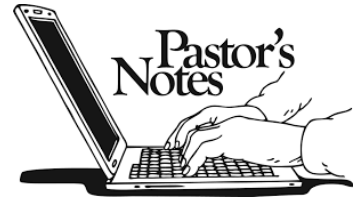


CONTACT

Summer 2026

Another school year is wrapping up and families are beginning to count down the days to vacations. Some might be traveling long distances and other might take advantage of day trips. Some might be looking for new adventures and others might revisit old favorites. Still others might take advantage of a stay-cation and enjoy the air conditioning with a good book or a movie or anything that provides a break from the normal routine. Whatever your plans are, I pray that you all are able to find some time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate over the next few months.



SBRC will be gathering in the Dining Room over the summer months to help with the heat that normally fills the Sanctuary. I was able to get Zoom running in the Dining Room, so that will continue to be an option during this change of worship spaces. Please know, the Zoom that will be offered will be different from what you are use to when we gather in the Sanctuary, but at least you will be able to join us online.

As we enter the "Summer Slowdown," please remember that the church's bills and financial concerns take a break. In fact, it is most important that we keep our offering & tithes during this time so that we don't run the risk of falling into the red with our budget

I also wanted to update you on my health. As I shared in the past, my numbers are low (a good thing) and my oncologist is very happy with the progress that I am making. I continue to handle the medications well and we finally have a handle on the blood pressure concerns. So, progress is continuing. I am waiting on genomic & genetic test results to plot the next step in treatment – either chemotherapy or immunotherapy or a mix of both. Once that step is taken, please know that I will probably need to utilize all of the offers for help – stay tuned for more information!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Steve".

Treasurer's Notes

Summer is finally upon it. Time to enjoy that well-deserved vacation. Some of us will book the shore, others will drive to the mountains and lakes, and the rest will travel to fun destinations. But wherever your adventure takes you, remember the church bills still must be paid. June, July and August, historically are lean income months. Make sure you keep up with your donations while you are traveling. Hope to see you throughout the summer.

Financially, May was a good month for SBRC. Pledges were over \$14,000. We started the month, \$1,633.93 in the black. Expenses were normal, with no large, unexpected charges. We ended the month, \$3,566.52 in the black. What a fantastic way to kick off summer! Let us keep the momentum going.

May God continue to bless our church and its people.

~ Robyn Friedlander

Sunday School News

The Sunday School closed out their school year on Sunday, May 31 with our year-end carnival. It was a great way to wrap up a wonderful school year. Thank you to those who attended and to all who volunteered to make it a success.

Your South Branch family will miss being together each Sunday morning in Sunday School! We hope we'll have opportunities to catch up with all of you throughout the summer.

Summer is a wonderful season to spend time with family, enjoy a break from busy school-year routines, and rest and recharge. Just like gardens grow with sunshine, water, and care, our faith continues to grow when we spend time with God and with one another.

We hope your family will enjoy our "Take Out" Sunday School activities to help your faith blossom while we are apart.



Don't forget to bring your "Flat Jesus" along on your summer adventures! Whether you are on vacation, visiting family, heading to the store, or simply enjoying a sunny afternoon outside, have someone take a picture of you and "Flat Jesus." Remember — wherever you go and whatever you do, Jesus is always with you.

We pray your summer is filled with fun, laughter, rest, and many opportunities to keep growing in faith. Have a wonderful and safe summer. Remember, our 2026-2027 school year is scheduled to begin on September 13th with our Kick-Off Picnic.

Many Blessings,
Tracy Davenport

Book Club

For June, the Book Club read "*The Harvey Girls*" by Juliette Fay and will meet on Sunday, June 28th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

For July, the group will read "*The Lion Women*" and will meet on July 26th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

For August, the book selection is "*The Secret War of Julia Child*" by Diana R. Chambers and will meet on Sunday, August 30th at 8pm for a discussion via Zoom.

In September, the selection is "*The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory*" by Thomas Fuller and the club will meet on Sunday, September 27th at 8pm via Zoom to discuss.

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

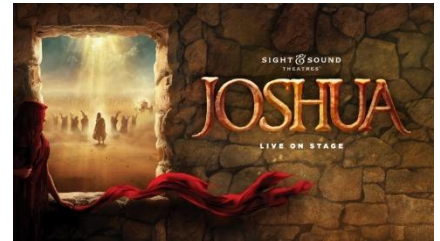


Join Us for a Day Trip to Lancaster, PA!

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

(most local schools are closed on 11/3 for Election Day)

Sister Churches, South Branch and Hillsborough Reformed, are teaming up again for a wonderful fall day trip – and you're invited!



We'll be traveling by bus to beautiful Lancaster, Pennsylvania for a day filled with fellowship, inspiration, and delicious food. The day begins with an early morning departure from SBRC promptly at **7:15 AM**, heading to the world-renowned **Sight & Sound Theatres** for the 11 AM performance of the brand-new original stage production of **JOSHUA**. "From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness."

Following the show, we'll enjoy a delicious buffet meal at **Miller's Smorgasbord** at **2:30 PM**, featuring traditional Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. We plan to head back around **4:30 PM**, returning to SBRC around 7 PM with full hearts and cherished memories.

Prices (include roundtrip charter bus transportation, show ticket and dinner):

Adults: \$165/each

Children (ages 3-12): \$115/each.

Please note: Tickets are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early!

Reservation and payment are due on or before August 15.

Sign up on the bulletin board or email: davenportfamily2015@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.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you—don't miss out!

Church Growth & Outreach

Effective July 1st, SBRC will no longer be accepting regular donations for the Hillsborough Food Pantry. However, we will continue to collect targeted donations (back-to-school supplies & holiday dinners).

Donations of school supplies will start on **July 12th**, and all donations need to be at the church on or before **August 11th**. Thank you for your continued support of the families in our community that need help!



~ Holly Kowalenko

HOME



Once again HOME is conducting its Calendar Raffle. This year it is very important. In June, we purchased a building to house HOME – it needs work and we no longer are rent free. So please join our raffle. It is only \$10 and that gets you multiple chances to win. Kate Sarles has the raffles and if she is not in church just send her the \$10 to the address in the directory and she will fill out your entry using directory information and send you back the daily raffle information. It's nice getting a check in the mail!

Celebrations for July & August

Birthdays

- July:**
- 1 Tara Mazzarella
 - 2 Paul Stabile
 - 7 Mark Messineo
 - 9 Violet Mazzarella
 - 18 James Wood
 - 25 Valerie Wengryn
 - 27 Tyson Stramaglia
Cheryl Speciale
 - 30 Barbara Eckert
- August:**
- 3 Fern Wallack
 - 4 Emily Muller
 - 5 Jessica Estevez
 - 24 Bea Staats
 - 28 Malinda Murray

Anniversaries

- July:**
- 1 Steve & Jeanette Hubscher
 - 3 Michael & Emily Muller
 - 10 Paul & Kelly Stabile
 - 18 Nick & Cheryl Speciale
 - 29 Facial Akhdim & Jessica Estevez
- August:** 22 James & Renée Paterno



Lectionary Readings for July & August

July 5:
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12:
Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19:
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26:
Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 2:
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9:
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16:
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 23:
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30:
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28