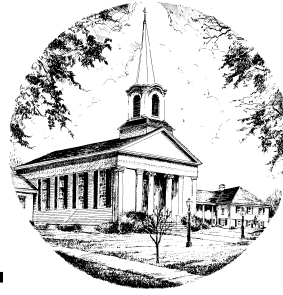


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TREASURER'S NOTE

The weather has been sunny and beautiful. The evenings have been cool and crisp. It is hard to believe that summer is basically over. Hopefully, attendance will pick back up as the choir returns, the children return to Sunday School and activities start up once again. Yes, it is time to get back into our regular routines, and take care of business at SBRC.

We started August, \$5,171 in the red. There were no large unexpected, expenses. Pledges were steady. We ended the month, \$3,582 in the red.

Financially, we did not have a horrible summer. It was better than last year. However, we remained in the red for the entire summer months. Just a reminder that September is a month where numerous quarterly payments are made, in addition to our regular expenses. Help us to get back in the black. Keep those pledges coming in on a regular basis. Send in your classis dues (\$100 per member) if you have not done so. Support our remaining fundraiser dinners. We can do this people!!

May God continue to bless this church and its people.

- Robyn Friedlander



A NOTE OF THANKS

You may not have noticed, but a lot of property projects were completed over the summer. The drain pipe from the kitchen sink was replaced, the chimney over the parking lot entrance was repaired, the steps to the Chapel Room were replaced, the sump pumps in the boiler & dining rooms were repaired, the boilers in the church and the parsonage were serviced, and the new Trex Bench was placed by the Chapel Room entrance. Truly, it has been a busy couple of months! We extend our thanks to all who have spent hours and days on these projects! We are blessed for your time, talent, and energy.





- 5 Beth Bernard
- 14 Adele Miller
- 17 Jude Mazzarella
Linda Ruocco
- 18 Gabriella Marshall
- 19 Adam Franco
- 24 Savannah Marshall
- 26 Sarah Davenport
- 27 William Wright, Jr.
- 29 Irene Bogdan



- 2 Louis & Tara
Mazzarella
- 8 Mark & Karen
Messineo
- 12 James & Mary
Nunn
- 23 Rich & Debbie
Norz
- 29 Tom & Jean
Evers

FROM THE PASTOR...

What is your favorite season of the year? I have two: Autumn & Spring - and I look forward to when we enter these times of the year. Autumn brings a certain cozy feeling - comfy warm days, crisp cool nights, and colors on display in God's creation from trees to sunsets!



Autumn also brings a cozy & warm feeling in the church! The return of the Preschool children, the choir returns to lend their voices in praise during worship, we smile as our children return for Sunday School, the smell of church dinners waft throughout the building, and it warms both heart & soul to see all of God's children back in the Sanctuary for worship.

We are always looking for new and/or different ideas or opportunities that provide us a chance to get together. So, if you have an idea, share it!

If you haven't returned to in-person worship - we miss you!!! Autumn is a great time to join us in the Sanctuary! The cooler temps make worship in the Sanctuary more comfortable, and we are excited to welcome you back! Worship will continue to be provided via Zoom, but nothing can replace gathering together in one place to worship our amazing God!

Yes, I truly love the Fall for all of the things that it brings back to our shared ministry & work in the church!

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU DINNER

SBRC will be holding a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner on Saturday, October 19th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM with Chef Tyson presiding over the kitchen. All tickets are \$20.

Call (908) 369-4956 for tickets or make your reservations by visiting: app.gopassage.com/events/2024-chicken-bleu.

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!

Menu

- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Noodles Romanoff
- Broccoli
- Cole Slaw
- Braised Red Cabbage
- Dilled Cucumber Salad
- Fruit Cup
- Dinner Rolls with Butter
- Assorted Desserts
- Coffee/Tea/Lemonade/Iced Tea

BOOK CLUB AT SBRC

The Book Club continues to meet on the last Sunday of each on at 7:00pm via Zoom. Our group is made up of church members, family members, and friends. Our time together is full of conversation and laughter as well as an opportunity to “check-in” on each other. We are always looking for more people to join in the fun!



In October, we will be reading “The Lost Apothecary” by Sarah Penner.

In November, we will be reading “Orphan #8” by Kim Van Alkemade. Pick up a copy and join the fun!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School year kicked off on September 15th with our first session and Welcome Back Picnic. Thank you to all our volunteers and donations that helped make the picnic possible. Special thanks to Tom Kletz, Joe and Ashley Librizzi, and Mike Mastrosimone for manning the grill; and Patti Kletz and Kim Kowalchuk for getting everything set in the dining room. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration for another school year ahead.

We’ve been so very blessed with wonderful volunteers that will help make this an amazing year for our Sunday School students. D a n i e l l e Dougherty will be leading our Preschool/Kindergarten class, our *Mini’s*. All preschoolers 2-1/2 and up are welcome. This includes Grandchildren and visitors. Jessica Estevez will be teaching the 1st-3rd grade *Junior* class. Debbie Norz and Kacey Kowalchuk will be teaching the 4th-8th grade *Senior* class with Adam Franco as a long-term sub until early-November.

We also have several volunteers to substitute when needed. Thank you to Nancy Murray, Valerie Franco, Mary Nunn, Kelly Stabile, Karen Messineo and Sharon Schwar for being available to fill-in.



We will celebrate Halloween on Sunday, October 27th. Children will start with our annual costume parade through the Sanctuary to share some smiles with the Congregation before heading to their classrooms for their lesson and then down to the Fireside Room for fun and games. More information to follow. All are welcome.

We look forward to spending Sunday mornings with your children learning God’s Word. Bring a friend!

- Tracy Davenport

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 6:

Job 1:1, 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 13:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 20:

Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm 91:9-16
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 27:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

I SOUGHT THE
LORD
=&=
HE ANSWERED ME
=&=
DELIVERED ME FROM
ALL MY FEARS

PSALM 34:4

WOMEN'S GROUP



The Women's Group enjoyed multitasking on September 15th during coffee hour when they met to clip stamps, enjoy the barbecue welcome back luncheon, and catch up on friends' life events. 196 stamps were clipped and sorted and sent to the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Florida, who sells the stamps to raise money to publish Spanish Sunday School Materials. The Women's Group usually meets the third Sunday each month after church, and all are welcome.

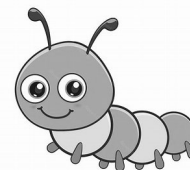
Over the past few months, members have given \$40.00 in coins and dollar bills to the Christian Blind Mission for vision problems in the poorest of countries in Africa. This includes distributing donated medicines, providing glasses for school children, and cataract surgery for blind children who will otherwise not be able to go to school and will probably spend their lives begging for a living. Please consider putting your coins and dollar bills into the container by the sanctuary steps. God can work miracles with this just little bit.



- Lynne Lothian

PRESCHOOL NEWS

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had. All of our students are adjusting so nicely to our routines. During these first few weeks the students spend a lot of time getting to know their teachers and other classmates. Each student and teacher has made an 'All About Me Caterpillar'. These caterpillars include pictures of their families, food they like to eat, places they like to go and things they do for fun. The students then share these with their classmates during circle time. During this time the teachers also spend a lot of time introducing all aspects of our classrooms so that the students can take full advantage of all our classrooms have to offer.



October is such a busy and fun month here at SBRC. We have our annual trip to Norz-Hill Farm on October 17th & 18th and all parents are invited to join us on our trip. The preschool is transformed into a pumpkin patch on October 22nd & 23rd for our Pumpkin Carving with Dad in the evening. Then of course our Halloween Parades on October 28th & 29th. The children will sing the Halloween songs that they have learned in music class and parade around in their costumes.



Early Beginnings will start on October 2nd. This is our Mommy & Me class which is a great introduction to Preschool. Our fall session is all about colors.

We are looking forward to another wonderful school year here at SBRC Preschool! If you would like information about any of our programs please contact me at preschool@sbrchurch.org.

Jenn Feaster



October 2024

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor | 4 | 5 |
| 6 World Communion Sunday | 7 | 8 | 9 Knit, Pray, Crochet at 7:00pm in Stockman home | 10 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Newsletter items due! Consistory at 7:30pm in Parlor | 17 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor | 18 Dinner set-up 7:00pm | 19 Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner 4:00- 6:30pm |
| 20 | 21 | 22 <i>Preschool Pumpkin Carving at 6:30pm</i> | 23 <i>Preschool Pumpkin Carving at 6:30pm</i> Knit, Pray, Crochet at 7:00pm in Stockman home | 24 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Reformation Sunday Sunday School Halloween Party Book Club at 7:00pm via Zoom | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Choir at 7:30pm in Parlor | | |

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HALLOWEEN PARADE!
Don't forget your costume on Sunday, October 27th for the Annual Sunday School Halloween Parade! Children will walk through the Sanctuary prior to going to the Fireside Room for some fun and games!

