURCH STEEPLE



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