

TOWER CHIMES



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Spring is here and so are milder temps. You know what that means? More outside time for fireside gatherings! Stop on by when you get the chance.

Manse Patio
7 pm

May Gatherings:
10th & 24th

From Pastor Ed...

Dear Friends,

Many years ago, there was a popular song, the chorus of which said, "*Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end... We'd live the life we'd choose, we'd fight and never lose. Those were the days...*"

That song expresses a refrain that is sung time and again in our lives and in the life of the Church. It is a good thing to remember that our lives, and our faith, are journeys whose trails have been blazed by the people and events that have gone before us. It reminds us that what our forebears did, and what happened along the way, have made lasting impressions, we *must* pay attention to. If we lose our sense of history, we'll forget who we are and where we came from.

But sometimes our attempts to keep the past, will impede our progress in the present. Sometimes our efforts to maintain the church's former blessings and successes, will cause us to miss the growth opportunities of the present. When the challenges we have to deal with have changed, so must their solutions. More often, the best way to make the transition between past and future is to keep *the same spirit* that moved our ancestors, as we create the solutions that will bring the desired results today.

This strategy is part of the promise that Pentecost brings. (May19) Pentecost crosses all the lines we draw that are designed to keep us in one place. Pentecost promises us that the power of God's Spirit is ever on the side of transformation. It tells us that change is always possible - that there is nothing that is beyond the scope of God's new creation. Most of all, Pentecost assures us that if we will embrace the power of the Spirit and align ourselves with God's purposes for us - we will make our own unique impressions on our church's history, that the *next* generations will build upon.

Peace and Blessings! Ed

Thank You for Your Service!

October 1, 1998 - April 1, 2024

25 and 1/2 years on the Rahway Fire Department. Congratulations to my husband, Battalion Chief Ted Padavano on your retirement.

Thank you for your years of service to the citizens of Rahway. Your leadership, integrity and knowledge showed every day you went to work.

You always have been our "hero".

Allyson & I are so very proud of you 

Enjoy your retirement !!

For those who don't have a Facebook account, the above was a post by Joanne Padavano congratulating Ted on his recent retirement from the RFD. She also shared many wonderful pictures, including this one.

They aren't the only ones proud of Ted, so are we!

Thank you, Ted, for all of those years of distinguished service! Enjoy your well deserved retirement, which probably comes with a sigh of relief from Joanne & Allyson, who as your loved ones, spent many nights worrying when you were working.



Happy Retirement!

2024 Graduates, Anyone?



Do you have a loved one who is graduating in 2024? Whether it be kindergarten, grammar or middle school, high school, tech or college, let us know what milestone they've achieved. Please include a picture also.

We'd love to share the news with everyone!

Congratulations, Aleya & Maurice

The church office received a wonderful email from Aleya Daye Hall. There are many folks who watched Aleya grow up in the Second Presbyterian Church. She wanted to share some blessed news along with a family picture.

Aleya and her husband, Maurice, welcomed a baby boy into their family on December 1st, 2023! Church family & friends, meet the absolutely adorable, and full of personality...

Maurice Hall, Jr.
(aka MJ)



Congratulations to you and your families, Aleya & Maurice! Your church family & friends wish you and your family all of God's blessings in the years ahead on this exciting new chapter in your lives!



Spring Flea Market
Saturday, May 4th
9 am —1 pm

Since many items will already be set up, another sale will be held on May 4th. Volunteers are always welcome, so speak to Carol & Jake, JoAnn, or Gail if interested.



May

- 1 - Craig L.
- 1 - Jake H.
- 8 - Ruth-Noemi B-R.
- 10 - Carole H.
- 11 - Laura G.
- 13 - Allyson P.
- 15 - Carol Ann B.
- 16 - Melinda G.
- 17 - Andy R.
- 19 - Uchechi K.
- 20 - Ryder E.
- 26 - Jorrod J.
- 29 - Garry G.
- 30 - Glory K.
- 30 - George Vincent D.



May

- 11 – Gail & Connie
- 29 – Loretta & Thomas

Congratulations to...



Cheryl Martin

on becoming a 50 year member of our church in 2024.

What a wonderful faith journey milestone!



Happy Mother's Day

There are

Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her...

Mother



Please consider either calling or sending a card to church family who are homebound; call the church office (732-382-0803) if you need phone numbers and/or addresses.

Prayer Requests

Alyne B., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Bill & Candy K., Bruce & family, Carlos B., Christine H., Dan S., Danny M., Dave, DeLuca family & Marie, Dorothy R., Edna, Eileen P., Elizabeth M., Eunice & Barbra, Fred R., Jay G., Jean K., Jean P., Joannie S., Joe K., Kathleen & Koenig family, Marilyn & Jasmine, Mary Ann, Mary Ann R., Matt P., Molly, Nancy T., Noel, Patty-Travis & family, Robert S., Savannah B., Tina Marie & family, Tom P., Toni B., Whitney S., Those in war-ravaged areas

Those that are homebound—Caroline Balla, Doris Kapus



Prayer Persons

May

- May 5th - Susan Krivenko**
- May 12th - Dana & Bill Marsh**
- May 19th - Ilanda Kerobo**
- May 26th - Flo Oppmann**

June

- June 2nd - Cheryl Anne Cammann**
- June 9th - Kalu Family**
- June 16th - Chloe Trahan**
- June 23rd - Padavano Family**
- June 30th - Ashley (Simpson) Nevi**

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