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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LINDSEY

May the peace of the Lord be with you all and may you have a blessed summer. This summer will be a time to get back to what we lost last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, so we feel anxious to make up for what we lost last year. There will be more people traveling by air, sea and the road anticipating a wonderful time in the sun. But as we travel, let us remember to be grateful to God for the opportunity to be able to see another summer. Summer is a fun time for many and something most people wait for with eagerness. However, from the perspective of the church, gatherings and worship is the time the church sees the least attendance. Pews are emptier than usual because of vacations and recreational activities that take up our time. What would happen if God took a summer vacation? How would we feel about that? We would be in a lot of trouble. We are grateful that God does not take a vacation from caring for us or from listening to our prayers and concerns. Let us not take God and God's provisions for granted and only seek God when we are in a dire situation. God never takes us or our lives for granted. For the scripture says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). It is this life-giving love and constant care of God that have sustained us throughout our lives, and through the pandemic that challenged us. This summer as you fill your calendars with activities, I invite you to put some time aside with God whether that time is spent in church, in the beauty of the nature, in a quiet corner of your home, on the beach, or in the garden tending to your flowers. When you pack your picnic baskets, pack a few spiritual items as well for you never know when you will need them. Please remember to send in your tithes and offerings as you celebrate your time with friends and families. "When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives. Our love of the Lord will govern the claims for our affection, the demands on our time, the interests we pursue, and the order of our priorities." Ezra Taft Benson. Amen!!!

JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE!

JULY 1-Jonathan Riccie, Avery Sarno; 2- Linda Jurczak; 4-Phillip Gallardo; 5- Ruth Battiste;
7-Kenneth Bogden, Jr.; 9-Danielle Priest; 10-Karon Williams;
12-Amy Donnelly; 26- Carol Johannsen; 29- Gloria Southward; Pastor Lindsey



AUGUST 3- Lauren Guida; 7- Jessica Lau Gutkin, Tory Smith;
8- Donald Bogden; 10- Rysonia (Dawn) Clarke; 13-Linda Maas;
18 - Brian Donnelly; 19- Russ Werner; 22 - Olivia DiGirolamo; 23- Jeremy Riccie;
26- Robert Stefany; 31- Jenna Guida, Joan Stefany

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS NOT LISTED IN THE TOWER, WE DO NOT HAVE IT IN OUR RECORDS. WE ARE HAPPY TO CELEBRATE ALL!

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION –JULY 11TH

Please join us on Sunday, July 11th, for the worship service that will include the ordination and installation of new officers. Amy Smith and Russell Werner are committing themselves to service to this church. Let's show them our appreciation by being present at this in-person service.

IN MEMORIAM

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Anthony "Tony" Farrand, who died on June 26, 2021. A full obituary can be found in the Star Ledger on July 4, 2021. All arrangements are private. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the family care of 222 Newark Ave., Union, NJ 07083. Memorial donations have been directed to the church. Tony will be remembered for his kind smile and service to this church as a Deacon 2018-2020.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The front office hours through Labor Day are Tuesdays through Fridays, 9am-Noon. Call 973-379-4320 or e-mail FirstPCOffice@verizon.net

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Staff vacations may affect office hours. Please call ahead of your visit to be sure someone will be available to greet you.