

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

Emergency Prayer Chain: Josephine Pedrick (299-3229) & Evelyn Shiffer (299-4874)

- Service Personnel— Isaac Hernandez, Jeff & Sue Springsteen, Kyle Hennessey, Michael Kacer, Melissa Smith, Brad Hyatt, Mark Lindle, Tammy Hunt ,Micah Warren, Sam Baker, Kyle Frankenfield, Frank Servais V, Matthew Suiters, Arturo Hernandez-Cruz
  - Lois Nipe-Merion Gardens 1021, Frieda Bennett, Lindsay Place, Rm. 133
- Missionary of the Week— John Sorenson/Fred Kress (Evangelism Explosion)

K.C. Biermann  
Jessie Kite  
Bill Goss—MS  
Mary Ann Culletto  
Helen & Bill Keating  
Jonathan Rizzo  
Charles Jackson  
Meghan Cox-migraines  
David Warren  
Jo Pedrick  
Jane Anderson Mauer  
Pat Heppel  
Matt Westcott –addiction  
Helen Tunstill  
Christopher Sandone  
Patty Jitima  
Ruth Jordan  
Jim Ludlam  
Luis Santiago  
Family of Tucker Huneycutt  
Brian Smith—missionary  
David Wallin  
Jacelyn Rudderow  
Connie Clark  
Family of MaryAnn Jones  
Wilma Hyatt  
Family of Jean Kincaid  
Gretchen Biermann  
Ruthann Moore  
Family of Ray Dunn  
Family of Josh  
Family of Bob Cassidy  
Joseph David-newborn

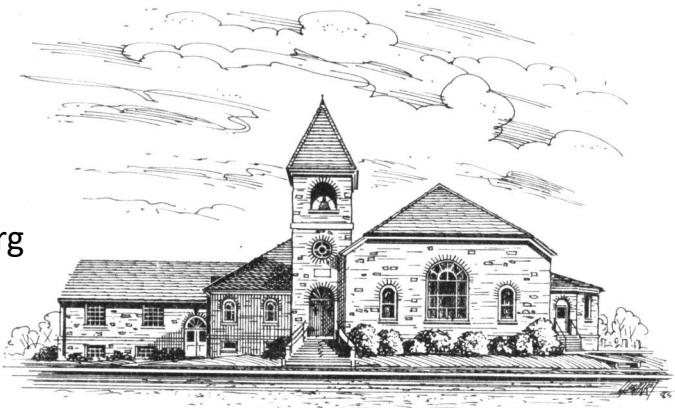
Angela Gattuso  
Brian McFarland & Family  
Elizabeth Darlington  
Nikki-Addiction  
Mid Doughten  
Bill Doughten  
Mike Seders-MS  
Kathie Garofolo  
Eric Jacobson  
Jay Ehrlich  
Michele Unger  
David Lemke  
Bill Dennis  
Carol Blithe  
Harry Moore  
Debi Hackett  
Katie Ferrell  
Joshua Elliott-Lyme’s  
Joseph Smathers  
Dick Harbaugh  
Gene Golt  
Sharon Storicks  
Bernice Musselman  
Nancy Love  
Peggy Davis– tests  
Spencer Mayers  
Blithe & Bradford Families  
Joseph Clemente  
Lee Hyatt  
Gerri Councill  
Family of Rev. Dorn  
Tom Strong  
Family of Charlotte Robinson

Cancer:  
Jack Mulligan  
Kevin Jordan  
Carol McFarland  
Dawn Asher  
Karl Biermann  
Bill McIntyre  
Donald Shiffer  
Ed Ryan  
Joe Curiale  
Linda Stearley  
Tom Freeman  
Jesse Barreras  
Deanna Sakaguchi  
Gina Grasso  
David Smith  
Nancy Hicks  
Bernie Lodge  
Anita Delvechio  
Warren Shiffer  
Norm Engel  
Barbara McBride  
Patty Kosky  
Connie Newton  
Maggie  
Barb Snyder  
Len  
Joe Rando  
Rev. Kevin Lowe  
Duff Wheeler  
Matthew Bunsu  
Andy Cook  
Bo Griever  
Marylou Rinnier



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Church Office Hours:  
Tuesday through Friday  
9 a.m.—12 noon

***Our Mission...”to birth and develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ who are characterized by faith, hope and love.”***

Our Sunday Schedule:  
9:45 a.m.—Worship Service  
11:15 a.m.—Sunday School

Pastor:  
Merrit Marsango  
(856) 467-1405

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 8, 2019

Prelude  
Worship Leader Pastor Marsango  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prayer of Dedication  
Call to Worship  
\*Hymn: “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”  
#218  
Invocation, Lord’s Prayer (sins), Gloria Patri #620  
\*Hymns: “What Child is This” #202  
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” #199  
Prayers of the People  
Moment for Mission Betty Egan  
Scripture Reading Luke 1:39-45 Chrissy Cox  
Children’s Sermon Esther Jackson

Children ages 4-9 may leave for Junior Church at this time

Sermon: “Open Your Heart’s Door to Friends and Strangers” Pastor Marsango  
\*Closing Hymn: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”  
#119  
Benediction  
Postlude

\*CONGREGATION STANDS TO PRAISE GOD!

If you need prayer or encouragement, please come down front after the service and speak with a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Ministers: Every Member (Ephesians 4:12-16)

Staff:  
Pastor.....Merrit Marsango  
Minister of Music.....Brian Heintzelman  
Custodian.....Warren Shiffer  
Church Secretary.....Michele Wallin

TODAY AT CHURCH: 8:30 AM — Morning Prayer  
9:45 AM — Worship  
7:00 PM—Discipleship Group

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 12/10	- Marion’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Child/Youth Team Meeting	7:00 PM
	- Worship Team	7:30 PM
Wednesday 12/11	- Prayer Group	8:30 AM
	- Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
Thursday 12/12	- Youth Group	6:00 PM
	- Joyful Noise Choir	7:00 PM
	- Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday 12/7	- Prayer Vigil	6 AM to 6 PM
LOOKING AHEAD:		
Sunday 12/15	- Discipleship Group	7:00 PM
	- Food Pantry Sunday	
Tuesday 12/17	- Marion’s Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Pastoral Care Team	7:00 PM
Wednesday 12/18	- Prayer Group	8:30 AM
	- Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
Thursday 12/19	- Youth Group	6:00 PM
	- Joyful Noise Choir	7:00 PM
	- Senior Choir	7:30 PM

Stewardship Report:

Last Week (12/1/19)		Fiscal Year	Mission Fund as of 12/1/19:	
Tithes Received:	\$2,708.00	\$133,239.20	Revenue:	\$51,810.00
Budget Needed:	\$3,013.00	\$147,637.00	Expenditures:	\$53,916.00
Difference +/-:	-\$305.00	-\$14,397.80		

Worship Attendance for 12/1/19: (61)

RMMO Offering as of 12/1/19: \$690



Gift Idea!

Puzzled over what to purchase a family member or friend for Christmas? Consider this alternative gift idea by making a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one to the Retired Ministers and Missionary Offering. Once you make your donation, pick up an acknowledgement certificate (either an honorarium or memorial) on the table outside Pastor Merrit’s Study. You need only to add the name of your recipient. Take the certificate and either mail or wrap it as a gift to present to your honoree.

Pedricktown Industrial Complex  
American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 10th -----12 PM – 5 PM  
76 Porcupine Rd Pedricktown, NJ 08097  
Meeting Room

Come to give blood Nov. 25-Dec. 18 and get a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card\* by email, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

\*Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/gc-legal. \*\*Terms at rcblood.org/thanks  
Appointments are Preferred.

1-800-REDCROSS or make an appointment online: SIGN UP!  
Or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Pedricktown

Your Greeter This Morning: Harry Moore


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WE WELCOME ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR.  
IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME WITH US, PLEASE FILL OUT A WELCOME CARD

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If, during the worship service, you have been touched by the Holy Spirit and would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please come forward after the service and speak to the Pastor or one of the Pastoral Care Team members.



Please consider using our childcare facility for those children who are nursery age. Your little ones will enjoy being there each week and will be well taken care of by our very capable volunteers. LOCATION: All Children (infant thru age 4) may go to the Toddler room at the bottom of the stairs and to the left, next to the bathrooms.

**REMINDER:** Pastor Merrit and Dede have moved. Their former home phone number (856-467-1405) is no longer in service. To reach Pastor Merrit call his cell at 609-364-3690. Their new address is:

100 Lindisfarne Avenue  
Apartment 1305  
Westmont, NJ 08108

**SERMON SERIES:** During Advent Pastor Merrit will present the sermon series, “A Season of Wonder: Opening the Door to Christmas and Beyond,” developed by Mainstay Ministries.

Dec. 1:	Open Your Heart’s Door to God’s Plans
Dec. 8:	Open Your Heart’s Door to Friends and Strangers
Dec. 15:	Open Your Heart’s Door to Silence and Song
Dec. 22:	Open Your Heart’s Door to Divine Encounters
Dec. 24:	Open Your Heart’s Door to God’s Love for You

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:**  
**NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM VOLUNTEERS:**

Today: Jaclyn & Gary Miguez  
December 15: Barbara Jo & Missy Perry

**JUNIOR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS:**

Today: Nancy Kohler  
December 15: Jaclyn Miguez

*Please report to the nursery/toddler rooms by 9:30am. If you are unable to volunteer on your scheduled week, please arrange for another volunteer to take your place and inform the church office (299-2123) of the change by 9am Thursday morning of that week. Thank you so much for your time! If you are interested in spending some time with our little ones once every few months, please contact Jaclyn Miguez at (609) 202-8491.*

**Youth All Night Event – December 13-14th**

Tim Joyce is working with other area churches to plan an outreach event to reach teenagers and present the gospel in a unique way for those who may not have heard it and also get youth from area churches to connect with each other. The event begins Friday at 8pm and goes until Saturday morning 8am. The night will be filled with games, activities, worship, a speaker and time at the Main Event venue in Newark Delaware. The event is open to students in 6th-12th grade and the cost is \$25 to participate. If interested please contact Jaclyn Miguez (609-202-8491).



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA:** On Sunday, December 22nd our choir will present the cantata, "Invitation To A Miracle." Following worship we will have our traditional Christmas reception in Fellowship Hall. Invite some friends to share in the joy, and sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to bring some food to share.

**Our Christmas Eve Service** begins at 7pm. This informal, one-hour service is perfect for inviting family and friends to experience the real meaning of Christmas. Be sure to include this time in your Christmas schedule!

**Volunteers Needed on December 29 and 30.** The Stewardship Team is in need of volunteers on December 29th after second hour to assist in moving furniture/clearing rooms in preparation of the floors to be waxed throughout the building. If you are available after second hour on the 29th for a half hour to an hour or in the afternoon on the 30th (time to be determined) please let Lisa Ruderow, John Egan or John Cobin know. The fellowship hall must be completely cleared, small tables in the foyer moved and tables and chairs in the kitchen picked up. Downstairs the classrooms need to have furniture consolidated either to one side of each room or into the hallway (to be determined). This is to assist the people coming to wax the floors and to help keep the cost down. Thank you in advance for your donation of time and service.

**Please don't forget to pick up your offering envelopes from the table in fellowship hall.**

**Coming Attraction**

Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year, is "the first gleam of Christmas," writes W.E. Sangster. "It heralds the entrance of the Divine into human history; it is heaven descending to earth; it is a great event casting its brilliance before it." Sangster adds: "It is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced the coming of the King. 'Get ready,' he seems to say. 'Get ready. He is coming!'"

