



The Church Mouse

Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood

401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

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November Message:

May all of us Church **Mouseketeers** welcome Carrie back to putting this “publication” together. She took the month of October off for a well earned and deserved break!

As we are in the season of Autumn, I’ll refer to the Book of **Ecclesiastes (which means teacher)**. One of my favorite passages is the more familiar “A time for everything”, Chap. 3: 1-8. Now for us the season is Autumn.

Many of you know that a favorite description of autumn is “**when God spills a rainbow**”. Just take a look around at the trees and marvel at their colors. You might grumble later when you have to rake them up, but please no grumbles now while this beauty surrounds us.

As this season of autumn began on September 22nd and goes into December 21st, we will have gotten through **Halloween**, the **end of daylight savings time**, and we must remember to honor our **Veterans** on **November 11th**. The celebration of **Thanksgiving** will be next on **November 24th**. We have so much for which to be thankful. Our blessings are abundant and we should all be ever thankful and grateful for all that God has given us, especially His Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

But, wait a minute – Let’s not forget that this year **November 27, 2022** will be the **first Sunday in Advent**. When the church begins to prepare and move forward to the **Holy Season of Christmas** and the **celebration of the birth of Jesus**. *Surely our cup runneth over.*

With prayers and love,

Betty

To everything
there is a season,
A time for every
purpose under heaven.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1





The Clerk's Corner

Hello, Everyone,

It is finally starting to feel like **autumn!** The days are getting cooler and the leaves are falling. We are picking the produce from our garden and drying our herbs for the winter. The **beauty of the season surrounds us.** As some of you know, this is my favorite season, and I enjoy every moment of it!

This year seems a little more special, though. We just finished our **successful garage sale and bake sale.** In addition to netting us a far greater profit than we had hoped, the day and the evening before were times of **church family togetherness.** It was truly **heart-warming** to see everyone **working together** for the **good** of our **church.** Next up is our **church family Thanksgiving dinner,** which will be the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving.

We haven't had this dinner since before the pandemic started. Although it will be smaller this year, I eagerly anticipate this event, sharing Thanksgiving dinner with the church family that I hold so dear. I enjoy sharing everyone's favorite food, the stories, and the laughter.

Every year during the Thanksgiving season it is my custom to count the many **blessings in my life.** **All of you,** the beloved **members of my church family,** are very **high** on my **list of blessings.** **Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!** I hope to see you at the dinner. *Save me some stuffing, please!*

With many hugs and an equal number of prayers,

Sheryl



Member Updates

Sunday, November 20th at 4:00pm, is our church Thanksgiving Feast! Please bring a **side dish** or a **dessert** to go along with the **Turkey, stuffing/gravy** supplied by the church!

***Knit or Not** meets **Tuesdays** at **2:30pm** in the conference room.

***Bible Study** meets **Thursdays** at **11:30am** in the conference room.

We are beginning our annual **TOY DRIVE** to benefit **Toys for Tots!** Please bring a **new, unwrapped toy** to church and place it on the front steps of the sanctuary beginning **November 6th** ! Thank you!



"Ye I stand at the door and knock....."

Near the end of October, Lenin Barberena was outside the church when he noticed an older couple knocking at the church door. It turns out that it was a friendly couple who were members of our church **70** years ago! They live in Delaware now and made a special road trip to visit the church. Lenin gave them the grand tour and they reminisced. The woman remembered being the "pin/ball return girl" in the bowling alley back in the day! They had attended Sunday School here and were involved in the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. They remarked several times that church looked just as they remembered it!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Lenin Barberena, Jr. - Nov.6th

Sandra Barberena - Nov 20th

Wishing you a great day and a happy year ahead!

Church Garage Sale 2022

We participated in the town wide Garage Sale! And we very did well. Special thank you to our **tireless crew and volunteers** who worked all day to help this be a successful event! Thumbs up to all those who baked for the sale and to those who donated items to sell. When we work together the possibilities are great!



“Food, glorious food! What wouldn't we give for that extra bit more --That's all that we live for. Why should we be fated to do nothing but brood on Food, Magical food, Wonderful food, Marvelous food, Fabulous food!”

Who didn't love the magic of the **little boys** in the time honored musical “**Oliver**”? Or the sadness and trouble Oliver gets into when he asks the magistrate of the orphanage “**Please Sir, I want some more**”. Many families are living out a **modern day Oliver** by not having enough food to feed themselves or their families after these last few years of **Covid** struggles. **We can help.** We can donate extra food to help the families with children who may be hungry or not have enough food to satisfy. **Prices of groceries have risen, but the need still remains.** Please remember to not only **shop for yourselves but to put a few extra items in your grocery cart.** Our Food Donations are **ongoing and vital**, especially as **Thanksgiving draws near...** Prayers that it will be *Food Glorious Food...for everyone.*

Our food collection is sparse right now. Won't we help to answer and fulfill the question of Please Sir I want some more? Please donate in the coming weeks before Thanksgiving....thank you!



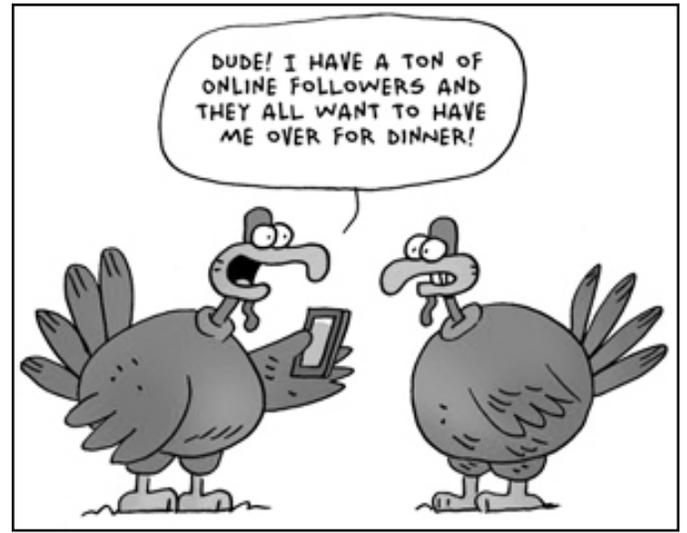
Place an extra grocery in your cart for those who are hungry and in need...

Our Food Collection benefits the **Center for Food Action! Please bring non-perishable food items with you to church and place them in the bins located in the church vestibule...**Thank you!****



It's time to "fall back" an hour! So remember to Set your clocks back on Saturday night November 5th as Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6th !

☺ Just for laughs ☺



**Why can't you take a Turkey to church?
They use fowl language!**

Question: Why is Thanksgiving soup so expensive?

Answer: It has 24 carrots!

Thought for the month:

"And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened."

... Raquel Franco

