

The Week Ahead at Grace Presbyterian Church: Sept. 1- Sept. 8

For additional information, call the church office or ask an usher!

Sun. Sept. 1	9:30 am Sunday Service/Communion 10:30 am Fellowship
Mon. Sept. 2	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
Tues. Sept. 3	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 6:00 pm Jazzercise
Wed. Sept. 4	9:00 am Jazzercise 9:30 am Yoga
Thurs. Sept. 5	9:30 am Iyengar Yoga 6:00 pm Jazzercise
Fri. Sept. 6	9:30 am Restorative Yoga 7:00 pm Adult Dance Class
Sat. Sept. 7	8:30 am Jazzercise 8:45 am Iyengar Yoga
Sun. Sept. 8	9:30 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Fellowship

Vision Statement

We are an open and affirming congregation. We genuinely welcome people of all ages, race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs, and those who are cognitively and or physically challenged. Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose, each one engaged in ministry, seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship, and embodying God's love for the world.

***** GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

Invitation to the Anniversary Dinner

September 1, 2024

We are getting together to give thanks for the coming together of Community Presbyterian and Miller Memorial to form Grace Presbyterian Church of South Brunswick. It is hard to believe we are celebrating 10 years of ministry and mission together. We would be honored if you would join us!

We will gather on Saturday, Oct 26 for a program and dinner at the church starting at 4pm, and then again for worship on Sun, Oct 27 at 9:30am. Having been a part of this congregation your experience and stories are important to our story. The program on Saturday will consist of remembering, celebrating and dreaming. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the challenges and blessings, for the people who have come and gone, for the gifts shared, the work done, and for the vision that brought us together and carries us forward.

Please RSVP to the church office, by Saturday, September 14 at either office@gracepcsb.org or 732-297-9182 for the dinner and program on Sat, Oct 26.

Peace,
Debbie

The Reverend Deborah L. Paton, pastor

“...knit together in the same mind and same purpose” I Cor. 1:10

New Initiative...

Expanding Our Understanding of Mental Illness

As we seek to welcome and include persons and families living with mental illness into our community of faith, it is important that our welcome be more than making room in the pew or a warm handshake. It is growing in our knowledge of mental illness, and its impact on individuals, families and the community. It is offering ministries that support, include and advocate for their wellbeing: body, mind and spirit.

We begin this fall with a look at the PCUSA Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness; Comfort My People.

This adult study will be held:

Sunday, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 11am-12:15

It will be led by Pastor Debbie and The Rev. Luke Ekstrom, MDiv, ACPE Certified Educator Candidate, Staff Chaplain Department of Spiritual Care & Wellbeing at Penn Medicine Princeton Health. It will require some reading, listening, praying, sharing, and growing. We hope you will join us in learning about the challenges of mental illness, how our biblical story speaks to such concerns, how we can better care for one another.

Grace For Dinner

If you are a neighbor in need of food, come to our table"

Grace Presbyterian Church is offering a FREE dinner
for people facing a food crisis

Saturday, Sept. 14 th-4:30 - 6:00 PM -
Doors Open at 4:30

Meals prepared by - **Chef Allie Catering Services**

Meal choices:

1. Jamaican Jerk Chicken w/Coconut Rice & Peas

2. Vegetable Pesto Tortellini

Please **order meals by Monday September 9th, 732-297-9182** or by email [**office@gracepcsb.org**](mailto:office@gracepcsb.org)

Please provide your name, phone number, number of meals and if any are vegetarian. One meal per person please. Let us know if you have transportation limits; we may be able to arrange delivery. **If you miss that date remaining meals will be given out starting at 5:45 on a first-come-first serve basis.**

South Brunswick Food Bank Items Needed:

Ground coffee - Jelly - Chef Boyardee, or any canned pasta
Crushed tomatoes - Pancake mix - Syrup Spaghetti, and any boxed pasta
Paper goods: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins

Boxed milk such as Parmalat - Canned tuna

Please bring the item(s) to the church and put it in the cart by the front door. If you have any questions contact Lee -

mrsp52@comcast.net

Look Who's Serving

	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Liturgist	Carol Thomson	Lee Piotrowski	Jim York	Judianne Brown
Usher	Janice Royer	Janice Royer	Evelyn Savage	Sandy Chmielewski
Zoom	Brian Boccardi	Maryann Rappa	Peter Godinez	
Worship Leader	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton	Rev. Debbie Paton
Counters	Carol Thomson Fran Trischetta	Laura Taff Lee Piotrowski	Dottie Pickell Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Fran Trischetta
Musician	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura	Vince DiMura
Open/Close	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson Mike Royer	Carol Thomson

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Pastor Debbie - Debbie is in the office and community Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Works off site on Tuesday. Please honor Monday as her sabbath by only calling if it is an emergency. She can best be reached by email pastordebpaton@gmail.com or cell phone 630-886-6785.

Vince Di Mura - Music Director

Church Office - Maryann Rappa will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. You can reach her at 732-297-9182 or office@gracepcsb.org.

NOT SURE WHO TO CONTACT?

❖ Questions about donations - Contact **Al Goddard**

- ❖ Questions about the children's ministry - contact **Nancy Varga** nmvarga2011@comcast.net
- ❖ Questions about the Deacons - contact **Kathie Scott** kathiemscott@icloud.com or **Gabi Quaely** gabi.quaely@comcast.net
- ❖ Have a prayer request? - contact **Tami Aug** tamaraaug@gmail.com
- ❖ Put an announcement in the bulletin? tell the **church office by Wednesday.** office@gracepcsb.org
- ❖ Put an announcement in the newsletter? **Meg McQuarrie** meg@elixirfund.org
- ❖ Want to get involved? **Contact an elder.**

Elders -

Rob Aug - Personnel - **Irene Carman** - Wellness Liaison - **Jim Elieff** - Property, **Peter Godinez** - Nominating Elder, Clerk of Session - **Donna Keller** - Outreach - **Dottie Pickell** Worship Elder - **Mike Royer**- Property - **Laura Taff** - Stewardship and Finance, **Nancy Varga** - Christian Ed. and Preschool Liaison

Deacons - Tami Aug, Gloria Bernard, Judianne Brown, Sandy Chmielewski, Amy Miller, Gabi Quaely, Evelyn Savage, Kathie Scott, Marianne Wong

USERS' GUIDE

- **Welcome!** If you are visiting, please sign our guest book on the table in the hall before entering the worship space.
- If you have a **prayer request**, fill out a blue *prayer request card* (the other side of the welcome card) and put it in the offering plate.
- **Restrooms** are on the fellowship side of the sanctuary.

More information?

Grace Presbyterian Church- 57 Sandhills Road, Kendall Pk, NJ 08824 Phone number- 732-297-9182 email us at - office@gracepcsb.org - Visit our website: www.gracepcsb.org - Or check us out on Facebook!

