

# The Church Mouse

## Newsletter

The First Presbyterian Church of Maywood  
401 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ 07607

**May 2021**



### May Message:

Welcome to the merry month of May. We know that April Showers bring May flowers. Just look about outside and **see the glorious colors and plant life that God has given us.** New growth is a miracle of His making. But I recall a line from a song in Roger and Hammerstein's big hit "Carousel" which claims that "May is filled with Promises" and so it is with our lives. We've all made promises to ourselves and others. Some we've kept, others were forgotten or they were never really meant to be said or shared, e.g. I promise I never meant to do \_\_\_\_\_ again or I never said any such thing"

**A promise is an oath or a allegiance given to someone else or an organization.** At times we "swear to tell the truth the whole truth". We promise to faithfully support the teachings and beliefs and give credence to those things.

This applies to our church membership also. **Joining church is engaging in the mission of God in its basic form.** We are given the **promises of the Gospel** and the **teachings** of God's Son, our **Savior Jesus Christ.** The Bible becomes our text or handbook for all members of the church. All prophesies are God inspired and full-filled.

We must recall John 3:16 (familiar to most) and John 3:17, "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world thru Him**". God has said whoever believes in His Son would have eternal life. **What greater promise is there than that of God Himself?** There are hymns that contain the thoughts of promises and they should be taken to heart also.

Let's remember that just as "May is filled with promises" so are we, **let's keep our promises** and thereby **honor our Triune God.**

With love and prayers,

**Betty, CLP**





Hi, Everyone,

First of all, I'd like to thank Carrie for giving me this space in the Church Mouse newsletter! I will be writing a short column each month.

As your Clerk, I want to be sure that everyone's voice is heard. **All of us together** make up our church! We need your voice and your participation in whatever way is possible. **How can I help you feel heard?**

## The Clerk's Corner

My phone number is: **201-214-7954** and my email address is **sherheff@hotmail.com**.

I'd love to hear your comments and your suggestions, both positive and negative. **What do you need from your church? How can we improve? How can you help your church?** All comments are confidential, very welcome, and will receive *attention* and a *personal response*. Thank you in advance!

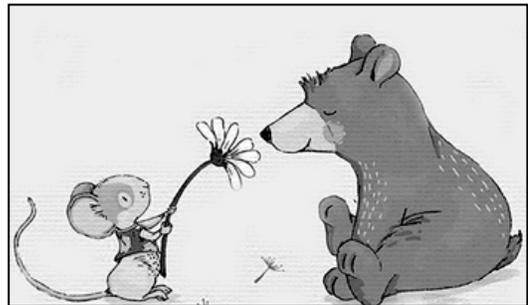
With hugs and prayers,  
**Sheryl**



We will be conducting our annual **Congregational Meeting** on **May 2nd** **immediately following** our **Worship Service**. It's very important that **all church members** attend this meeting so please make every effort to be there!

\*\*Additionally, please note, we will be serving **Communion** on Sunday, **May 23rd** during our Worship Service.

The Barberena family will be planting several flowering plants around our church building! What a welcome way to usher in the summer months by beautifying our church's landscape! **Special thanks to the Barberena family!** Anyone who wishes to be a part of this gardening project can speak to Lenin or Sandra!



**Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day!**

**Proverbs 31:31:** "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

**Genesis 3:20:** "The man called his wife's name Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living."

**Proverbs 31:25:** "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

**Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day!**





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**

**Benjamin Carberry - May 2nd**

**Lenin Barberena - May 17th**

**Joyce Ullrich - May 21st**

**Bobbe Kutcha - May 31st**

**Wishing you all a wonderful day and a great year ahead!**

**☺ Just for laughs ☺**



## A Mother's Love

by Unknown Poet

Her love is like  
an island in life's ocean,  
vast and wide  
A peaceful, quiet shelter  
From the wind, the rain, the tide.

Tis bound on the north by Hope,  
By Patience on the West,  
By tender Counsel on the South  
And on the East by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light  
Shine Faith, and Truth, and  
Prayer;  
And thro' the changing scenes of  
life  
I find a haven there.



We welcome back the beautiful **sounds of music** during our worship services! Bringing extra joy to us as we **sing** our **hymns** and **responses** in **praise**, and listen to the lovely **Prelude** and **Postlude** selections **Sheryl** plays so **beautifully** for us.

Thank you **Sheryl, RV and Tom**...it's great to have you back in the hub of our Music Department!

### Thought for the month:

"If you believe you can, you probably can. If you believe you won't, you most assuredly won't. Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad. "

...*Denis Waitley*

