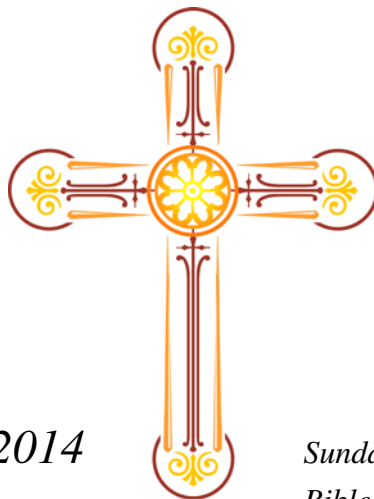




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF ENGLISHTOWN
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— **THE MESSENGER** —
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLISHTOWN



November 2014

Sunday Worship 11 AM

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM



Dedication Sunday
Celebration of Our Church Family
November 16 after Worship

Warm, Wintry Soups (including the Russell Family secret recipe), Fresh-Baked Breads (including a Sue Ralph creation), Scrumptious Desserts, Pastor-Baked Pie Raffle



Filling Hearts & Empty Shelves

As our landscape begins showcasing a bounty of autumn colors, we give thanks for God's many blessings and love

for us, and remember in prayer, neighbors in need. Let's join together in sharing our harvest with families in our community.

In support of our local food pantry, The Samaritan Center, non-perishable items are needed and will be gratefully received at the church hall throughout November.

Thank you,
First Presbyterian Church Mission Team



With abundant gratitude, **Manna House** expresses a large Thank You to the congregation for all the wonderful school supplies, helping their children start the school year in style.



Inquirers' Class
Sunday, November 9
12:30 p.m.

Explore life at **FPC** (First Presbyterian Church) **Englishtown** and the history and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). **All are welcome** whether or not you are considering membership. Members, too! I'm sure you'll learn something new and have a superb afternoon

Contact Pastor Cynthia (609) 977-2325 by Friday, Nov. 7 (with your sandwich preference):

- Salmon on Ciabatta
Avocado, Red Onions, Caper Aioli
- Mozzarella, on Baguette
Tomato, Basil
- Egg Salad on White
Arugula, Tomato, Mayonnaise
- Turkey on Multigrain
Bacon, Avocado, Honey Mustard, Tomato, Lettuce
- Tuna Provençale on Ciabatta
Olive Oil, Capers, Black Olive., Lemon Juice
- Chicken Salad on Multigrain Bread
Golden Raisin, Paprika, Mayonnaise
- Prosciutto on Baguette
Tomato, Mozzarella

Dear Friends,

I was so very upset that I was unable to attend church last Sunday— My shoulder fracture is still mending. I really miss seeing you—

*Love & God Bless,
Mary Nolan*

Church Calendar

OCTOBER

- 28 *Tuesday* 10 AM–2 PM Pastor's Office Hours
Noon *Upside Down Kingdom* Book Group
7 PM A.C.A. Meeting
(*Adult Children of Alcoholics*)
- 31 *Friday* 10 PM Narcotics Anonymous

NOVEMBER

- 1 *Saturday* **5 PM TURKEY SUPPER**
- 2 *Sunday* 9:30 AM Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Noon Fellowship
Homebound Communion
- 4 *Tuesday* 10 AM–2 PM Pastor's Office Hours
Noon *Upside Down Kingdom* Book Group
7 PM A.C.A. Meeting
(*Adult Children of Alcoholics*)
- 5 *Wednesday* 2 PM Knit & Crochet
- 7 *Friday* 10 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 9 *Sunday* 9:30 AM Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship
Noon Fellowship
Noon Deacons Meeting
12:30 PM Inquirers' Class!
Session Reports Due in Mailboxes
- 11 *Tuesday* 10 AM–2 PM Pastor's Office Hours
Noon *Upside Down Kingdom* Book Group
7 PM A.C.A. Meeting
(*Adult Children of Alcoholics*)
- 12 *Wednesday* **6 PM Meeting of the Ruling Elders**
Budget Meeting (all are welcome)
- 14 *Friday* 10 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 16 *Sunday* 9:30 AM Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM **Christmas**
Pageant Rehearsal
11 AM Worship - **Dedication Sunday**
Noon Fellowship **Celebration of**
Our Church Family
- 18 *Tuesday* 10 AM–2 PM Pastor's Office Hours
Noon *Upside Down Kingdom* Book Group
7 PM A.C.A. Meeting
(*Adult Children of Alcoholics*)

NOVEMBER

- 19 *Wednesday* Noon **Men's Lunch**
Noon **Lunch Bunch**
December Messenger Deadline
- 21 *Friday* 10 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 23 *Sunday* 9:30 AM Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
9:45 AM **Christmas**
Pageant Rehearsal
11 AM Worship
Noon Fellowship
- 25 *Tuesday* 10 AM–2 PM Pastor's Office Hours
Noon ***Upside Down Kingdom***
Book Group Celebration
7 PM A.C.A. Meeting
(*Adult Children of Alcoholics*)
- 28 *Friday* 10 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 30 *Sunday* **1st Sunday of Advent**
1st Day of Chapter a Day
Covenant Group
9:30 AM Bible Study
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship
Rev. John Nolan preaching
Noon Fellowship

DECEMBER

- 2 *Tuesday* 10 AM–2 PM Pastor's Office Hours
Noon *Upside Down Kingdom* Book Group
7 PM A.C.A. Meeting
(*Adult Children of Alcoholics*)
- 5 *Friday* 10 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 7 *Sunday* **2nd Sunday of Advent**
9:30 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Christmas
Pageant Rehearsal
11 AM Worship
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Noon Fellowship
Homebound Communion

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail
please contact Elder Bob Musser:
robert_m_07728@yahoo.com

OUTREACH Small Group Ministry Team

Knit and Crochet

1st Wednesday of the Month

2:00 PM

November 5

Lunch Bunch (Ladies' Lunch)

3rd Wednesday of the Month

November 19 @ Noon

Longhorn, 300 W. Main St., Freehold

Men's Lunch

3rd Wednesday of the Month

November 19 @ Noon

Gus's Diner, 135 Hwy 33, Manalapan



Cub Scout Pack 154

Our next Cub Scout Open House meeting will be **Fri. Nov. 14 at 7pm** for families with boys in grades 1-5. For more information email: 154scouts@gmail.com, call: **732-851-3130**, website: www.154scouts.org

A.C.A.

Adult Children of Alcoholics

All are Welcome!

Tuesday Nights @ 7:00 p.m.

A.C.A. is a program for those who grew up in alcoholic or otherwise **dysfunctional homes**.

We take positive action, finding freedom from the past and a way to improve our lives today!

Contact: Bonnie McDonald
(732) 320-7198

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Sunday, November 23rd,

will be given to needy families.

Suggested items; Turkey, canned/fresh fruits and vegetables, stuffing mix, bread, rolls, cornbread mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, coffee/tea, soda, juice, desserts and paper products.

Please let us know,

Nida Haddad (908-377-4400)

or Kathleen Glovich (732-740-6303),

what you are bringing for the food baskets.

DEACON MINISTRY TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Parents or grandparents of college students please give their names and addresses in writing by **Sunday, November 16** to Elizabeth Atwater (609-655-1364). We also include those active in the armed services.

Christmas Poinsettias

will be displayed in church on **Sunday, December 21st and Christmas Eve.**

Look for Poinsettia order forms and envelope in church.

Mary Ganczarski (732-446-1318).

Deacon Meeting-

Sunday, November 9th after Worship.



Narcotics Anonymous

Friday Nights @ 10:00 p.m.

<http://www.na.org>

Pastor Cynthia's Contact Info

Call/Text (609) 977-2325

cynthia@FPCenglishtown.org

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Chapter A Day

We are going to read through the Bible together one chapter at a time. ~~Every~~ Most :0) mornings an email will pop into your inbox with some background information about today's chapter and ... a tweet from Jana Riess' "The Twible: All the Chapters of the Bible in 140 Characters or Less."

Start Date: **November 30, 2014**

(1st day of Advent)

In worship, we will be worshipping through the gospel of Luke (one chapter at a time)! (If you don't use email, contact Pastor Cynthia (609) 977-2325, so paper copies can be mailed to your home.)



"Upside Down Kingdom" BOOK GROUP
Tuesdays @ Noon Church Library Join our Book
Join us to discuss Luxurious Poverty, Impious Piety,
Lovable Enemies, Insider Outsiders (*Enter through kitchen
door when nursery school is in session*)
Epilogue Celebration November 25



At the start of each church year the faithful are filled with energy and a desire for fresh commitment. Many have pledged to read through the Bible cover to cover, but have been toppled (somewhere around Lamentations).

Author, Jana Riess, is here to help! A brilliant academic, she has painstakingly researched each verse and offers to us summarized with a hint of hilarity by Jana's tweets.

Our covenant group that is going to read through the Bible is starting on November 30!

Nov. 2 **Genesis 37** Eleven brothers ticked when Joseph dreams of lording it over them. First they throw him in a pit, then then try human trafficking. Joseph enslaved. :0(

Nov. 9 **Genesis 39-40** Joseph is a model slave until he's falsely accused of sexual misconduct with the boss' wife. He's sold down the Nile (literally). He interprets the dreams of a cupbearer ("early parole") and a baker. Doesn't go well for the baker.

Nov. 16 **Genesis 41** Joseph interprets Pharaoh's funky dream about feast and famine; supervises massive agriculture program. Joseph is a hero and leader.

Nov. 23 **Genesis 42-46** Meanwhile, back at the ranch in Canaan, Joseph's family begins to starve. They trek to Egypt for "food stamps." The brothers are so wiggled out with hunger, they don't recognize Joseph, who is oddly glad to see his would-be murderers. Oh, family! Joseph frames Benjamin as thief to test his brothers' family values. They pass when Judah offers himself instead. (A+) FINALLY the teary reunion. Joseph forgives his brothers and sets whole family up for life. "Extreme Makeover: Old Testament Edition." Robes, Gifts. God persuades an aging Jacob to move the entire clan to Egypt. It's not like there's a single twig left to eat in Canaan anyway.

Dec. 7 **Luke 1** Teen girl Mary chosen by God to bear the Savior! Pregnancy raises some eyebrows, but double thumbs up to Joseph for loyalty. P.S. different Joseph :0)

(Jana Riess, "The Twible: All the Chapters of the Bible in 140 Characters or Less")



Sunday School!

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

“Grow, Proclaim, Serve!”
for ages 3 to 12

November–Unit 3: “Hope for God’s People”
“I know the plans I have in mind for you,
declares the Lord.” *Jeremiah 29:11*

Leap of Faith: I am part of God’s plan
for the future.

Nov. 2 *Joseph and His Brothers*–Genesis 37

Nov. 9 *Joseph in Egypt*–Genesis 39-40

Nov. 16 *Joseph Saves the Day*–Genesis 41

Nov. 23 *Reunited (Thanksgiving)*–Genesis 42-46

Nov. 30 *Advent: A Savior Is Coming (Micah)*–
Micah 5:2-5

Leap on into Sunday School! We’re playing
games, doing crafts, dancing to music, and acting
out the Bible stories. Advent begins on Sunday,
November 30th and an ornament will be made
each Sunday for Christmas. We will also be
rehearsing for the December 14th
Christmas Pageant.

*If you can not make it to church
on a Sunday, go online to:*
growproclaimserve.com

Sunday School Leader: Vera Musser
cell # **732-685-3125** text or talk
Email: **littleveram@gmail.com**)



Children’s Christmas Pageant

Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, Nov. 16 9:45 a.m.
Rehearsal - costumes

Sunday, Nov. 23 9:45 a.m.
Rehearsal - set/props

Sunday, Dec. 7 9:30 a.m.
Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec. 14 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Pageant / Pizza / Pine Brook

Volunteer Opportunities

Be a Member of the Cast

Costumes

Props

Sets

Pizza Party

Pine Brook Liaison

Snacks

To Sign Up:

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/>

QD93B or call the church office

(732) 446-9506



Stewardship | Celebrating Our Church Family

*"Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth"
Deuteronomy 8:18*

The Lord has blessed us with a vibrant year of ministry and mission! Sunday Night Praise, our new ministry for families, started out with a bang! We were nourished by the fellowship meal, THE GAME, worship with a storyteller and seminary musician, and a Samaritan Center mission project.

We have proven to be excellent stewards of our buildings by welcoming two recovery groups and by making wise decisions, such as converting from oil to gas. To top it off, we have some fresh, creative ideas to raise money for the renovation of our bathrooms.

In 2015, we want to increase our ministry and mission! Here are some of the possibilities: children/families ministry, youth/young adult mission work, intergenerational event, support a foreign missionary (maybe Pastor Cynthia's seminary classmate who is serving in Costa Rica). Help us do this by tithing as generously as you are called.

Mail in your pledges or drop them in the offering plate on Dedication Sunday (November 16). Our Dedication Sunday Celebration (after worship) will include warm, wintry soup, fresh-baked bread, scrumptious desserts, and a pastor baked pie raffle!

We have been entrusted with this precious church. Let's meet our calling!

Stewardship of Our Time and Talent

Contact **Barbara Kwaak** to join the **Buildings/ Grounds Ministry Team** Call (732) 995-3057
Capital Improvements, Repairs, Maintenance, Landscaping & Snow Removal, Church House Renovation

Contact **Judi Thompson** to join the **Christian Education Ministry Team** Text/call (732)598-3680
Bible Study, Sunday School, Healthy Hearts, Book Group, Covenant Group Reading through the Bible, and Walk, Talk, Pray

Contact **Bob Musser** to join the **Communications Ministry Team**
robert_m_07728@yahoo.com or call (732)780-4896
The Messenger, Website, Directory, Maintain Contact List of Our Church Family and Friends

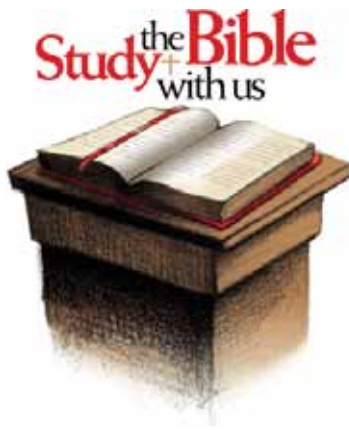
Contact **George McLaughlin** to join the **Hospitality Ministry Team**
Call/text (908)902-3112 georgemcloughlin3@gmail.com
Turkey Supper, Pancake Breakfast, Sunday Morning Fellowship, Hospitality Meals

Contact **Barbara Blue** to join the **Mission Ministry Team**
Call/text (732) 598-3836 barbarazblue@gmail.com
Samaritan Center Donations and Liaison, Manna House Donations, Youth/Young Adult Mission Trip Next Summer!, Restore the Shore, Meals Ministry (bag lunches once a month for the hungry)

Contact **Mimie Cook** to join the **Stewardship Ministry Team**
Text/call (848)459-5596 mimiecook@yahoo.com
Faithful Stewardship of Our Time, Talent, and Treasure, Capital Campaign for Bathroom Renovation

Contact **Roy Hoppock** to join the **Worship Ministry Team** Call/text (732) 261-4875
Sunday morning worship, Sunday Night Praise, Special Services (Christmas Eve, Easter)





The Adult Bible Study
meets Sunday at 9:30 AM
in the Church Library.



Our PC(USA) Logo

Liturgists

NOVEMBER

- 2 Barbara Blue
- 9 Kathleen Glovich
- 16
- 23 Sue Ralph
- 30

Coffee Hour Hosts

NOVEMBER

- 2 Turkey Supper Leftovers
- 9 Kathleen Glovich
- 16 Terri Ostovich
- 23 Sue Ralph
- 30 Gloria Suydam

Prayer Requests

Elizabeth's brother-in-law **Ian Scott** (cancer treatment), Ethan's father **David** (recovering), **Vilma** (health), **Jen** (job hunting), Bruce's cousin **Carolyn** (stage 4 breast cancer), Linda's student **Stephen** (stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma), **Maria Coulson** (bone marrow transplant), Agnes & Alex' grandson **Branden** (recovering), **Elizabeth Cunningham Fortel** (health), **Mary** (vision), Mary's friend **Paula** (cancer), Mary's friend **Susan** (failing health), family of presbyter **George Gill** (died), Helen's twin **Sally** (recovering), Nancy's daughter **Tammy** (surgery), **Barbara** (recovering), Vera's mother **Olga** (hospice), our neighbor **Jane** (health), George's sister **Bonnie** (stage 4 breast cancer), **Joe McLaughlin** (military service), **Nikki Palmer Hall** (healthy pregnancy), **Rev. Katherine Parker** (stage 4 cancer), Lil's sister **Doris** (health), Lil's nephew **Tim** (cancer), **Allan & James Russell** (health), **Jennifer** (Skiba) Barto (healthy pregnancy), **Judy Soden** (health), **Ruth Stiles** (health), **Helen Strong** (health), **Forman Suydam** (health), Gloria's cousin **Jimmy** (testing), **Bryan** and family of his friend who died, **Norman Thompson** (health), Harold's son **Burke** (cancer), **Thomas A. Zak** (military service), all those serving in our armed forces and their families

Not able to come to worship on the 1st Sunday of the Month?

We will bring the Celebration of the Lord's Supper to your home!

Contact Pastor Cynthia (609)977-2325

Pastor Cynthia will be away

Wednesday, November 26 - Sunday, November 30

Please call Elder Sue Ralph with Pastoral Care needs (732) 547-7948



Cross



Scripture



Dove



Flames



Pulpit



Trinity



Fish
(early Christian sign for Christ)

**/ Baptismal Font
or Chalice** (Lord's Supper)