



# *THE TOWER*

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## **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Springfield will be held in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, March 20, 2022, following the 10:15am Morning Worship Service.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive annual reports and any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

s/Linda Amiano, Clerk of Session



## **ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The Ash Wednesday service will be conducted in the sanctuary at 6pm on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. The service will include Communion and the distribution of ashes. Please plan to join us as we begin the season of Lent.

## **MONTHLY OFFICER MEETINGS:**

**Session: Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom**

Session matters should be directed to Linda Amiano, Clerk

MARCH 3 - LESLIE RICCIE  
MARCH 4 - ROBBIE SMITH  
MARCH 6- KEASHA BLAKE  
MARCH 9 - STEVE KITSKO  
MARCH 14 -ALIVIA CLARK  
                  KAREN CLARKE  
MARCH 18- EUNICE AMARABE



MARCH 21 - RICHARD DAMBRES  
MARCH 27 - DELETA BLAKE  
MARCH 29- CHARLES RUEBLING-JASS



**MEMBERS:** IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR BIRTHDAY LISTED, PLEASE PROVIDE MONTH AND DATE TO THE OFFICE. WE ARE HAPPY TO CELEBRATE WITH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS!

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**

*A reminder to set your clocks ahead one hour before you retire for the evening on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.*



## **IN REMEMBRANCE OF GARY WOOD**

*Two weeks ago, we received a phone call from Ruth Wood, sister of Gary, informing the church of his passing on February 11, 2022 in Arizona.*

*The Wood family was very active in this church in the 1950's to 1970's. Bill Wood, Gary's father, was instrumental in the renovation of the Chapel and the building of the Parish House, specifically creating the Pastor's study.*

*Gary grew up in this church and eventually taught Sunday School in the early 1970's. When you attend worship and glance at the display case in the back that holds the Watt's Hymnal, original church key and the photo of Dunsmore's painting, "Battle of Springfield", know that it was Gary who created it.*

*As Gary was making his transition, his sister Ruth and wife, Linda sat bedside and reminisced about all the wonderful memories they shared, including their time serving the Springfield Church. Ruth hopes that there may still be a few members who remember their family. She was assured that there are.*

*May Gary Wood rest in peace, with the appreciation of his childhood Congregation for all the talent and service he provided here, and that we still enjoy today.*

*From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey*

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.



Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man." *Luke 6:20-22*

What is Jesus trying to tell us? Is he saying that we should feel blessed because we are poor? Is being poor make us happy? Jesus knew that people often look for happiness in the wrong places. He even said we might be happier if we were poor, hungry, crying, and disliked by others. Why would Jesus suggest such a thing?

If you haven't figured it out yet, let me tell you why you are blessed. When we are poor, we can trust in God to supply everything we need instead of depending on our own wealth.

When we are hungry for God and his righteousness, we realize that only He can satisfy our hunger.

When we are crying, we can trust in God to comfort us and ease our pain.

When we think we have no friends, we have a friend in Jesus. Jesus is the friend who will never leave us.

We all want to be happy, don't we? Don't spend your time chasing after things that you have already been blessed with. Look to your Heavenly Father. He is the source of true happiness. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven." *Luke 6:23*

Remember Psalm 5:30, "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

Yours in the name of Christ,

*Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*



## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Each Easter Sunday, we enjoy the beautiful site of Easter Lilies displayed in the front of the church. In order to behold this beautiful site, our members and friends are invited to donate one or more plants at a cost of \$15.00 each. You may elect to take your plant after the Easter Worship Service, or donate it to our homebound friends. Please fill out the form below and return it with your check made payable to the church and send it to the Church Office. 37 Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081. (Please do not combine with other giving) All orders must be received in the office no later than Wednesday, March 30th. We look forward to another

glorious display to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY or HONOR OF (please circle one)

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Additional information \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to assist the Deacons with delivery of plants \_\_\_\_\_

# Puzzle!

Complete the Scripture verses (NIV, unless marked) using letters found in the words



See! The winter is \_\_\_\_\_; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

"Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it \_\_\_\_\_, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you." (Luke 11:36)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the \_\_\_\_\_, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them ... ? (Psalm 8:3-4)

We all, like sheep, have gone \_\_\_\_\_, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the \_\_\_\_\_ and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19, ESV)

Answer: past, dark, stars, astray, saints



## *A wandering washings*

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

**Directions:** Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _____	_____	out my transgressions (v. 1)
HSAW _____	_____	away all my iniquity (v. 2)
RSEEROT _____	_____	me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)
WNERE _____	_____	me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)
TLBO _____	_____	your face from my sins (v. 9)
DHE _____	_____	out all my iniquity (v. 9)
NATRG _____	_____	In me a pure heart (v. 10)
LNSECAE _____	_____	a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)
LBTQ _____	_____	to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)
WHSA _____	_____	me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant

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Recordings can be found on YouTube and our website.

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