



THE TOWER

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SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 13TH!

Once again, we step up to this opportunity to collect cans of hearty soup and non-perishable items, and reach out to those in need. Please bring your items to church and place them in the labeled box in the Fireside room on Sundays or to the Parish House during office hours. We will collect through 2/27.

Please consider some low sodium varieties of food to help those with dietary concerns. Soup, canned tuna, peanut butter, beans, rice and canned fruits and vegetables are all great items to share with food insecure families. Plastic jars are fine, but please, no glass and nothing with an expired date. Whether one can or one case, we thank you for your generosity!

TACKLE



HUNGER



Feb 1 - Lynn Doll
Feb 2 - Clarence Davis
Feb 3 - Linda Amiano
Ken Guida
Jean Sim
Feb 5 - Eileen Clark
Heather Hecking
Feb 6 - Chase Werner
Feb 7 - Ryan Doremus

Feb 14 - Donald Hartman
Feb 15 - Patricia Gahm
Feb 16 - Alyssa Williams
Feb 20 - Yolanda Rueda
Feb 26 - Melissa Guida Bliss
Feb 28 - Walter Peterson



*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!*

2021 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2021 financial contributions statements were mailed in early January and we ask that you review them carefully. If you find that your statement does not match your personal records, please contact the office and a review of your account can be arranged. Thank you for your ongoing support of your church!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

For members and friends who use offering envelopes, arrangements can be made to pick up your box or have the office mail the box to your home. We thank those of you who have already done so!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) PER CAPITA

Each year, our congregation is assessed a fee to cover administrative fees for Presbytery and for PC(USA). We ask our members to reimburse the church for their share, if means allow. The assessment is \$40 per member (adults and confirmed young adults). If you use offering envelopes, there is one in the box for this purpose, otherwise you may use a pew envelope and note "Per Capita" on the memo line.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE

If you chaired a committee in 2021, we need your annual report! The Annual Report booklet is the church's brief overview of what was accomplished in the past year. It is a requirement of Presbytery, and is the document that is presented to the membership for review in advance of the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting. (date TBA) The best way is a word document e-mailed to firstpcoffice@verizon.net that can be edited. Please, no pdf's. Please contact Linda J in the office if you need a copy of previous reports or assistance in typing. Thank you to those who responded already!



From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Once at a meeting of a small gathering of Christians, the person conducting the meeting asked me what I wanted to share with other Christians. I replied I wanted to share joy. It brings me immense joy to make people laugh especially during worship service. I know some people would rather be solemn and meditative, but what does Jesus Christ say about making people feel happy.

³³ Then they said to him, "John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink." ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." Luke 5:33-35

What amazed and shocked the Scribes, and the Pharisees was the normality of the followers of Jesus. More than once, Jesus likens the Christian life to a wedding feast. Joy is a primary Christian characteristic. A co-worker once told me that it feels like I am bathed in sunshine. I considered that high praise and a compliment.

Far too many people think of Christianity as something which compels them to do all the things they do not want to do, and hinders them from doing all the things they do want to do. Laughter becomes something you have to struggle to obtain. Laughter is a gift and should make you feel glorious. Go out to proclaim the good news, which being a Christian can bring you and others joy.

Jesus knew that there would come a day when the bridegroom would be taken away. Jesus was not caught unawares by death. Ahead he saw the Cross, but even on the way to the Cross He knew that joy that no man could take away from us, because it is the joy of the presence of God. There will be times to fast, pray, and mourn, but there will also be times to laugh. Until then, let the joy of Jesus Christ bathe you with joy that comes from sunshine. Even though we are living in trying times right now, do not worry, be happy because the love of our Heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be with us now and forever. Amen!!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Madelynn Lindsey



MEMBER NEWS

Best wishes to longtime member, Marion Bridges, who moved to Colorado to be closer to family. We thank her for her **61-** year loyal membership in this church. God's blessings to Marion!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DEACONS

An emergency phone chain has been established in the event that worship must be cancelled due to weather or building emergency.

Several Deacons have lists of the regularly attending members and friends, and will call them with this announcement when the decision is made.

Your safety is always our priority! If the Governor declares a state of emergency, our buildings will be closed until that order is lifted.

SESSION

The February Session meeting will be held virtually at 7pm on 2/7/22.

FEBRUARY 14TH IS VALENTINE & FRIENDSHIP DAY!



February 14th is not just a romantic holiday – it's a great day to celebrate friendships and let others know you care. Consider sending a note to a shut-in or making a call to an old friend to brighten their day. You'll find that your day has been brightened, as well!

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Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 21st in honor of Presidents' Day. The office answering machine is always on, and you can leave a message for the staff or access emergency contact information. As a reminder, you must call the main office number, 973-379-4320 to hear and leave a message. Pastor Lindsey's cell number is : 973-714-0741 for all Pastoral needs.