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LOOK UP!!

As usual, the Summer brings the opportunity for a lot of projects to be completed around SBRC. The first few weeks of June started with a flurry of items being crossed off the “honey do list” of the Property Committee. Here is what has taken place so far:

- ◆ Mike Mastrosimone & Pastor Steve were able to get all of the window air conditioners installed - just in time for the temperatures to drop back into the 60s along with soaking rains.
- ◆ Steve Hubscher, Joe LiBrizzi, and Bill Munro updated the lighting in the Dining Room by switching over to LED lights (and you can certainly tell the difference). Once a new order of LED bulbs are received, the Kitchen will be updated as well & it will be the last area of SBRC to be updated.
- ◆ After decades of declaring the presence of the church as well as standing tall throughout numerous storms and weather events, the steeple of SBRC has received some much needed TLC. The steeple has been power washed, primed, and re-painted (the cross is gold again!!). We extend our deepest thanks to WeatherTest Co., Inc. for their outstanding job and the care they showed while working at SBRC. Also, we extend our thanks to Bill Munro for overseeing the project to its completion.

Be sure to LOOK UP the next time you are at SBRC! A lot has been done, but there is always more to do when caring for a building that is 175 years old! Thank you to everyone who has helped and continues to help.

WOMEN’S GROUP

With the longer daylight hours and warm weather here, most of us change some of our life pace and activities. But, hopefully, we can maintain our church awareness too. The Women’s Group is hoping that includes you being always on the lookout for stamps in your mail. It would be lovely in the fall to return to a stamp basket in the church office that is overflowing with stamps. The Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida, has raised more than \$15,000 so far this year selling stamps like ours to pay for Sunday School materials printed in Spanish. Lets always keep that goal in mind as we relax and take in the activities that only summer can bring. Lets always keep in mind to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



And another small habit to keep in mind is dropping your coins (or bills) into the River Blindness container at the foot of the stairs outside the sanctuary. Again, it is a little habit, but one that has great impact in the poorest countries in Africa where eye care is urgently needed. We may not be able to travel to Africa to help them, but your coins and bills can. What we consider small change, to us, is great to them. Please keep them in mind.

Have a blessed summer and see you in the fall.

Lynne Lothian



July Birthdays:

- 01 Tara Mazzarella
- 02 Paul Stabile
- 07 Mark Messineo
- 09 Violet Mazzarella
- 15 Debbie Norz
- 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
- 29 Facial Akhdim & Jessica Estevez

TREASURER’S NOTE

Summer is here. I wish everyone a safe and fun filled vacation. But remember, the church is not on vacation. Services will be held. Our bills must be paid. There are no scheduled fund



raisers until September. Please help us to fulfill our obligations by submitting your pledges regularly, even if you are unable to attend church services in person. It is also a terrific time to submit your classis dues (\$100 per member).

We started May, \$3,076 in the black. Pledges were down compared to this time last year. Expenses were average, with no unexpected bills. We did lose some ground. But we still were able to end the month, \$1,235 in the black. Please continue to support SBRC throughout the summer months so we can remain in the black.



May God continue to bless our church and its people.

~Robyn Friedlander

HAM DINNER

The Ham Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2024 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/2025-ham

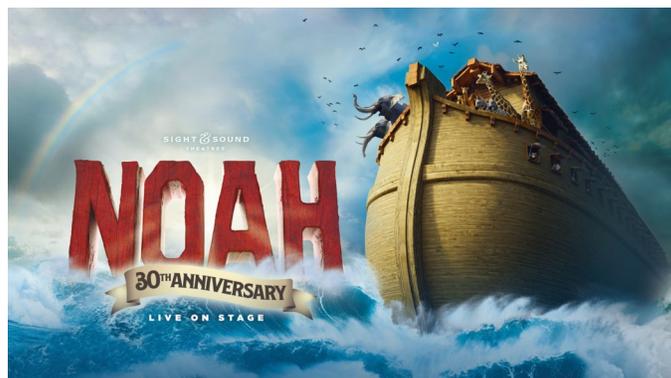
Menu

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

We hope you join us in the Dining Room!
If taking your dinner(s) to go, please remember to bring your reusable bag!
Online ticket sales begin on August 18th at 9:00 AM

Join Us for a Day Trip to Lancaster, PA!
Thursday, October 2, 2025
(most local schools are closed on 10/2)

Join us on Thursday, October 2nd, for a day filled with fellowship, inspiration, and delicious food as South Branch and Hillsborough Reformed Churches join together for a trip to see “Noah” at the **Sight & Sound Theatres** in Lancaster, PA! The day begins early in the morning as we board the bus at



7:15 AM at SBRC to make our way to the Sight & Sound Theatres for the **11:00 AM** performance of “Noah” – an awe-inspiring production that brings the story of Noah to life on stage with live animals and spectacular sets creating an unforgettable experience!

Following the show, at **2:30 PM**, we will head to **Miller’s Smorgasbord** for a wonderful buffet meal featuring traditional Pennsylvania Dutch cooking as well as have the opportunity to explore the shops at Miller’s that offer local crafts, treats, and more. We plan to begin our trip home around 4:30 PM and arrive at SBRC around **7:00 PM**.

Cost (includes round-trip chartered bus, ticket to show, and dinner):

\$155.00 per adult

\$110.00 per child (ages 3 to 12)

Sign up on the bulletin board or email: Oct2025LancasterTrip@gmail.com. Please include: Name, church name, ticket quantities (adult and children), phone number and email address. Payments may be made to SBRC with *Lancaster Trip* noted in the memo section of your check.

Tickets are very limited! Reservation & payment due on or before **August 15th**!

Bible Word Search Puzzle

U R J G N S R C C A H O O S J T S
 W E O I E W A R A A L T O R A E H
 S V L A P N L I S T N T F A U M A
 A E P S Q A E E N A P D A P U P M
 T L R O A T G S P T A G L R N E E
 E A A M M I Y E I O R D S E C R S
 S T S I O E G J I S A H G W H A S
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| 2.DISCIPLE | 8.SERMON | 14.AMEN |
| 3.MESSIAH | 9.TESTIMONY | 15.CHURCH |
| 4.PARADISE | 10.TEMPERANCE | 16.CHRIST |
| 5.REJOICE | 11.GENESIS | 17.GIFT |
| 6.REVELATION | 12.PARDON | 18.SAINT |



UPCOMING BOOKS FOR BOOK CLUB!

In June, the Book Club read “The Wedding People” by Alison Aspach and will meet on Sunday, June 29th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

In July, the group will read “Iona Iverson’s Rules for Commuting” and will meet on July 27th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

In August, the group will read “The Wishing Game” by Meg Shaffer and will meet on Sunday, August 31th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

In September, the selection is “The Dead Romantics” by Ashley Poston and the club will meet on Sunday, September 28th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

Please feel free to join us anytime. Contact Mary Nunn for further information.



August Birthdays:

- 3 Fern Wallack
- 4 Emily Muller
- 5 Jessica Estevez
- 24 Bea Staats
- 28 Malinda Murray

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION!

The Church Growth & Outreach committee is collecting school supplies for the Hillsborough Food Pantry throughout this summer. We’re asking for your help in making this a wonderful upcoming school year for underprivileged students in our area. Please consider donating pencils, pens, backpacks, washable markers, safety scissors, glue, highlighters, or any other school item (s). Please place your donations in the labeled bin by the parking lot entrance. The deadline for supplies is August 17th. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Holly Kowalenko.



FROM THE PASTOR

Our kids have wrapped up another school year. Vacations bring the opportunity to go to familiar spots or experience new areas and cultures. Some of us might participate in family or school reunions as a way to stay in touch with those far away and others might find the comfort of an air conditioned room with a good book or movie is all that is needed to have a break from the normal routine.



Last year, I wrote, “Who could compete against these opportunities? It is no wonder why SBRC experiences a dip in attendance as we enter the Summer months. We see it each year and we have come to expect it as regularly as we expect the sun to rise each morning.” The same rings true for this year as we enter Summer.

Regardless of what your Summer plans turn out to be, remember that SBRC will be here and waiting to welcome you with open arms, friendly faces, and the chance to worship & feel God’s continued love.

Hope to see you over the Summer!

Pastor Stu



August Anniversaries

- 9 Ben & Danielle Burt
- 22 James & Renée Paterno



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Mrs. Maritza Acosta ~ Sexton

HOME CALENDAR RAFFLE

For \$10 you can help at-risk-families, AND maybe win some cash! Tickets are on sale now for HOME of Somerset County's annual fundraiser. The calendar raffle draws three winners each week in November 2025, December 2025 & January 2026. All tickets are re-entered for each weekly drawing giving multiple chances to win! Each winning day of the three-month period has a designated value of \$50 to \$100 and winners will receive a check in the mail after each drawing. Please contact Karen Donohue at 908-704-1920 to purchase your ticket; tickets are \$10 each. Raffle tickets are also available through Kate Sarles at church.

