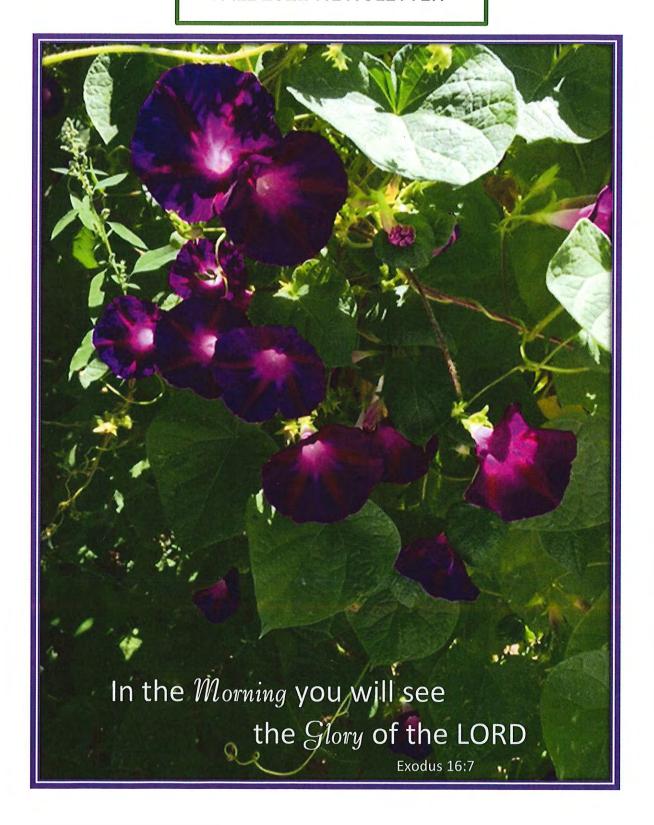
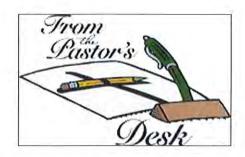
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### **FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER**





On Sunday, September 18th, we had our Sunday School join us at the 10:00am service for the recognition and installation of their teachers. It was wonderful to have them with us after a two-and-a-half-year hiatus. I look forward toward their return this month for a children's sermon.

Also, returning in October will be the blessing of the animals. We will meet in the parking lot on October 9th at 1:00pm for a brief service and blessing. All animals are welcome as long as they are on a leash or otherwise contained.

It is so encouraging and exciting to see more normal activities return to our lives. The pandemic may not be over yet, but it seems to be better contained and we have become accustomed to living with it. May we never again experience the devastating situation of the 2020-2021 pandemic.

By now you should have received my letter concerning the upcoming congregational meeting on Sunday, October 16th at 11:05am. Please attend if you are able.

We have three members of church council who are finishing their second three-year term and are not eligible for re-election. So far we have two volunteers lined up, however, we still need one more to have a full slate for council. Please consider this important ministry as you contemplate how you will serve God in the year ahead.

Several folks have asked about the monthly newsletter. We have not returned to a monthly format as of yet. However, we are planning on using a quarterly version since much of the information does not change dramatically from month to month. Quarterly issues will follow our annual schedule of holidays and events. This is to make sure everyone knows about our additional activities during those times as well as an opportunity to publish birthday lists and pastoral acts. This is also an attempt to keep our office expenses in check as the cost of paper has risen significantly since the pandemic.

The fall season is upon us and I am happy for this change in temperature and activities. I am finally able to do things in my yard that I would normally do in the summer without the fear of passing out from the heat. I hope this temperate weather lasts us well into December.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Andy

# FALL 2022 PROPERTY REPORT

Greetings in Christ.

Since our last report this past spring many things have been accomplished, and a few that are still ongoing. So, let's get started with what was done.

#### July 2022:

Our main front steps and stained-glass window have been re-pointed which means the old cement between the joints has been ground out and replaced by new cement. In addition, new caulk was applied around the base of the steps and around the glass door entrance to keep out water intrusion. Our Michael Angelo painting crew continues their excellent paint works in the kitchenette. Emergency lights were tested with one defect which was corrected.

One of the double doors in Fellowship Hall has been repaired and painted.

The cherry tree next to 25 Knight was pruned.

The sale of 17 Knight is in discovery with the potential buyer's attorney.

General housekeeping and cleaning of storage areas.

#### August 2022:

The painting in the kitchenette was completed. We plan on replacing the existing tile floor with vinyl plank flooring like in the glass door entrance. We also plan to replace the sink faucet.

E-pack lighting tested with no exceptions.

Started prepping the front stairwell for painting.

Cleaned and organized the outside shed.

Removed the outside drain covers and cleaned the drains.

Started work on the air conditioner drain lines by the glass door entrance.

Cut down the tree stump in the front parking lot of the church and the bamboo in the rear parking lot.

All outside stairwells were cleaned and swept.

The broken freezer was removed from the kitchen to the curb in front of 17 Knight. It was picked up by someone by Sunday morning. Halleluiah!

To be in compliance with the fire code, sheetrock was purchased and the process of filling in the openings in the walls and closets in the basement has started.

The elevator stopped working and there were several issues that that needed to be addressed to correct the problem. The one fix was easy, the other one was a photo eye that took two technicians over 8 hours to replace and test. The repair bill was over \$3,600.00 The repair was expensive, but our elevator is crucial to many of our congregants along with funerals, weddings, and general maintenance of the church.

### September 2022:

The wall openings in the basement have been closed, taped, sanded and prime painted. The opening between the choir room and the classroom will be done soon but will need extensive work due to past termite damage.

Thirty to forty plastic tubs were relocated from the now closed clothing closet to the main church. The house has been cleaned out and is ready for sale.

E-pack lighting tested with no exceptions.

The handicap ramp was painted to match what was done last summer. There is some more to do but we ran out of paint.

The hymnals and Bibles have been moved back into the pews.

Part of the stairwell trim has been painted.

The air conditioner condensation lines by the glass door entrance have been re-routed to drain into the rain gutter on the portico which drains out to the street. They will be painted to match the color of the brick facade.

One of the double doors in Fellowship Hall has been painted and rehung. The trim around the window will be painted red and new hardware will be installed.

As you have read, the property committee has been very busy this past Summer. All our volunteers are extremely dedicated to the work they do, many go above and beyond the calling in this ministry, and we are extremely grateful for their service. We have a small group that really cares about the Lord's House to make it a great place to worship. We enjoy what we do and each other's company. One of the rewarding aspects is our coffee break fellowship where we discuss current issues and a lot of good story telling. All help is welcome and appreciated. We occasionally have people join us from outside the church. Work Day is usually scheduled for the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 am unless there is a special announcement, which happens occasionally. We have no end to our job list so come and join us sometime for a rewarding fellowship in Christ.

In Christ Rich & Dave Property Chairmen



## Happy Fall Y'all from Sunshine Class!

We had our first meeting of the 2022 – 2023 season on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. It was nice to get together and catch up after a "hot" summer.

Our end-of-season luncheon was here at Trinity, on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We each brought a dish and desert. It was all delicious!

If you would like to come out and join Sunshine Class we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, (except July & August) at 12 noon. Each person brings their own sandwich for lunch. We have volunteers from our group to be hostess(s). They supply desert for all.

We spread "Sunshine" by:

Mailing greeting cards to our church family – birthday, get well, sympathy, thinking of you

Purchase tea bags and dinner napkins and divide into smaller packages to be distributed by Social Concerns in the food baskets

Distribute/deliver the flowers in our church, after services

Bake and collect cookies from volunteer bakers of our congregation to be added to the "Christmas Food Baskets" distributed by Social Concerns

Hope to see some new faces at our next meeting.

Paula Williamson

Vice President





The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday, September 9, 2022. In attendance were Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Eleanor Epley, Dorothy Martin, Mary Raws and Beth Shute. The meeting officially started at 10:05 a.m., with the Lord's Prayer. We were fortunate to have Pastor Andy join us and a discussion followed on some recent scams being perpetrated in the area.

**Donations**: We were pleased to receive donations from Susan Dilks, Peg Floro and Marie Thatcher. A surprise was experienced when Linda Finch's father dropped off 2 blankets that she had been working on at the time she fell ill. Our total donations are as follows:

- 3 Baptismal Blankets
- 5 Prayer Shawl/Blankets
- 67 Scarves
- 9 Hats
- 4 Gloves
- 25 Baby Hats

**Distribution:** Prayer Shawls/Blankets were given to Stacy Albright, Lynn Reddles, Arlene Eckroth, Shirley King, Ken Summerfield and 12 were delivered to the Vineland Veterans Home. Osborn Medical Center received 41 baby hats, and 3 baby blankets.

**Financial:** Our previous balance was \$511.49. We had expenses of \$109.00 for the luncheon and \$15.00 bank charges for a new balance of \$387.49 that was transferred to an American Heritage account.

**Correspondence**: Barbara Anconetani read a "Thank You" note from Beth Shute for the June luncheon. Barbara also updated the Distribution List for 2022.

**Baptismal Historian:** Mary Raws reported that Makayla Ashlynn Nuar was baptized on July 24, 2022. Also, the Confirmation Class of 2022 were: Nicolas Dominic DiCaprio, Hanna Ripley Morris, Lillianna Joan Redrow, Craig Joseph Theisen, Emily Marie Wright. Each of the Confirmation group received a crocheted cross and bookmark.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Did I also mention that Mr. Finch dropped off a large amount of Linda's yarn? Please, come join us and see what beautiful things we can all make.

The meeting officially ended at 10:50 with a reading from Psalm 119:73

Val Colasuonno Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry "May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**



We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. Our ministry continued its work during the summer with our Back-to-School project as well as regular pantry days. Thank you to everyone who brought items for our Back-to-School project as well as pantry items. We were able to help 10 children with clothing, sneakers and backpacks to start their school year. We also were able to provide 10 Backpacks to Runnemede Schools.

Our pantry day is the 4th Thursday of the month. Items can be dropped off in the barrel in the lobby or at the pantry on the 4th Wednesday between 5 and 6pm. Just pull up and we will unload!



We were very busy this summer and now are in need of: toilet paper, paper towels, soap, pasta, Mac & Cheese, pasta sauce, cereal, can fruit, tuna, pancake mix, syrup, box potatoes, peanut butter and jelly.

Looking forward, we will be having our Harvest Home collection in November for Thanksgiving baskets for our pantry families. Then in December, look for the Angel Tree for gifts for children and Christmas food baskets.

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Caring and Sharing, Cheryl Morris Diane Kochon

## **FUNERALS: June – September 2022**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of those listed.

On June 18, 2022 WILLIAM C. IANACONE (66)

Of Barrington, NJ

On June 29, 2022

JANET L. HENRY (73)

Of Blackwood, NJ

On July 11, 2022

CHRISTIAN O. STARK (79)

Of Sicklerville, NJ

On July 14, 2022

JOYCE E. GABRIELE (80)

Of Vincentown, NJ

On July 18, 2022

JAMES R. SELF (94)

Of Glendora, NJ

On July 21, 2022

MARGARET R. EPLEY (88)

Of Runnemede, NJ

On July 22, 2022

JOYCE A. VINCENT (78)

Of Barrington, NJ

On July 29, 2022

THOMAS S. LISEWSKI, SR. (80)

Of Bellmawr, NJ

On July 31, 2022

MATTHEW J. BARBONE III (43)

Of Williamstown, NJ

On August 1, 2022

ESTHER M. QUINN (66)

Of Mantua, NJ

On August 11, 2022

**CHARLES RALPH FRANCE (86)** 

Of Voorhees, NJ

Accidently omitted from last newsletter-

On February 10, 2022

ROBERT P. GLEASON, JR (66)

Of Mount Laurel, NJ



On July 24, 2022

MAKAYLA ASHLYNN NUAR

Daughter of Luke Nuar & Melanie Kemery Of Spotsovania, VA

Born: June 24, 2022

On October 1, 2022

JULIANA NICOLE D'AGOSTINO

Daughter of Joseph & Jaclyn D'Agostino Of Oaklyn, NJ

Born January 7, 2022

On October 8, 2022

SOPHIA ELIZABETH ROSE SHIELDS

Daughter of Michael & Gabriel Shields Of Franklinville, NJ

Born June 1, 2022



WEDDING-

On January 7, 2022

Desiree Lynn Wallen

To

Christopher John Capitanio





