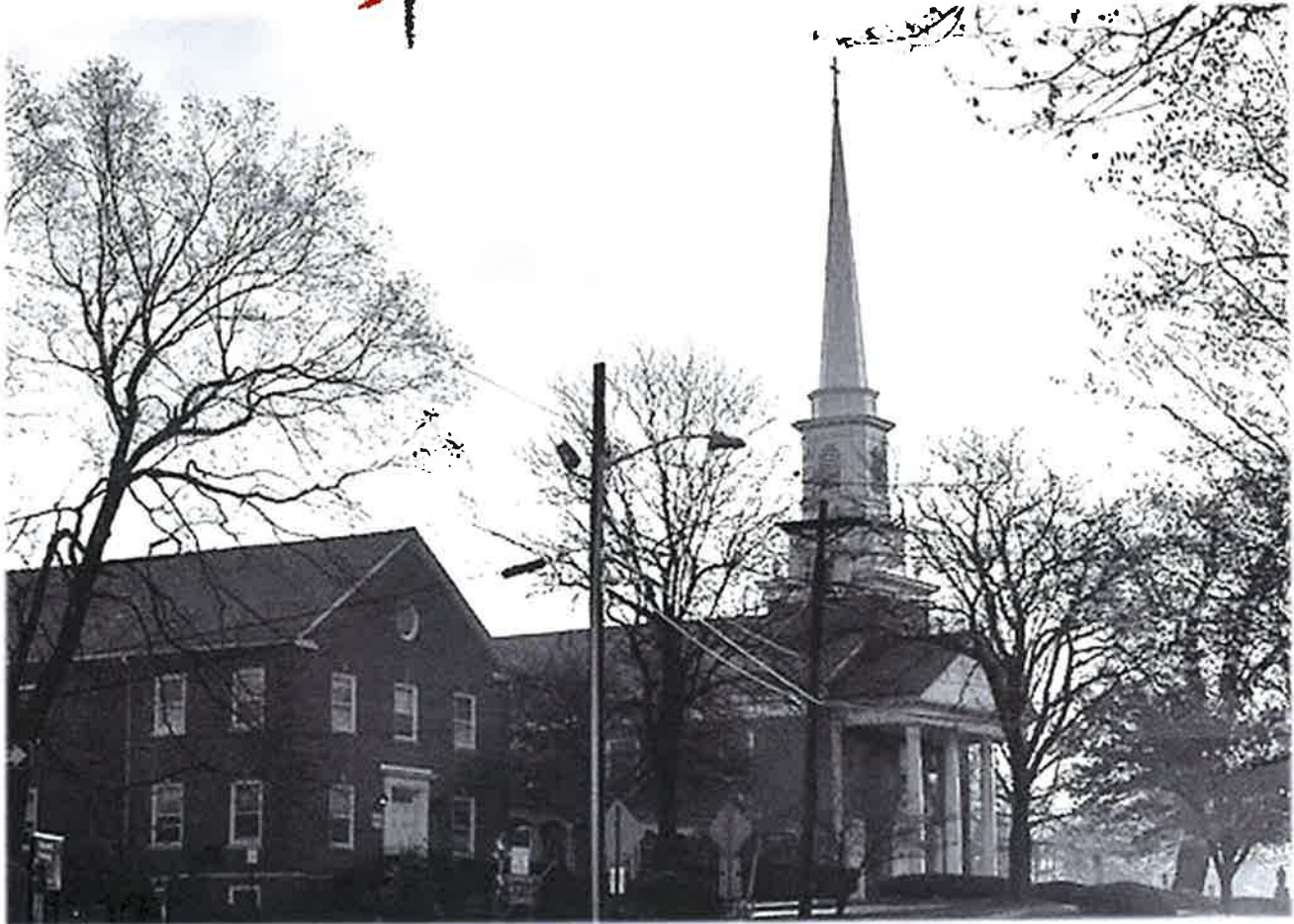




**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



**September 29, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

www.fpcweb.org

(732) 491-2300



Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
Associate Pastor: Rev. Khayla Johnson
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Robert A. Beringer
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Glory J. Thomas
Indonesian Pastoral Supply: Rev. Leksmana Leonard
Director of Music Ministries: Jordan Klotz
Minister of Music Emeritus: Brenda Arnold Day
Director for Christian Education: Nancy Leardi

ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

*Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Solemn Melody

H. Walford Davies

WELCOME/TIDINGS

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

INTROIT Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord, from *Elijah*

Senior Choir

Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Thompson

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

Leader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

**All: You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the
name of the Lord.**

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN # 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Let the intentions of our hearts, the desire for what is good, breathe life today. Take the sparse confidence we cling to be set aside; let us take up the wonder of your grace and mercy. Give us eyes to see your hand at work; give us ears to hear the truth you speak to creation. May we find redemption. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #583 Glory to God (Sing twice.)

GLORIA

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Russ Dickow

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children Pre-K to 6th grade will exit to their 1st-floor classrooms after the children's message. Older children remain in worship.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	1 Kings 17:17-24	Kathy Book
	This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.	
ANTHEM	Show Us How to Love	Senior Choir
		Mark Miller
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 7:11-17	
	This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	"Now I Know"	The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN # 629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Improvisation on St. Agnes

*DOXOLOGY # 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . *And also with you.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN # 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postludium Philip Kreckel

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

*Today's greeter is June Young, and the ushers are Wendy Kukowski,
Karen Sorensen, and Jen Thompson.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Jean Ostermueller, Gary's mother, on her
birthday, and Tom Ostermueller, Gary's brother, from Gary, Cathy, Dan, and Jeff.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.'

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

The New Revised Standard Version, copyright © 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the [National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America](#). Used by permission. All rights reserved.

September 29, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

(All rights reserved. Used by permission.
CCLI license numbers 20354270 & 20397330)

#14 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

1- For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2- For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: **[Refrain]**

3- For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: **[Refrain]**

4- For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: **[Refrain]**

5- For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: **[Refrain]**

#583 GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.) All rights reserved. Used by permission.
CCLI license numbers 20354270 & 20397330*

#629 JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

1- Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

2- Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

3- O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

4- But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show.
The love of Jesus, what it is
none but his loved ones know.

5- Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

606 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God, from whom all blessings, flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#463 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1- How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2- "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3- "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4- "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5- "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen has adopted a policy that individuals listed must grant permission for their names to be included on the weekly prayer list. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE – 732-491-2300 to add a person to the prayer list. Persons requested to be on the prayer list will remain for one month and then be removed unless requested to keep for a longer period.

Dey Adam (*Dawn Adam's sister*)
Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)
James Angley (*Lynne Angley's son*)
Marilyn Avery
The Bellini family (*friends of the Brennan's*)
John and Gemma Bertelsen (*Brother and sister-in-law of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
Linda Burr (*sister of June Young*)
Anna Cackowski (*daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski*)
Cassidy family (*Marty Brennan's relatives*)
Natalie Charles (*cousin of Tom Messina*)
*Beverly Cummings
Bruce Dangremond (*brother of Mary Kay Dangremond*)
*Mary Kay Dangremond
*Henry and Rita Dengah
Lisa De La Fuente (*friend of the Kozo/Mollison family*)
Darla Dimatteo
Robert Doeg (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)
*Ruth Endicott
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)
Carol Franklin (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
*Marie Gale
Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)
*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)
*Margaret Hathaway
Vera Koprowski (*mother of Cathy Wolpin*)

Marion Kovacs (*friend of June Keehbler*)
*Susan Kozo
Elaine LeSter (*Lorraine LeSter's sister*)
MacArthur family (*Allison Brennan's cousin and family*)
Elizabeth Mack (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)
Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)
Chris McGrane (*friend of Sue Harmon*)
Patty Meyer (*Daughter-in-law of Jane and Ed Meyer*)
Michael
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)
Joan Murray (*Allison Brennan's mother*)
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)
Carol Piza (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)
*Dave Ryder
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)
*Deb Sorensen
Lorenzo Soto (*Kristina Scoglio's cousin*)
Sarah Abed Van Pelt (*Chris Van Pelt's daughter-in-law*)
Richard Watson (*Nancy Gurzo's friend*)
Crystal Smith Williams (*friend of the Food Pantry*)
David Wong
*Lynn Hendricks Wong
Michael Zambri (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

David Garry, Coast Guard Cutter Bear, Portsmouth, VA
MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*son of Elaine Hansen*)
MC1 Kevin Leitner, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)
Lt. Cmdr. Krista Marquard, U.S. Public Health Service, Lawrence, KS (*Bill & Susan Marquard's daughter-in-law*)
Major Matthew McQueeney, Pilot & DO, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho (*son/stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)
LT John Alexander Petr, U. S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Pennix Family friend*)
*CPT Bradley Shaver, U. S. Army – Ft. Carson, CO (*brother/son of Greg and Julie Walton Shaver*)
CPT Julia Harris Switzer, MD USAF (*granddaughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)
Petty Officer 1st Class Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.

Refreshments – Room 109 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

DBSA Support Group – Room 109. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Jubilee Choir – Choir Loft 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

1st Tuesday – GLOW Room 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

AA Support Group – Room 109 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Pastoral Study: Pericopes of Luke – PW Lounge . . 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group BBQ – Ball Field 6:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Service – Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Rosh Hashanah Service – Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.

Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 p.m.

Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Queer Fellowship – PW Lounge 7:00 p.m.

Women’s AA Support Group – Room 109. . 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Fall Trivia Night – Social Center 7:00 p.m.

COMING SOON

- Oct 6 Community Dinner – Dining Room – 5:00 pm
- Oct 7 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge/Zoom – 7:00 pm
- Oct 7 Social Justice – Office Conf. Room – 7:30 pm
- Oct 8 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge – 11:00 am
- Oct 8 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm
- Oct 9 Men’s Breakfast – Dining Room – 7:30 am
- Oct 9 Crafty Ladies – PW Lounge – 1:00 pm
- Oct 10 Local Mision Meeting – Auditorium – 11:45 am
- Oct 10 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm
- Oct 13 Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot – 3:00-4:00 pm
- Oct 14 Worship & Music Comm. – PW Lounge – 7:00pm
- Oct 16 Prayer Shawl Circle – Session Room – 7:00 pm
- Oct 18 Rummage Sale – Social Center – 4:00-8:00 pm
- Oct 19 Rummage Sale – Social Center – 9:00 am-2:00 pm

TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received September 22

Pledge	\$ 5,220
Non-pledge	\$ 460
Cash	\$ 278
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 60
Widows Fund	\$ 1,790

TOTAL: \$ 7,808

Other Receipts: \$50 (Flowers)



**MALAWI MISSION TRIP
2024 October 14 - 24**

The small group traveling to Malawi is all set to leave for their mission trip to learn more about the work of The Widow’s Fund, and to provide funding directly to those in need. They are also collecting working old laptops that could be repurposed.

Donations towards the Widow’s Fund and used laptops will be accepted until October 10th. Mail or put in the offering plate donations for the 2024 Widow’s Fund Mission; laptops may be dropped off at FPC office. Thank you for your generous support!



PASTORAL CARE:

If you or someone you know needs our support or is in the hospital, please feel free to contact Rev. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours: Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, or by appointment.

FALL TRIVIA Night

OCTOBER 5, SATURDAY

7:00 PM, SOCIAL CENTER

The Music Ministry's Fall Trivia Night is back!

Come for a fun evening! Popcorn and hot cider will be provided. You are also welcome to bring your drink of choice; this event is BYOB. Tickets are now on sale. Get yours now! Tickets are \$15 each.

Questions? Feel free to contact Jordan Klotz:
jklotz@fpcweb.org or call (732) 491 2266.

FREE

Community Dinner

Sunday, October 6

5:00 PM, Social Center Dining Room



**We have a place at the table for you!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Join us in community and fellowship at our own Oktoberfest! You will enjoy traditional German sausage, roasted potatoes, braised red cabbage, green salad, cucumber salad, pretzels, and a delicious dessert.

For more information-

Contact the church office (732) 491-2300.

Let us know if you are also interested in helping during the dinners. Volunteers are always welcome!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF METUCHEN

ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

3- 4 PM, SUNDAY

SOCIAL CENTER PARKING LOT

The annual Trunk or Treat is back and we invite you to join us!

- Dress up your trunk and bring good cheer and treats! We hope to sign up 15 trunks.
- Ask us how you can volunteer with your time and gifts!
- Please donate candy for the volunteers decorating their trunks. You may drop them off at the Church office.

Questions? Contact Nancy Leardi, nleardi@fpcweb.org

Begins October!

SOUP LOVE MINISTRY



The Soup Ministry, with the help of the Deacons, will be returning this fall! We are always looking for more people to join in this comforting and fulfilling ministry. Please reach out if you would like to help:

- Make a pot of soup (containers will be provided)
- Deliver containers of soup on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon (no cooking required!)

If you know someone who would appreciate a soup delivery or are interested in helping with this ministry, please get in touch with Laura Draper by email:

draperfam44@gmail.com

FROM THE DEACONS OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN

FISH & CHIPS DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
6:00–7:30 PM
SOCIAL CENTER
PARKING LOT

Come for a delicious dinner of fish and chips, coleslaw, and a cold drink. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the various initiatives of the Deacons.

Tickets: Adults \$25 | Kids \$15
12 & under

Get your tickets from the Church office,
from the Deacons, or use this QR code for
Eventbrite. (Additional fees apply.)



Candlelight Concert Series

Hauntings at the Organ
Sunday, October 27,
6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Brenda Day and Jordan Klotz are sure to haunt you with both sacred and secular organ music specifically selected to add terror to the Halloween season. This event is the first of the Music Ministry's new Candlelight Concert Series—evening performances by candlelight—and is also being co-sponsored by Rise Up Community Arts.

Ticketing is being handled by Rise Up Community Arts and can be purchased at riseuparts.org or at the door.

For more information, scan this
QR code.



Presbyterian Women 2024 FALL RUMMAGE SALE



October 18, 4:00 – 8:00 PM
October 19, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Social Center

Start cleaning out your closets—
it's time for the Fall Rummage Sale.

DROP OFF OF DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

Monday, Oct. 14th through Thurs., Oct. 17th
from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

***TUESDAY** Drop off extended till 7 PM

Call for Volunteers: Volunteers are needed Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm to receive donations, sort and set up, and during sale hours on Friday night and Saturday. All volunteers are invited to a Friday Pizza and Salad dinner at 3 pm before the sale begins. Saturday our traditional Hot Dog Lunch will be served! If you never “worked” the Rummage Sale, it’s a great time to serve and fellowship!

Volunteer Perks: Purchase in advance before we open to the community! See you then!



PW is partnering with **Help Others Mission**,
a local non-profit on 621 Middlesex Ave.

At the end of the sale, all charitable
donations will go to the Help Others
Mission and will benefit the Metuchen

Fire Department.

Questions? Contact Cindy O'Neill mimabook@aol.com
or call the church office (732) 491-2300