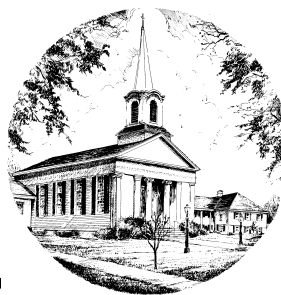


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## FROM THE PASTOR

On September 1, 2021, the effects of Tropical Depression Ida just started to hit our area. The forecasted 3"-5" of rain turned out to be 8' of water in the dining room & kitchen and 4.5' of water down the hallway, preschool office, and other rooms. A record water level when compared to other storms that damaged SBRC.

Work began the next morning! Numerous repairs & upgrades to the building were completed! Countless hours of volunteer hours from members, donations of food, water, and supplies arrived, and generous monetary donations helped SBRC to "return to normal".

As we look back at all the work that had been completed, we can be very proud of all that has been accomplished! We have repaired walls, repaired/sealed the floor in the kitchen/dining room, renovated the nursery, rebuilt the preschool office, purchased new stoves/ovens and coffee machine, rebuilt the two boilers, and so much more! A lot of time, sweat, and money has gone into the physical building and it is looking great!

There was, however, one repair that has kept us from closing out Tropical Depression Ida - replacing the main electrical feed panel. After consulting our electrician, the needed parts were ordered and then we were told that they would be delivered in 6-8 months. And so, we waited...and waited...and waited.



Well, I am SO HAPPY to report that the waiting is over!! The parts have arrived and on Tuesday, June 20th, the final repair from Ida has been completed (I can hear all of you cheering)!! The "Ida Folder" has been closed and placed in the filing cabinet (along with the "Irene Folder").

So, with this final repair completed, I wanted to express my thanks, again, to everyone that has been involved. I am not going to list all of the names because I will inevitably forget someone, but we all know who was involved. Thank you all for what you do for SBRC!!

*Pastor Steve*

PS - Don't forget that worship is in the Dining Room until September!! Hope to see you there!!



### July Birthdays:

- 01 Tara Mazzarella
- 02 Paul Stabile
- 07 Mark Messineo
- 09 Violet Mazzarella
- 11 Gia Zeban
- 15 Debbie Norz
- 16 Chelsea Ofray
- 17 Jennifer Krause
- 19 Annette LiBrizzi
- 27 Cheryl Speciale  
Tyson Stramaglia
- 30 Barbara Eckert



### July Anniversaries

- 01 Steve & Jeanette  
Hubscher
- 03 Michael & Emily  
Muller
- 10 Paul & Kelly  
Stabile
- 18 Nick & Cheryl  
Speciale

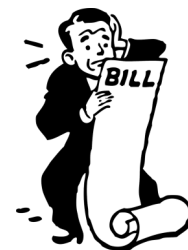
## TREASURER'S NOTE

Summer is upon us. The school year is quickly coming to an end. Here at the church, we are entering summer mode as we move to the basement to enjoy a cooler and shortened worship service. The Sunday School and the choir are on break till September.



Historically, attendance at worship services drops as families head out to enjoy much deserved vacations.

But the church does not go vacation. We still have a worship service. We still have bills to pay. We started May, \$3,784 in the black. Pledges were average for the month. Expenses were normal with no surprises. We ended May, \$3,124 in the black. But June is a month where many large quarterly payments are made. So please continue to send in your donations, even if you are unable to attend. Let's try to remain in the black as we go through the summer.



May God continue to bless this church and its people.

~Robyn Friedlander

## HAM DINNER

The Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm with Chef Tyson presiding over the kitchen! All tickets are \$20.

Call (908) 369-4956 to reserve tickets or purchase online at:

[app.gopassage.com/events/ham-dinner3](http://app.gopassage.com/events/ham-dinner3)

### Menu

*Baked Ham*  
*An Gratin Potatoes*  
*Corn*  
*Cole Slaw*  
*Applesauce*  
*Tomato-Cucumber Salad*  
*Dinner Rolls & Butter*  
*Assorted Desserts*  
*Coffee/Tea/Lemonade/Iced Tea*

**The Dining Room is open for you to join us in-person!**

**If taking your dinner to go, please remember  
to bring your reusable bag!**

***Online ticket sales begin on August 4th at 9:30 AM***

## **BOOK CLUB!**

In July, the Book Club will be reading "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus and will meet on Sunday, July 30th at 7pm via Zoom to discuss.

In August, the Book Club will be reading "The One Hundred Years of Lenin and Margot" by Marianne Cronin and will meet on Sunday, August 27th at 7pm via Zoom to discuss.

The Book Club is not just for SBRC members! It is open to any member, friend, and family members! We are always looking for more to join us in discussing these books as well as enjoying some time together away from our normal day to day worries. So, pick up a copy and join us for some fun!



## **HILLSBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY**

SBRC continues to be an active participant in helping those in our community with food insecurities via the Hillsborough Food Pantry. Your continued support of this local mission partnership has ensured that the shelves remained stock and ready for those needing assistance. Below is a list of the items that are most needed:

Peanut Butter	Instant Potatoes
Jelly	Rice
Mac & Cheese	Coffee
Pasta	Canned Fruit
Tomato Sauce	Tuna Fish
Cereal	Baby Food
Personal Care Products	Feminine Products

All donated items may be brought to the Church on Sunday mornings or contact the Church Office at (908) 369-4956 if you would like to schedule a drop off during the week.



### **August Birthdays:**

03 Fern Wallack  
 04 Emily Windus  
 17 Patrick Dougherty  
 Lisa Heider  
 20 Michael Pitts  
 24 Bea Staats  
 28 Malinda Murray  
 Freddie Neske



### **August Anniversaries**

09 Ben & Danielle  
 Burt  
 22 James & Renée  
 Paterno



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Mrs. Jennifer Feaster ~ Preschool Director  
Mrs. Maritza Acosta ~ Sexton

## 2023 CHURCH DINNERS

The Church Dinners are certainly a wonderful source of fellowship and fun for all involved whether you help out at the dinner, dine in with us or take a meal to go! It is certainly something we all enjoy and don't want to see end. As a reminder, SBRC will host three more dinners in 2023:

September 9	Ham Dinner
October 14	Chicken Cordon Bleu
November 18	Turkey Dinner

Thank you for your continued support and energy in providing these wonderful meals to our family and friends of SBRC.