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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LINDSEY

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord”. Eph. 5:8-10

Have you noticed that for most of the month of August, the lectionary has put emphasis on the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, also called Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians. All around us there has been signs of despair and anxiety. It appears the darkness has consumed us and there is very little light.

God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. In the beginning He commanded the light to shine out of darkness and in the fullness of time He sent His only Son to be the Light of the world, to give light to everyone coming into the world. He has shone the light of His love and truth into our hearts. He has given all who are born from above the light of the knowledge of the glory of God - in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have been supernaturally delivered from the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of Christ. As His people, we are instructed to shun the unfruitful works of darkness and expose them. Having been saved by grace, we are living in the light of the Lord and the fruit of His light is discovered in all that is good and righteous and godly and true.

My brothers and sisters, there is light at the end of the dark tunnel and there will be joy in the morning light. Hold on to His ever-shining light that is so bright and radiant that it blinds everything and anything that could possibly give you cause to doubt.

Our union with Christ has brought us into the light of His grace and truth, and the fruit of the Spirit should be manifest in all we say and do. Let us walk in the light as He is in the light so that the fruit of His love will be displayed in all we are. Verse 8 God is light (1 John 1:5). Jesus is ‘the light of the world’ (John 8:12).

You are united with him. Therefore ‘you are light’. Light shows the greatness and glory of God. It shows his perfect, holy nature. The opposite of that holy nature is darkness. Apart from God, people in the world live in darkness. God has transferred those who have life in Christ. He has moved them out of the power of darkness. He has moved them into his *kingdom of light (Colossians 1:12-13).

John 14:27 NIV ... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Amen.

*Source: <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/ephesians-5-8>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Frank Spital
- 8 Debra Kensicki
- 17 Andrew Guida
- 18 Barbara Reifsnnyder
- 19 Russell A. Werner, Jr. (RJ)
- 21 Kyle Doremus
- 24 Monica Skolnick
- 26 Raffaella Conetta



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

Baptized in Christ

Pastor Lindsey was delighted to baptize James Douglas DiGirolamo, son of James and Kelly DiGirolamo on July 18th. His big sister, Olivia, and extended family joined in the celebration, too! Welcome to the Church Family, James Douglas!



ADDRESS UPDATES:

Please look for an address update sheet on the info table in the chapel for the members who have moved this summer. Please be sure to send a note to the office if you have had a change to your address, phone number, cell phone or e-mail.

Bea Roth(Apt. 105) and Yolanda Rueda (Apt. Tides 150) have moved to new rooms in the same buildings.



IN MEMORIAM – CHRISTINE FARAONE

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of our beloved member, Christine Helen Fields Faraone, who died on August 14th. Her funeral was held in our sanctuary on August 17th.

Christine transferred from Prospect Presbyterian Church in Maplewood to the Springfield church on Nov. 6, 1994, and enjoyed worshipping with her daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Ken Guida, and their family for the next 26 years. She was a dedicated wife of 62 years to her husband Alfred, who predeceased her, and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Christine was ordained a Deacon on Feb. 10, 2002 and served for three terms beginning 2003, 2006 and 2010. She was a valued volunteer who helped in the office and at Outreach events. Her cheerful kindness was her hallmark.

Notes of sympathy may be sent to her family c/o Lisa Guida, 323 Hillside Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081

SESSION will meet on the second Monday of September, due to the holiday.

Monday, 9/13/2021 at 7:00pm via zoom. Please contact Linda Amiano if you have any problems with attending the meeting. Reports should be e-mailed in advance.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME:

Beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the front office will be staffed 9am-Noon & 1-3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If staff is out of the office, please leave a message on the answering machine. Please contact Pastor Lindsey directly via her cell (call or text) 973-714-0741 or e-mail: Madelynnelindsey@yahoo.com.

Staff schedules vary, so it is best to call ahead of your visit. 973-379-4320
or e-mail: firstpcoffice@verizon.net



Saturday, 9/11/2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks upon our country, now known as Patriot Day. Please check with your community calendars for commemorative activities. We are eternally grateful to all armed forces and first responders.

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September Notable Dates:

- ❖ Monday, 9/6/2021 – Labor Day – office closed
- ❖ Saturday, 9/11/2021- 20th anniversary of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks
- ❖ Sunday, 9/12/2021- National Grandparents Day
- ❖ Tuesday, 9/21/2021 – International Day of Peace
- ❖ Wednesday, 9/22/2021 – First day of Autumn