

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

- Service Personnel– Isaac Hernandez, 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
Pat Heppel
Matt Westcott –addiction
Helen Tunstill
Christopher Sandone
Patty Jitima
Ruth Jordan
Jim Ludlam
Luis Santiago
Brian Smith—missionary
Jacelyn Rudderow
Gretchen Biermann
Tom Strong
Brent Hathaway
Martha Dennis
Susan Ewen—heart
Family of Hope Wheatley Ward
Bishoff Family-grief
Greyson Peck
Naomi Trostel
Family of Nicki Nolan

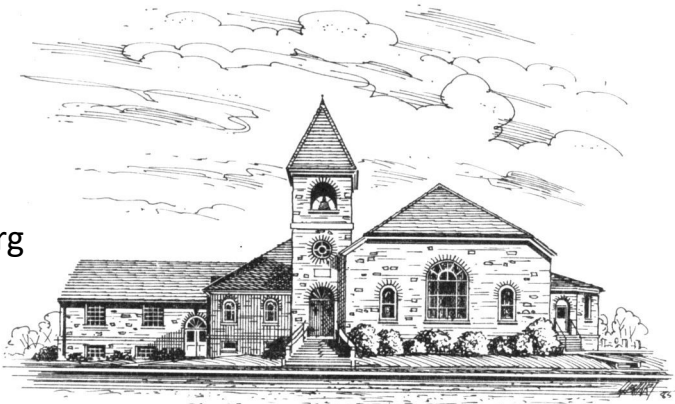
Angela Gattuso
Brian McFarland & Family
Elizabeth Darlington
Nikki-Addiction
Bill Doughten
Mike Seders-MS
Kathie Garofolo
Eric Jacobson
Jay Ehrlich
Michele Unger
Bill Dennis
Carol Blithe
Harry Moore
Katie Ferrell
Joseph Smathers
Joseph Clemente
Danny Whiteman
Dick Dennis
Barbara Baber
Alma Lawson
Susan Walker
Carter Hostetter
Family of Sarah Cline
Joseph-speech
Family of Lee Roy Hyatt, Jr.
Puerto Rico
Nancy Hocknell
Kelly McIlvaine
Family of Louise Panarello
Family of Thelma Griffin
Maribeth Glynn
Family of Mid Doughten
Family of Dolly Newhart

Cancer:
Jack Mulligan
Kevin Jordan
Carol McFarland
Dawn Asher
Karl Biermann
Donald Shiffer
Ed Ryan
Joe Curiale
Linda Stearley
Tom Freeman
Jesse Barreras
Deanna Sakaguchi
Gina Grasso
David Smith
Nancy Hicks
Bernie Lodge
Anita Delvechio
Barbara McBride
Patty Kosky
James Boyer—Leukemia
Maggie
Matt Schaeffer
John Harvey
Barb Snyder
Len
Rev. Kevin Lowe
Duff Wheeler
Matthew Buns
Andy Cook
Bo Griever
Sarah Scala



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
(609) 364-3690

The Lord's Day
February 23, 2020

Prelude		
Worship Leader		John Jordan
Welcome and Announcements		
Prayer of Dedication		
Call to Worship		
*Hymn:	"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"	#111
Invocation, Lord's Prayer (sins), Gloria Patri		#620
*Praise Songs:	"This is the Day"	
	"Forever Reign"	
Prayers of the People		
Prayer Reponse	Jesus We Just Want to Thank You	Joyful Noise Choir
Music for Worship	God Forgave	Joyful Noise Choir
Scripture Reading	John 6:56-69	Johnny Cobin
Children's Sermon		Esther Jackson

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

Sermon:	"Decisions That Really Matter"	Pastor Marsango
*Hymn:	"I Surrender All"	#408
Ordinance of Christian Baptism:	Lydia Biermann & Makenna Minguez	
*Closing Hymn:	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	#427
Benediction		
Postlude		

*CONGREGATION STANDS TO PRAISE GOD!
Please turn off all cell phones during worship. Thank you!

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	Love Gift Sunday
	9:45 AM — Worship	
	11:15 AM—Reception	
	7:00 PM—Discipleship Group	
THIS WEEK:		
Tuesday 2/25	- Pastor's Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Marion's Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Leadership Community	7:00 PM
Wednesday 2/26	- Prayer Group	8:30 AM
	- Esther's Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Lenten Supper	6:00 PM
Thursday 2/27	- Youth Group	6:00 PM
	- Joyful Noise Choir	7:00 PM
	- Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday 2//29	- Prayer Vigil	6 AM to 6 PM
LOOKING AHEAD:		
Sunday 3/1	- Mission Team Meeting	12:00 AM
	- Love Gift Sunday	
	- Discipleship Group	7:00 PM
Tuesday 3/3	- Pastor's Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Marion's Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Stewardship Team Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday 3/4	- Prayer Group	8:30 AM
	- Esther's Discipleship Group	10:00 AM
	- Lenten Supper	6:00 PM
Thursday 3/5	- Youth Group	6:00 PM
	- Joyful Noise Choir	7:00 PM
	- Senior Choir	7:30 PM

Stewardship Report:

Last Week (2/16/20)		Fiscal Year	Mission Fund as of 2/16/20:	
Tithes Received:	\$2,852.01	\$18,480.06	Revenue:	\$5,930.00
Budget Needed:	\$3,010.00	\$21,070.00	Expenditures:	\$4,449.00
Difference +/-:	-\$157.99	-\$2,589.94		



Worship Attendance for 2/16/20: (62)

Sermon Series: During Lent Pastor Merrit will preach a series based on the book: “The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”, by Adam Hamilton.

The topics are:

- March 1: Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah
- March 8: Study: The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention
- March 15: Serve: Here I Am, Lord Send Me
- March 29: Give: Where Your Treasure Is ...
- April 5: Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light

Be Transformed! On Sunday, March 22nd The drama ministry Transformed, from Eastern University, will minister to us during the sermon time. “Transformed exists to glorify God through the dramatic presentation of the Gospel; committed to God, each other, the audience, and their love for theater as a way of sharing God’s truth.” Invite some friends to experience this ministry!


Lenten Suppers will once again be held on Wednesday evenings beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at Union Presbyterian Church in Carneys Point. We begin with a meal at 6pm and meet for a lesson from 7-7:30pm. The series concludes on April 1st. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup or dessert.



Your Greeter This Morning: Betty Egan

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

 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.

Call to Worship

- Leader:

By grace we have been saved through faith.
- People:

And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.
- Leader:

For we are God’s handiwork, redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,
- People:

Works God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.
- Leader:

Praise the Lord!
- People:

The Lord’s name be praised. Amen!

Kids Corner @ fbcpedricktown

Children are a gift from God! We are excited you are here and hope you feel comfortable and enjoy worship this morning. Don't worry if "joyful noises" occur during service, we believe children's voices are the sound of new life in church. J

During the service:

Families are welcome to use our children's room for infants and toddlers at any time during service. The room is equipped with toys and an intercom where you can listen to the worship service. Location: once downstairs, go left, the room is straight ahead.

After the Children's Message, children ages 4-9 may go downstairs for Jr. Church. Our volunteers will share a message, play a game or do crafts with the kids. Snacks are usually offered so please let us know of any allergies or restrictions for your child(ren). Location: once downstairs, go right, then left, it's the second classroom on the left.

Today's Jr. Church Volunteer:	Nancy Kohler
Next Week:	Lisa & Joel Rudderow

After the service:

We hope you'll plan to stay for Sunday School following service (11:15am – 12:00pm). We have an elementary class (K-5th grade) and Jr/Sr High class (6-12th grade).

During the week:

On Thursday nights, we have Youth Group and Kids Choir for elementary and middle school students. Youth Group runs from 6-7pm and Kids Choir is from 7-7:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE – The C&Y team are planning a Lock In for Saturday March 21st. The event starts at 2pm and goes overnight for Jr/Sr. High youth. More details to come! Contact any member of the team if you have any questions.

Church Cancellation due to Weather

If the National Weather Service has issued a weather warning, such as a winter storm warning, that is in effect during a scheduled service, that service may be cancelled. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the church website (www.fbcpedricktown.org) and the FBC Pedricktown Facebook page by 8:00 AM or as soon as possible. In addition, a recorded message concerning the cancellation of a service may be accessed by telephoning the church at (856)299-2123. If you would like to be notified by phone concerning the cancellation of a service, please contact the church office at (856)299-2123 and your name will be added to the "Please Call" list.

Notice!

There will be a Church Business meeting following the Morning Worship service on **Sunday, March 15th**. This meeting is for the purpose of considering the Church Bylaws changes as posted in the foyer. There will also be an election of the Pastoral Search Committee members, which is also posted for your information. Please pray for this meeting and plan to attend to help us make some important decisions.



ATTENTION!

The front door of the church that leads to the foyer with the church bell will remain locked at all times. Please use the front door that is nearest the Pastor's office to enter at the front of the church.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:00 AM**

Talk of the Towne Restaurant
Come and Join in on the Christian Fellowship and Bring a Friend!!

Prayer Vigil: On Saturday, February 29th from 6 AM to 6PM. Please sign up for this opportunity to pray for those in our church and the surrounding community.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 4th for a retirement dinner honoring Pastor Merrit. The evening will begin at 6 PM with dinner being catered by Lapp's. Tickets will be available for purchase (cost \$12 per person) in the narthex through March 15th. A monetary retirement and thank you gift will also be collected and presented Pastor Merrit during that evening. All monies will be collected by Tina Nipe. Come help us celebrate the many years of service that Pastor Merrit and Dede have given to this congregation!