



First Presbyterian Church of Englishtown
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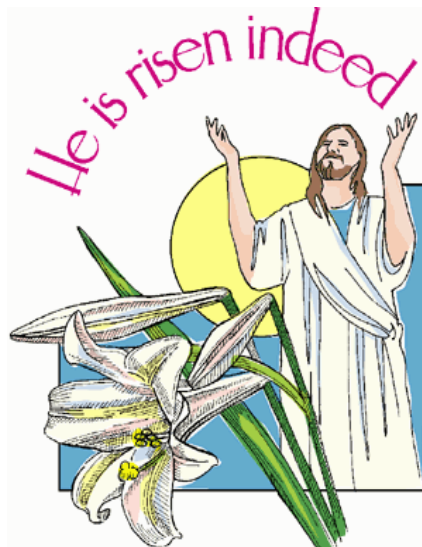
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Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time
Begins
Sunday, March 11th

THE MESSENGER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLISHTOWN



Spring 2018

Church Calendar

Sun., Feb. 11	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship
	Session Reports Due in Mailboxes	
Mon., Feb. 12	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 154
Tues., Feb. 13	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	A.C.A. (Adult Children of Alcoholics)
Wed., Feb. 14	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday (sanctuary open for prayer and reflection)
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting - All are Welcome - Celebrating the presbytery grant w/presbytery representative Walt Vincent (Hightstown PC Clerk of Session, director of <i>Presbyterian Disaster Assistance</i> SuperStorm Sandy recovery)
Thurs., Feb. 15	7:00 p.m.	YOGA
Sun., Feb. 18	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship
Mon., Feb. 19	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 154
Tues., Feb. 20	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	A.C.A. (Adult Children of Alcoholics)
Wed., Feb. 21	Noon Lunch Bunch	
	Noon Men's Lunch	
Thurs., Feb. 22	7:00 p.m.	YOGA
Sun., Feb. 25	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship
	4:00-6:00 p.m.	E-Café
Mon., Feb. 26	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 154
Tues., Feb. 27	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	A.C.A. (Adult Children of Alcoholics)
	7:00 p.m.	Monmouth Presbytery Meeting - Manasquan PC
Thurs., March 1	7:00 p.m.	YOGA
Sun., March 4	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship
Mon., March 5	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 154
Tues., March 6	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	A.C.A. (Adult Children of Alcoholics)
Thurs., March 8	7:00 p.m.	YOGA

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Sun., March 18	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Fellowship
Mon., March 19	7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 154
Tues., March 20	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 p.m. A.C.A. (Adult Children of Alcoholics)
Wed., March 21	Noon Lunch Bunch Noon Men's Lunch Susie & George's Lenten Dinner
Thurs., March 22	7:00 p.m. YOGA
Fri., March 23	Sue's Lenten Dinner
Sat., March 24	9:00-11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast ! Mimie & Bruce's Lenten Dinner
Sun., March 25	9:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship - Palm Sunday w/Palm Parade & Children's Play 12:00 p.m. Fellowship 4:00-6:00 p.m. E-Café
Mon., March 26	7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 154
Thurs., March 29 Maundy	Thursday (no service because of Lenten Dinners) 7:00 p.m. YOGA Norma's Lenten Dinner
Fri., March 30	12:00-3:00 p.m. Good Friday Prayer Vigil
Sun., April 1	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise @ Boxwood Farm 9:45 a.m. Children's Cross of Flowers 11:00 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord

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“Lent” comes from an old English word for springtime. The season of Lent is a time to grow your faith—through **prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination**—in preparation for the remembrance of the dying and rising of



the Lord Jesus Christ. Reconciliation is a key theme in the season of Lent—**reconciliation with God and with one another** through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a period of forty days. The Sundays in Lent are not counted among the forty days, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter.

Lenten Dinners - We recreate the earliest days of the Church of Jesus Christ by celebrating the Lord’s Supper in homes. The host provides beverages while the guests bring the pot luck feast. If you can host a dinner, please call/text Cynthia. (609) 977-2325

Sun., Feb. 11 **Transfiguration of the Lord**

- o transfiguration = a change in form or appearance
- o On this day we read the scriptures about **Jesus’ radiant appearance on the mountaintop** and celebrate that **Jesus showed us who God is**.
- o Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.
- o The transfiguration looks back to Jesus’ baptism, as God again claims him as a beloved child.
- o It also looks forward ... to his death and resurrection as the one who, lifted up on the cross, will reveal the glorious victory of God.

2 Kings 2:1-12 *After crossing the Jordan, Elijah ascends to heaven in a chariot.*

Psalms 50:1-6 *From the storm and fire, God calls: Gather up my faithful ones.*

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *We know the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ.*

Mark 9:2-9 *On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.*

Wed., Feb. 14 6:00-9:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection and prayer)

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *The day of the Lord is coming; return to God with all your heart.*

Isaiah 58:1-12 *The fast God chooses: do justice, release captives, help the poor.*

Psalms 51:1-17 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me.*

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 *Be reconciled to God in Christ; now is the day of salvation!*

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *Don’t flaunt your fasting and prayer; store up treasure in heaven.*

Sun., Feb. 18 11:00 a.m. 1st Sunday in Lent Blue-Out Sunday - Wear blue!

Genesis 9:8–17 *God's covenant with Noah: I will never again flood the whole earth.*

Psalm 25:1–10 *Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord; do not remember my sin.*

1 Peter 3:18–22 *The flood of former days prefigures the sacrament of baptism.*

Mark 1:9–15 *After his baptism, Jesus is tested in the wilderness for forty days.*

Sun., Feb. 25 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 *God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation.*

Psalm 22:23–31 *In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer.*

Romans 4:13–25 *Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness by God.*

Mark 8:31–38 *Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me.*

Sun., March 4 3rd Sunday in Lent - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 20:1–17 *On Mount Sinai, God gives the Ten Commandments to Moses.*

Psalm 19 *The law of the Lord is perfect; God's commandments are clear.*

1 Corinthians 1:18–25 *The message of the cross reveals God's wisdom and strength.*

John 2:13–22 *Before Passover, Jesus chases the money changers out of the temple.*

Sun., March 11 4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4–9 *God instructs Moses to use a bronze serpent to save the people.*

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22 *Give thanks to the Lord, who forgives, heals, and delivers us.*

Ephesians 2:1–10 *By the gift of God's grace we are saved through faith.*

John 3:14–21 *Like Moses' serpent, Jesus will be lifted up as a sign of salvation.*

Sun., March 18 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31–34 *God says: I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your heart.*

Psalm 51:1–12 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new spirit within me.*

Psalm 119:9–16 *I seek you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I treasure your word.*

Hebrews 5:5–10 *Jesus Christ, our high priest, is the source of eternal salvation.*

John 12:20–33 *Jesus says: Now I will be glorified; I will die and be lifted up.*

Sun., March 25 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m. Children's Presentation of *The Three Trees*

o As the service begins, a crowd gathers, waving branches and shouting “Hosanna” (Hebrew for “save us”), and wanting to crown Jesus as king.

o But as the story of Christ's passion unfolds, the shouts of praise turn into demands for his death. Jesus is handed over to be mocked, tortured, and killed; the crown he receives is one of thorns.

Mark 11:1–11 *Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey; the people shout: Hosanna!*

John 12:12–16 *Waving palm branches, a great crowd greets Jesus in Jerusalem.*

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Thurs., March 29 Maundy Thursday (no service because of Lenten Dinners)

Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14 *Before the Exodus, the Lord gives instructions for the Passover.*

Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 *What shall I return to the Lord? I will lift the cup of salvation.*

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 *Paul recounts and interprets the tradition of the Lord's Supper.*

John 13:1–17, 31b–35 *Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new commandment.*

Fri., March 30 Good Friday Prayer Vigil Noon-3:00 p.m. (Sanctuary will be open for quiet reflection and prayer)

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 *The innocent servant suffers; surely he has borne our sin.*

Psalm 22 *A desperate prayer of lament turns to thanksgiving and praise.*

Hebrews 10:16–25 *Jesus opens the sanctuary for us; trust in him, for he is faithful.*

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 *In Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weakness.*

John 18:1—19:42 *Jesus is arrested, put on trial, crucified, and buried.*

The Season of Easter

Sat., March 31 Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday sunset to Sunday sunrise)

The Grand Story of Salvation:

Genesis 1:1—2:4a *The seven days of creation; God rests on the seventh day.*

Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26 *Give thanks to God, creator of all, whose love endures forever.*

Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13 *The story of the great flood and God's covenant with Noah.*

Psalm 46 *Though the earth changes and the waters roar, God is our refuge.*

Genesis 22:1–18 *Obeying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac.*

Psalm 16 *The Lord protects and instructs me; God preserves my life.*

Exodus 14:10–31, 15:20–21 *Pursued by the Egyptians, the Israelites escape through the sea.*

Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18 *Moses sings praise to the Lord, who has delivered the people.*

Isaiah 55:1–11 *Come to the waters; listen and live; God's promise will not fail.*

Isaiah 12:2–6 *Surely God is my salvation; with joy, draw water from the well.*

Isaiah 61:1–4, 9–11 *The Lord has anointed me; God clothes me in righteousness.*

Deuteronomy 32:1–4, 7, 36a, 43a *Give ear, O heavens, for I will proclaim the name of the Lord.*

Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6 *Wisdom calls out: come, eat and drink; walk in the way of insight.*

Psalm 19 *The heavens declare God's glory; the law of the Lord is sweet.*

Ezekiel 36:24–28 *God will cleanse the people, giving them a new heart and spirit.*

Psalms 42 and 43 *Like a deer, I thirst for the living God; God is my help and hope.*

Ezekiel 37:1–14 *In a valley of dry bones, Ezekiel has a vision of hope for Israel.*

Psalm 143 *My soul thirsts for you, God; answer me, or I will go to the grave.*

Daniel 3:1–29 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego survive the fiery furnace.*

Song of the Three 35–65 *Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord; sing praise forever.*

Jonah 1:1—2:1 *Jonah tries to escape God's call and is swallowed by a large fish.*

Jonah 2:2–3 (4–6) 7–9 *Jonah prays: Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard me.*



Zephaniah 3:14–20 *Sing and rejoice, people of God; the Lord will bring you home.*

Psalm 98 *Let all creation make a joyful noise to the Lord, who is coming.*

Romans 6:3–11 *Through baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection.*

Psalm 114 *The earth shakes and the sea retreats in the presence of the Lord.*

Mark 16:1–8 *Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.*

Sun., April 1 Easter Morning

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise @ Boxwood Farm

9:45 a.m. Children's Cross of Flowers

11:00 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord w/Lords Supper

Acts 10:34–43 *Peter testifies to Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus is Lord of all.*

Isaiah 25:6–9 *A feast on the day of the Lord; God will swallow up death forever.*

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 *I will not die, I will live; this is the day that the Lord has made.*

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 *Remember the good news of Jesus Christ, by which we are saved.*

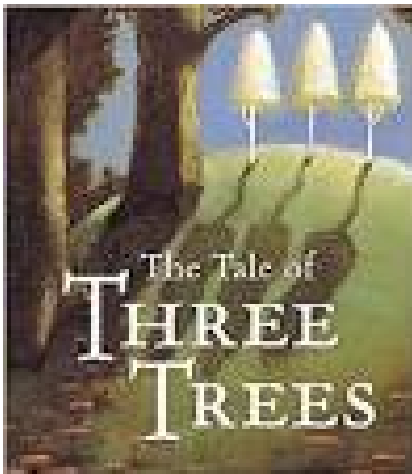
John 20:1–18 *At the empty tomb, the risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.*

Mark 16:1–8 *Finding Jesus' tomb empty, the women flee in wonder and fear.*

Children's Play

Sunday, March 25

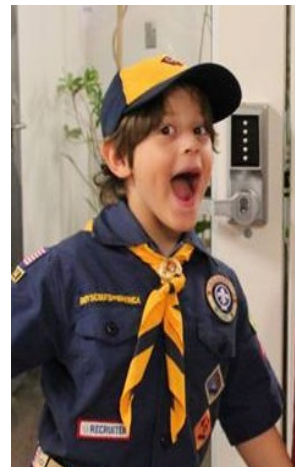
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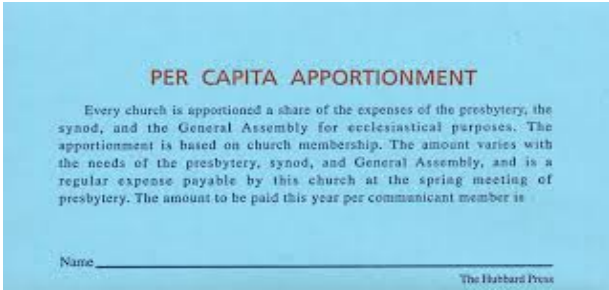


Scout Sunday

February 11

11:00 a.m.





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*Per capita is an **opportunity** for members of the PC(USA) to share the cost and strengthen our community*

Per Capita pays for:

Monmouth Presbytery

source of our \$4,380 grant to buy new tables/chairs!

- four meetings a year
- help for congregations looking for a new pastor
- help for congregations in crisis or conflict
- loans, grants, financial advice
- care of seminary students
- website, directory, emails, weekly electronic newsletter
- legal & judicial matters
- Genesis Center* - education resources
- Youth Triennium
- Leadership Training
- Stewardship Resources
- Mission Insite* - analyse demographics
- Mission - *Centsability*, food justice, earth care, interfaith relationships
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

Synod of the Northeast

four meetings a year regional governing bod

General Assembly

one meeting every other year

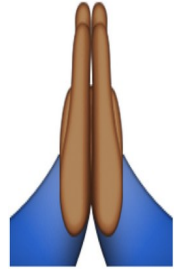
responsible for matters of concern for the whole church

symbol of unity

sets priorities for the church

Prayer Requests

Craig & Elizabeth's grandson **Jack** (seizures), the family of **Yadi** Atwater (Puerto Rico), **Bob** Bellevue (health), Barbara Blue's co-worker **Nancy** and her family (Puerto Rico), Kathleen's friend **Sofia** (thyroid cancer), **Helen** Granozio (health), Lucy's son **Allen** (cancer), **Nikki** Palmer Hall (expecting twins!), Gladys' son **William** (health), **Barbara** Kwaak (health), **Joe** McLaughlin (military service - Navy), Vera's friend **Judy** (health), Dale's niece **Linda** (chemo), family of Lil's nephew **Ray** (death), Lil's nephew **Tom** (health), **Lil** (endurance), anonymous couple (marital troubles), **Allan & James** Russell (health), **Sharon** (endurance), Joanne's mom **Mae** (Alzheimer's/heart), **Judy** Soden (happiness), **Ruth** Stiles (health), Lee's brother **Rick** (lung cancer), **Judi** (health), Judi's friend **Christine** (pancreatic cancer), Norma's grandson **Connor** (military service - Navy), Thomas A. Zak, **Moriah**, and her brother **Nathan** (military service - Air Force), those struggling with addiction, those serving in the armed forces and their families, those not in worship today, our elected officers (Barbara B., Barbara K., Don, Ed, Faye, George, Hope, Jen, Joanne, Joe, Judi, Kathleen, Linda, Mary, Mimie, Norma, Sue)



Join the Blue Out!



Who: Volunteer Teams and others (like our congregation!) who stand in the GAP for disaster survivors by supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

What: Join the Blue Out! Wear your PDA T-shirt or something *BLUE*.

Where: Here at Englishtown First Presbyterian Church

When: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

Why: Wear a visible reminder that *One Great Hour of Sharing* makes a difference for disaster survivors around the world.

How: Be Creative!

Wear your PDA volunteer t-shirt or something blue: clothing, hat, a flower...

Together let's tell the story of hope out of chaos.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Photos: FPC South Boston, VA; PC of Chatham Township, NJ; Kathy Temple, Montrossville PC; Dwight K. Morris, Pitts Landing, FPC Cowington GA, Old Union PC

DONATIONS GIVEN DURING SECOND COLLECTION ON "BLUE OUT" SUNDAY WILL SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN HELPING THOSE DEVASTED BY RECENT DISASTERS



Camp & Retreat Center

Women's Retreat

April 20-22, 2018

Join women of all ages for a weekend of reflection, rejuvenation and recreation!

- o Large group sessions o Small group discussions
- o Hiking o Massage (available for an additional fee) o Boating
- o Campfire o Zipline o Star watch
- o Engaging worship o Fellowship o Laughter
- o Made from scratch meals o Cooking demonstration by Chef Ralph

Retreat Fee: \$160 for a Semi-private room, \$180 for a Private Room

The retreat includes: Two Nights Lodging and Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch

All of this will create a memorable weekend not to be missed!

For more information and to register online visit www.campjburg.org

If you have any questions, email: office@campjburg.org or call: (908) 852-2349

Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center

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Nominating Committee

Please send your nominations to Elder Sue Ralph littlecupcake512@aol.com

Ruling Elder - spiritual, wise, maturity of faith, compassionate, leadership skills
(aptitude for working in committee)

Deacon - spiritual, compassionate, ministry skills (aptitude for visitation)

Nominating Committee - spiritual, perceptive, "people person"

Finance Committee - spiritual, financial management experience

Personnel Committee - spiritual, perceptive (aptitude for empowering others)



Annual Pancake Breakfast

**Hosted by the
First Presbyterian Church of
Englishtown**

March 24th 2018 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**\$8.00 per adult and
\$5.00 per child 12 and under**

**Breakfast includes
Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage
Coffee, Tea, and Orange juice**

**For tickets please call
Norma 908-385-0203**

**Limited seating is available, Tickets must be
purchased by 3/18/18**

Come and enjoy good food, and good company



Flower

Easter Flower order form

2018

Each plant will cost \$ 6.50 (2 plants =\$ 12.00, 3 plants = \$ 18.00, 4 plants =\$ 24.00)

Please indicate the type of flower you want & if the flowers are for loan or gift.

Please put your order form and donation in an envelope marked flowers and hand to the usher or see Faye Brandt 732-580-5339

Please order early

Lilly_____

Hyacinth_____

Tulip_____

Daffodil_____

Azalea_____

Given By: _____

In Memory of: _____

Or

In Honor of: _____

Loan _____ (you take home after Easter service)

Gift _____ (we will give to a shut in)

