



# CHURCH KEY NEWSLETTER



First Presbyterian Church  
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## AT A GLANCE:

7th

LABOR DAY



12th

DAISEY ROE FLEA MARKET



23RD

1ST DAY OF AUTUMN



Every Saturday — 9am-noon Daisy Roe Thrift Shop is open for business. Masks and social distancing required.

Every Sunday — 10am Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and then available on YouTube for later viewing



### Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to gather as a church family for worship and spiritual fellowship, to nurture and educate, and to proclaim the gospel to the world.

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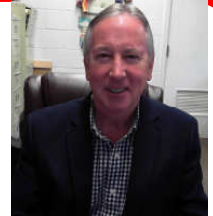


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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Time Flies When You're Together



When we arrived here as a family 3 decades ago for me to begin my ministry in Branchville, we had a little boy aged three and a half, and a younger son aged one and a half. Our house was not done being built in Newton, so Kay and the boys lived with her parents down in PA, and commuted up to this area for the weekends until we were all able to move in together in November. I lived in the Hollands' house in Branchville (while they lived in their summer house on the lake) and began my ministry here as a solo pastor after my first seven years as an Associate Pastor in West Chester, PA.

This church's previous pastor had resigned and moved at the very end of 1989, and here I was now in place just 9 months later. I began my official duties as pastor of this church on September 1, 1990. In my first sermon I told you that "we look forward to serving the Lord with you for many years to come." So here it is 30 years later, still serving the Lord with you!

In that time, according to the records I've kept, some of the official things I've done here are that I have preached nearly 1,100 times, I have baptized 120 babies, confirmed 123 youth, married 126 brides and grooms, and (sadly) performed 144 funerals.

Also along the way there have been work camps and retreats with the youth, dozens of potluck meals (I always want more of those), adult classes on interesting topics to us all, VBS and Sunday School themed activities, and lots of good fellowship. Our boys grew up in the nursery, then in Sunday School, in choirs and Youth Group, and we're grateful to the church family for overseeing their years of growth in body and in faith. Over the years I've undergone a couple of surgeries and the outpouring of cards and messages has been of tremendous comfort and support. We consider this church family.

Never did I imagine that my ministry here in Branchville would go for 30 years (and counting), and you all probably didn't either. The history of pastorates in this church is an average of around 3-4 years over our 200 years, so a 30+ year relationship was not expected.

And our time and ministry here is not done yet! We are all coping with the pandemic crisis together (pretty well I think), and in the next couple of years I have plans to try to involve us in an international ministry (watch for details of that over the next year). The journey continues, and just as we've loved the time we've spent here over the past 30 years, I'll repeat what I said the very first week we were with you: "we look forward to serving the Lord with you for many years to come."

Your pastor,



Please offer prayers for these concerns that have been brought to our attention. They are collected each Sunday morning during the past month from the prayer concerns list used in worship.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron</li> <li>• Abigail</li> <li>• Walter Ackerly</li> <li>• A cure for Covid-19</li> <li>• All front line workers</li> <li>• All those fighting cancer</li> <li>• All the elderly who are vulnerable</li> <li>• All those in pain from illness</li> <li>• All those with anxiety and depression</li> <li>• Amanda and her family, safe travels</li> <li>• Ann</li> <li>• John Arnedt</li> <li>• Audrey</li> <li>• Bea</li> <li>• Joyce B.</li> <li>• Barbara</li> <li>• Cambell Family on the passing of Karen Cambell</li> <li>• Corine Barton</li> <li>• David Battjes, fighting cancer</li> <li>• Beth</li> <li>• Betty, facing serious illness</li> <li>• Beth &amp; Ken</li> <li>• Tim Berg</li> <li>• Bill</li> <li>• Roberta Burkhart</li> <li>• Muriel Card</li> <li>• Cathy fighting cancer</li> <li>• Carl</li> <li>• Peg Carlson</li> <li>• Leanne Clausen</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie</li> <li>• David</li> <li>• Debbie</li> <li>• Debi</li> <li>• Bob &amp; Caroline Deaderick, for healing after knee surgeries</li> <li>• Doug</li> <li>• Carole Edwards</li> <li>• Ed</li> <li>• Baby Eleanor, 11 months old facing her 2nd heart operation</li> <li>• Rich Elliott friend's Kyle</li> <li>• Jack Fasano</li> <li>• Lorraine Feaser</li> <li>• Garry</li> <li>• Goodwin Family on the sudden passing of their brother Clay</li> <li>• Greg</li> <li>• Roy &amp; Donna Havelin</li> <li>• Helm Family facing the trial of cancer</li> <li>• Irene</li> <li>• Jack</li> <li>• Jeanne</li> <li>• Jess</li> <li>• Jim</li> <li>• John</li> <li>• Johnny</li> <li>• Jolene &amp; John</li> <li>• Justin</li> <li>• Mike Kallimanus</li> <li>• Karen</li> <li>• Kathy</li> <li>• Bill Kaufman</li> <li>• Kayla</li> <li>• The Keeney Family on the passing of Ruth Keeney</li> <li>• Ken</li> <li>• Kevin in the hospital</li> <li>• Kimmy</li> <li>• Kim</li> <li>• Amy, Dave &amp; Josh Langley</li> <li>• Lars</li> <li>• Larry, who is starting chemo for his brain tumor</li> <li>• Ludvigsen Family facing the trial of cancer</li> <li>• Laura and her family on the passing of her dad</li> <li>• Sharon Lee</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gail Leypoldt on the passing of her husband Carl</li> <li>• Lillian</li> <li>• Linda</li> <li>• Lorraine's Family</li> <li>• Eric Lorenz</li> <li>• Michelle</li> <li>• Mike McMillen, fighting cancer</li> <li>• Rodger &amp; Margie Mills as they enter the next chapter of their lives in PA</li> <li>• Morgan</li> <li>• Ruth Morrow</li> <li>• Gail M.</li> <li>• Lisa Mueller</li> <li>• Nathan</li> <li>• The Orr Family</li> <li>• Joyce O.</li> <li>• Joyce P.</li> <li>• Jannean Parana after the death of her sister, Rose</li> <li>• Peg &amp; Mary</li> <li>• Karen Pawelczyk on the loss of her husband John</li> <li>• Pop Pop</li> <li>• Prayers of thanks for Rich Elliott who has moved back to Kansas.</li> <li>• Carolyn Rauscher</li> <li>• Rick</li> <li>• Ruby Ring, John Arnedt's granddaughter facing on-going complications of Covid-19</li> <li>• Ruth</li> <li>• John Saltzman</li> <li>• Sarina</li> <li>• Sharon Lee</li> <li>• Sherry</li> <li>• Stephanie</li> <li>• Tom</li> <li>• Sandy Tortis, stage 4 lung cancer</li> <li>• Ursula, broken hip</li> <li>• Maryann Voldmann</li> <li>• Warren</li> <li>• Winter's Family, after the passing of David "Pop Pop" Winters</li> <li>• Gail Zubl</li> <li>• John Zubl, recovering from brain surgery</li> </ul> |
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**PLEASE GIVE** – Our church is not closed but is continuing to try to make a difference in the world. Folks from all over the states and even internationally are tuning in to our streaming worship. The summer months have been tough (one Sunday in August our entire collection was \$200) and we appreciate both the giving of those who aren't regular members of our church as well as the generosity of our members.



Please help us continue our ministries, as we try to be a positive presence online, through our food pantry, and in the missions we support around the world - for the need is greater than ever!

In addition to the options of mailing in a check, using Bill Pay at your bank, or using our e-Giving service, we are now able to offer you the option of giving through texting on your phone. Just text the word GIVE to 973-874-1277 and follow the link that will be texted back to you. You can donate using your credit card, debit card, checking or savings account.



**DAISEY ROE FLEA MARKET & BRANCHVILLE GARAGE SALE DAY-** Fall is just around the corner. The Daisey Roe Chain is planning their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Flea Market including the Thrift Shop on Saturday, September 12th, from 9am to 2pm. Our group will be renting tables indoors or outdoors for \$20 each. Table space is limited to 25 tables. We do the advertising and provide tables for outdoors and sunshine only. Daisey Roe keeps spaces for our church members who are interested in renting a table, so please

send in your check by September 8, 2020 to reserve your space. Co-Chairwomen: Sandra Harrison, Marion Alden, Beverly Keur. Checks payable to: Daisey Roe Chain and mail to: Sandra Harrison, P.O. Box 2597, Branchville NJ 07826 or call 973-948-5197.

**THE THRIFT STORE IS OPEN** – The Daisey Roe's Thrift Shop is open, with masks and social distancing required. It is open every Saturday from 9am to noon. They've gathered *lots* of items and are ready for sales! Stop by the church and see what catches your eye. All proceeds go to support their mission causes and the church. We hope to see you here!

**OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES ONLINE** every Sunday morning at 10am streaming live on Facebook Live. "Friend" [pastorjh@ptd.net](mailto:pastorjh@ptd.net) and watch for the announcement that we've gone live. Afterward the video will be posted to YouTube—search there for "First Presbyterian Church of Branchville."

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## LETTERS

Hi Pastor Jeff,

Just want to let you know I continue to participate in worship virtually from North Bethesda, Maryland. It felt like I was "free riding" so I made a contribution to the church. Thank you for leading an inspiring worship and for keeping my heart close to Branchville. Especially in these difficult times, being reminded of God's love is a tonic.

Mike Lutz



**Hey, It's Team Travelin' for Havelin!**  
**It is time again for our 11th annual Walk to Defeat ALS!!**

**When: Sunday, October 18th, 11:30am**  
**Where: Frankford Park, Branchville, NJ**

***All proceeds will go to the ALS Association, Greater NY Chapter, for the benefit of patients and much needed research to eradicate this horrific disease.***

This year, because of the COVID crisis our main ALS walk across the Hudson is cancelled, but that will not stop team "Travelin for Havelin"! We will be having a 1 mile "mini" team walk on the same date, Sunday, Oct 18th, 11:30am, locally at Frankford Park.

I chose that time so that people can also attend after church. Please mark it on your calendars, and registration is open online so please sign up when possible. More details will follow, or please call me with any questions.

**We hope that we will see you and your friends on Sunday, October 18th,** to walk with us and help us celebrate our 11th anniversary! If you cannot attend, but will be making a donation, thanks so much for your generosity.

**If you are not able to walk that day and would like to make a donation we would be very appreciative.** Please make your check out to "ALSA" and mail to Donna Havelin or the church office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: 973-903-2207 (Donna's cell) or email: [havelin9@gmail.com](mailto:havelin9@gmail.com). Roy and I appreciate all of your continued support!

**With sincere thanks, gratitude and love,**

**Donna and Roy Havelin**  
**9 White Birch Court**  
**Branchville, NJ 07826**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER

Lauren Bath	9/1	Craig Sandberg	9/13
Regina Snyder	9/1	Nancy Swanson	9/21
Cathy Goldsworthy	9/8	Mike Osborne	9/22
Griffin Sandberg	9/8	Nancy Price	9/23
James Van Houten	9/9	Stephanie Block	9/24
Jaycee Sandberg	9/10	Rachel McAuliffe	9/25
Corinne Coulter	9/12	Gavin Leenheer	9/26
Pat Leenheer	9/13	Cooper Cannon	9/27

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CHICKEN FRICASSEE WITH LEMON MUSTARD SAUCE

#### INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup vegetable oil  
 1 (3 1/2- to 4-lb) chicken, cut into 8 serving pieces  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 1 teaspoon black pepper  
 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
 3 carrots, chopped  
 2 onions, chopped finely  
 5 garlic cloves, minced finely  
 2 cups heavy cream  
 1 1/4 cups dry white wine  
 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice  
 1/4 cup Dijon mustard  
 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves  
 1/2 California bay leaf  
 1/2 cup water  
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter



#### PREPARATION

Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 500°F.

Heat oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over moderate heat until hot but not smoking. While oil is heating, sprinkle chicken with 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper, then dredge, 1 piece at a time, in 3/4 cup flour (total), knocking off excess. Brown in 4 batches, turning over occasionally, until golden, 5 to 6 minutes per batch. Transfer to a platter as browned.

Stir together carrots, onions, garlic, cream, wine, lemon juice, mustard, thyme, bay leaf, and remaining teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a 5- to 6-quart heavy pot, then bring to a gentle boil over moderate heat, stirring occasionally. Add chicken (chicken will not be completely submerged) and partially cover pot, then braise in oven 25 minutes.

Reduce oven temperature to 350°F and braise 20 minutes more. Transfer chicken to a clean platter and keep warm, loosely covered with foil.

Pour cooking liquid through a sieve into a bowl, discarding solids, then stir in water. Melt butter in a 2 1/2- to 3-quart heavy saucepan over moderately low heat, then whisk in remaining 2 tablespoons flour and cook roux, whisking constantly, 3 minutes. Add cooking liquid in a fast stream, whisking vigorously, then cook at a bare simmer, whisking constantly, 5 minutes. Serve chicken with sauce over it. Enjoy!

## MISSION NEWS



**DonorsChoose.org**

*Support a classroom. Build a future.*

School was very different this past year and we are not quite sure what next fall will look like but all the more reason to support those involved!! The Mission Committee would like to repeat last year's 3rd Quarter Mission effort with the charity called DonorsChoose.org which empowers public school teachers across the country to request much needed materials and experiences for their students. It's like crowd-funding for educational needs and is well vetted by Charity Navigator, as well as other charity assessment organizations.

We all know that classroom teachers' budgets do not give them much room for extras and that they often spend their own money to enhance their students' experiences. This fund allows teachers to put out requests for an amount of money that will purchase a specific list of supplies, books, etc. We will let you know what some of the needs are and then, depending on how much we are able to collect, the committee will tell you what we actually helped the teachers purchase for their classroom. So, while you are enjoying the summer vacation months, maybe you can send a few dollars our way so that when September rolls around, we can help some deserving classrooms meet the needs of the students who enter in!!



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**View our website at:**

**<http://www.fpcbranchville.org>**

**and Facebook at:**

**<http://www.facebook.com>**

**(ask to be friends with  
"pastorjh@ptd.net")**

**You may e-mail**

**the secretary at [presbsec@ptd.net](mailto:presbsec@ptd.net)  
or the pastor at [pastorjh@ptd.net](mailto:pastorjh@ptd.net)**

**View a daily devotion at:**

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## First Presbyterian Church of Branchville

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