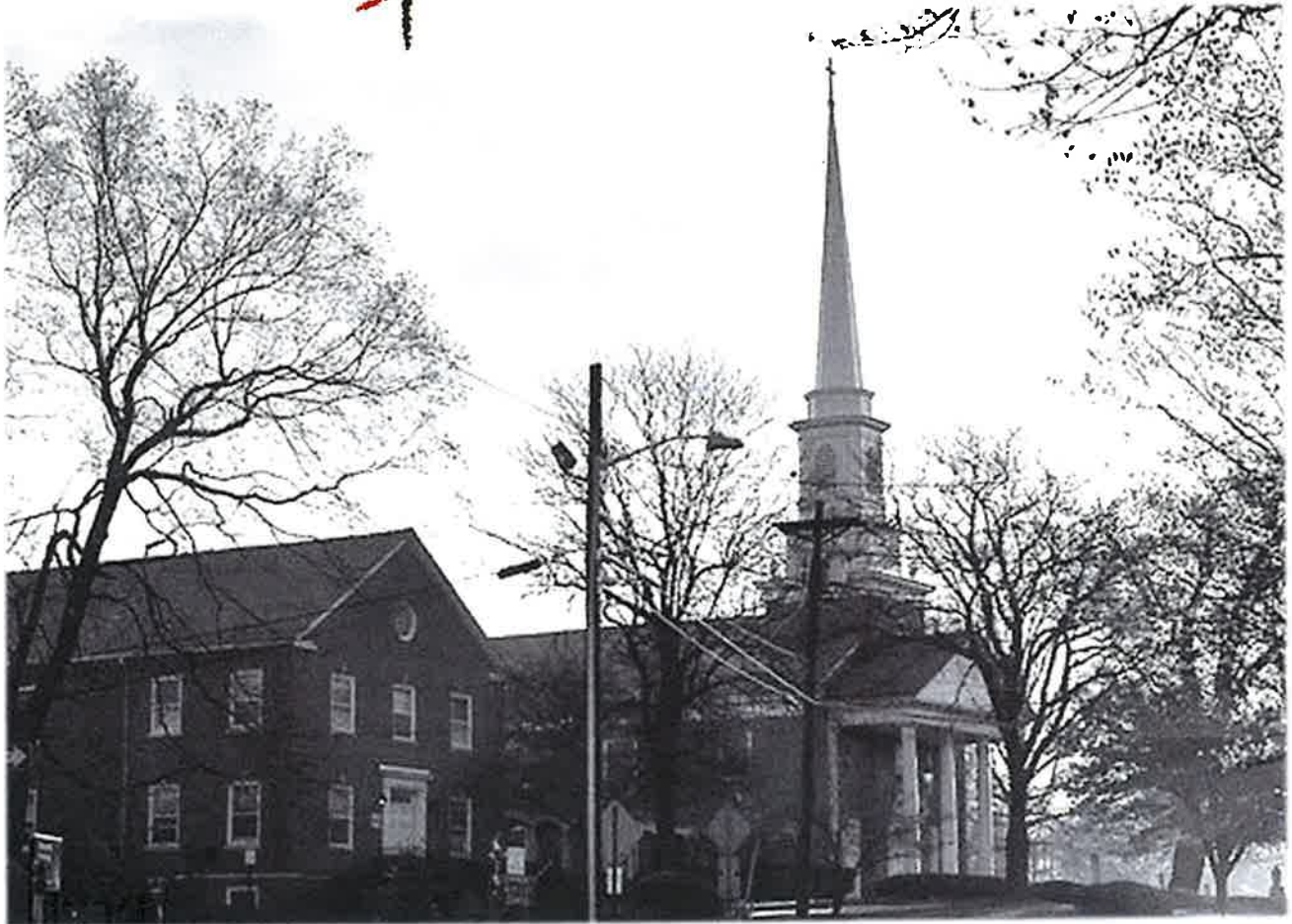




**First Presbyterian Church
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



**October 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

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ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME/TIDINGS

Rev. Khayla Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

All: Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

Leader: My lips will pour forth praise, because you teach me your statutes.

All: My tongue will sing of your promise, for all your commandments are right.

Leader: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

All: I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

Leader: Let me live that I might praise you, and let your ordinances help me.

All: I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

*HYMN # 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Rev. Khayla Johnson

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Help us to be wise, to be curious of the earth, to question with no answer in hand. Let our hearts seek out what is wonderful and true; let our eyes see what is good and beautiful. Let us find the treasures of heaven in the hearts of those we meet. May we be gracious with what is not yet done and kind to those who are just beginning. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

ANTHEM Let Your Light Shine

Jubilee Choir

Sue Duckett

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sue West

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children Pre-K to 6th grade will exit to the GLOW Room after the children's message for a puppet skit and stories. Older children remain in worship.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Ecclesiastes 9:7-16	Todd Ryder
	This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.	
ANTHEM A Love Round	Westminster Choir	Nancy Gilford
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 7:36-50	
	This is the Word of the Lord . . . Thanks be to God.	
SERMON	"He Would Have Known"	The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN # 611	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	HYMN TO JOY
CALL TO OFFERING		The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY # 606	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	The Peace of Christ be with you . . . <i>And also with you.</i>	

ELDERS 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 # 541	God Be with You Till We Meet Again	RANDOLPH
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Today's greeters are the Pellicano family – Laura, Dennis, Charlie & Liam, and the ushers are Martin Brennan, Wendy Kukowski, and Beth Russian.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Donald and Ruth Hume from Linda, Carol, Kathy, and Amy and their families.

The flowers in the Niche is given in loving memory of JoAnn from her mom, Ellen Van Horn, in honor of JoAnn's birthday on October 4.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 9:7-16

Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skillful; but time and chance happen to them all. For no one can anticipate the time of disaster. Like fish taken in a cruel net, and like birds caught in a snare, so mortals are snared at a time of calamity, when it suddenly falls upon them.

I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed important to me. There was a little city with few people in it. A great king came against it and besieged it, building great siege works against it. Now there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. So I said, 'Wisdom is better than might; yet the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heeded.'

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

October 13, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

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#1 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1- When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

2- How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

3- So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!

4- And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

5- Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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#654 IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; Do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; The Lord is near.

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#611 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

1- Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2- All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3- Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

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.

#541 GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

1- God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

2- God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

3- God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4- God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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*)
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

MALAWI MISSION GROUP – OCTOBER 15 - 24

For Rev. Garry, Jen Edge, and Sarah Teti let us pray for traveling mercies, good health, and meaningful engagements with the Widows Fund and others they will meet while in Malawi.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

David Garry, Coast Guard Cutter Bear, Portsmouth, VA (*Son of Fred & Kathy Garry*)
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:

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

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual9:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Class – Room 203 10:30 a.m.
 Refreshments – Room 109 10:30 a.m.
 Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary Noon
 Trunk or Treat – Social Ctr. Parking Lot3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY

Rummage Sale Set-up – Social Center . .9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 Worship & Music Comm. – PW Lounge7:00 p.m.
 DBSA Support Group – Room 109. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Rummage Sale Set-up – Social Center . .9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.
 Stewardship Comm. – PW Lounge1:00 p.m.
 Jubilee Choir – Choir Loft 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 AA Support Group – Room 1097:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rummage Sale Set-up – Social Center . .9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 Westminster Choir – Choir Room6:30 p.m.
 Trinity Ringers – Bell Loft 7:00 p.m.
 Finance Comm. – Office Conf. Room7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Shawl Ministry – Session Room 7:00 p.m.
 Youth Group – Youth Room (Rm. 211) 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Rummage Sale Set-up – Social Center . .9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
 Concord Ringers – Bell Loft9:30 a.m.
 Junior Choir – Choir Room.4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
 Joy Ringers – Sanctuary 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Junior Club – Social Center 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
 Covenant Ringers – Bell Loft7:00 p.m.
 Senior Choir – Choir Room 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

PW Rummage Sale – Social Center 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Women’s AA Support Group – Room 109. . . 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Confirmation Retreat – Camp Johnsonburg9:00 a.m.
 PW Rummage Sale – Social Center 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

COMING SOON

Oct 24 Mission Volunteer Night – Auditorium – 7:00 pm
 Oct 25 Fish & Chips Fundraiser – Parking Lot – 6:00 pm
 Oct 26 Mission Volunteer Saturday – Auditorium – 9:00 am
 Oct 27 Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan Service – Sanctuary - 9:30 am
 Oct 27 Hauntings at the Organ Concert – Sanctuary
 6:00 pm
 Nov 3 New Member Class – Session Room - 10:30 am
 Nov 3 Community Dinner – Dining Room – 5:00 pm
 Nov 5 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 p.m.
 Nov 10 New Member Class – Session Room - 10:30 am
 Nov 12 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 p.m.
 Nov 24 New Member Reception – Room 109 – 10:30 am

For more details of what’s happening in the coming weeks and months, check out the church calendar on the website. Scan this QR code to access the mentioned calendar.



TREASURER’S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received October 6

Pledge	\$ 11,652
Non-pledge	\$ 455
Cash	\$ 61
Per Capita	\$ 260
Widows Fund	\$ 250
Peacemaking	\$ 1,380
Special Offerings	\$ 1,445

TOTAL: \$ 15,503

Other Receipts: \$866

(Parking, Flowers, Building Use)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- Direct** Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!
- Online** From our website fpcweb.org/give, click on the **Give Online** button. This will redirect you to the Vanco app to set up your donation.
- Text** Text to give using this number: (855) 964-5393, and follow the prompts.

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 or Rev. Khayla Johnson at (843) 312-7288. 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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF METUCHEN
ANNUAL
TRUNK OR TREAT

BOO!

TODAY, OCTOBER 13
3- 4 PM, SUNDAY
SOCIAL CENTER PARKING LOT

Join us today for the annual Trunk or Treat!
Enjoy the creativity of our participants with their decorated trunks!
Park by the church and walk over to the Social Center Parking lot.
A reminder that we are collecting donations of non-perishable items for the Food Pantry.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan
October 27, 2024



Get your tartans ready to march with the beadle and bagpiper for our fun service of the Kirkin. The Kirkin o' the Tartan reminds us that we are a community of believers woven together by the faith of centuries. **We will meet around 9:15 am at the corner of Laureldale Avenue and Woodbridge Avenue.** On the bagpiper's cue, we will march together to the Sanctuary. Please give yourselves time and plan to arrive early.



STEWARDSHIP 2025

In 2024, the FPC Deacons were blessed to receive a grant from the Presbytery of the Coastlands to help support their monthly community dinners. FPC feeds close to 200 community members at each dinner. This is a great day. However, these funds cannot be used for church operations. They are solely to purchase food for the dinners.

Our Stewardship campaign is to raise funds to support church operations. In the coming weeks, you will hear more about how you can participate in the heart work of the church through your giving. Your generosity means a lot.

You can call the church office, email our church treasurer Colleen Walker at cwalker@fpcweb.org, or use this QR code to pledge online.



THANK YOU!

WANTED: Empty coffee cans

The Sunday School craft room is asking for COFFEE CAN donations. The children will be working on a project later in the year and so we ask that you save your empty tins for this project. Please drop these off at the CE office or the Church office. Contact Nancy Leardi if you have any questions – nleardi@fpcweb.org.



Presbyterian Women 2024 FALL RUMMAGE SALE



Oct. 18, 4:00 – 8:00 pm | Oct. 19, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Social Center

The much-awaited Rummage Sale is happening this week!
**DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM MONDAY, OCT. 14
THROUGH THURSDAY, OCT. 17 FROM 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
***TUESDAY Drop off extended till 7 PM**

As always we rely on many volunteers throughout the week for set up, help during sale hours, and clean up. And there are perks volunteers can enjoy. 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've never "worked" the Rummage Sale, it's a great time to serve and fellowship!

A Rose in Remembrance



November 3

Place a memorial rose in the Sanctuary to remember your departed loved ones at the November 3rd Worship Service. The names will be listed in the worship bulletin, and roses may be brought home by the donor.

Get your form from the Narthex, church foyer or download one using the QR code below. Return the form with your payment no later than **OCTOBER 28** to the church office.



Candlelight Concert Series

Hauntings at the Organ
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 riseupart.org or at the door.

For more information, scan this QR code.



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.)





DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH October 2024

Disability takes many forms, both apparent and non-apparent. Disability Awareness Month at Rutgers is an opportunity for us to recognize, understand, and learn about disabilities and the community.

During the month of October, Rutgers University celebrates its 3rd Annual Disability Awareness Month.

Disability takes many forms, both apparent and non-apparent. Disability Awareness Month at Rutgers is an opportunity for people to recognize, understand, and learn about disabilities and the community. There will be over 40 different programs and activities on various topics of disability happening throughout the university during October. Most events are free and open to the general public. Participate in a hybrid workshop on October 15th from 12:00-1:30 pm and learn from our own First Presbyterian Church parishioner, **Tom Giordano**, as he speaks in a panel about Seeing Eye dogs and the Seeing Eye program!

For a list of all events, follow this QR code.



newbrunswick.rutgers.edu/disability-awareness-month

Save the dates!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

November 3 and 10

In the Library, After worship

Interested or have questions about church membership?

Explore what it means to be Presbyterian, the opportunities available to be part of ministry, and what mission projects and efforts are currently underway.

Sign up now if you would like to attend these classes that will be led by Rev. Garry, and Rev. Johnson.

Contact us in the church office. Call: (732) 491-2300 or email: fpc@fpcweb.org

New members will be welcomed in a reception to be held on November 24th. We hope you will join now!



It's back!

SOUP LOVE MINISTRY



The Soup Ministry, with the help of the Deacons, is back! 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