

The Bell Ringer

Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

A Friendly Church; So When You Come — Bring a Friend

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Pastoral Column

by Pastor Meg Flannagan

We all cultivate habits in order to build a healthy, happy, productive life; we brush teeth, eat vegetables, wear sunscreen, drive at safe speeds, and sleep through the night. These repeated behaviors form a regular rhythm to our days. Even if these habits become mindless, their good does not decrease. A clean mouth prevents tooth decay, regardless of the particular daydream you had while brushing your teeth. Vegetables help your body function properly, even if you always eat the same carrot-broccoli-bean medley.

Praying the Lord's Prayer is a habit that many Christians keep. The words become rote after decades of repetition each morning, night, and Sunday. Often, we only pause when in a mixed crowd of "sins" and "debts" and "trespasses." Then, people abruptly halt in an awkward stop-gap, unsure of proper prayer etiquette. Most days, however, we run from "Our Father" to "Amen" without taking a breath or a moment's reflection. The goodness of this prayer is unchanged by our attention (or lack thereof), though it is worthwhile to occasionally stop and reflect on these familiar words.

Along with the Ten Commandments and Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer is part of a three-legged stool which many Christians learn as children. Some people never memorize any other Bible verse, though they can stumble through the Lord's Prayer on their best and worst days. Even when people stop going to church and distance themselves from organized religion, many say this prayer in search of answers on life's most difficult days. To this end, one preacher suggested that the single identifying mark of a Christian is someone who prays the Lord's Prayer. Despite our arguments about exactly what to believe and how to practice our beliefs, we can be identified as a follower of Christ by praying the prayer he taught his disciples.

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Prayer Corner

by Carol Keil

The Wallace family is grateful for prayers of healing for John (continuing to regain his strength following winter illness and a fall), Judy (recovering from hip replacement surgery) and Jamie (recovering from surgery to implant a heart pump while he awaits a heart transplant).

We pray for the Schiffmacher family as they celebrate the life and mourn the death of Carol's mother Jane Bosinius Moorey.

We lift up prayers of joy upon the graduation of the following young people and prayers for their future success:

Lillian Edmondson, granddaughter of Carol and Otto Keil, graduating from Meyers Park High School in Charlotte, NC.

Hallie Harvey, granddaughter of Millie and Rob Schmitt, graduating from Newfield High school in Selden.

Brittany Keil, granddaughter of Carol and Otto Keil, graduating from Cold Spring Harbor High School.

Kira Sansone graduated from University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Emily Walter, granddaughter of Sukey and William Walter, graduated from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Gabriel Zimmerman graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

Michael Zimmerman graduating from Walt Whitman High School.

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Worship in June and July will center on the Lord's Prayer – its historical context, usage, different translations, and implications on our lives. We will sing a setting of the prayer each week. We will read a different translation each week and incorporate the Lord's Prayer into our other liturgy. Although it may seem like too much time spent on just a few words, this will give us an opportunity to refresh and reflect on our collective and individual faith. Most importantly, in praying this prayer, we become the people God called us to be.

See you in worship!

Stewardship - Budget News

by Jim Sommeyer

The more I think about it, the more I see opportunities for Stewardship everywhere. Pick up litter, recycle plastic, use renewable forms of energy, care for the planet, care for our church, care for each other, feed the hungry, house the homeless, befriend the friendless.

Thanks to God for everything good in our lives and thanks to the faithful flock of Sweet Hollow for your ongoing commitment. We wouldn't be the "Little Church with the Big Heart" without you and your time, talents, and treasures supporting all the good work we do.

From a budgetary standpoint the numbers are still not encouraging. But many are stepping up to help us in a myriad of ways and a constant stream of folks are interested in utilizing our facilities. I am amazed by the sheer diversity of talent amongst our congregation and friends. The new renters are making a substantial impact to our bottom line but we are nearing the limit that we can expect to support us from rentals going forward.

You may have noticed a lot of activity here on a couple of Saturdays lately; we hosted the Sunrisers Drum & Bugle Corps for a couple of weeks while their usual practice field was undergoing maintenance. We are looking for opportunities to work with this group on upcoming events.

Coming up we are invited to several events; June 9 (rain date June 23) the FCA group is hosting a free wellness / yoga event. All are invited to participate. Our Gathering of Light friends are also hosting a couple of upcoming events; please keep your eye on our weekly bulletins for detailed information.

Wondrous things are happening at Sweet Hollow! We have much to do and I know we can do it together if we trust in our faith and pray to God to show us the way.

Announcement

If you or a loved one are struggling with suicidal thoughts, please reach out to someone. You are loved! Your presence makes a difference in the world. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255. Pastor Meg is also glad to listen and pray with anyone. Please call the church office to speak with her or set up an appointment.

Christian Education News

by Lynn Burke

For the month of June, our Sunday School will meet every week with the lessons based on “The Lord’s Prayer.” We look forward to seeing many of you each week. There will be no lessons during the Summer and Sunday School will resume in the Fall.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Annual Plant Sale.

Thank you to Sukey Walter for all her time in the Nursery this year and to everyone who helped out this year with our program. Enjoy the Summer!!



Sunday School Plant Sale

#MeToo?

The Presbytery of Long Island believes that all Presbyterians – members and guests – should feel safe in their respective congregations, and that our churches should enable people to share their stories and pursue peace. This is especially important wherever brokenness exists.

We are preparing an official response to the #metoo movement. Our first step in addressing the current needs and concerns of Presbytery members (clergy, elders, and all congregation members) is to host a **Listening Session** before the next Presbytery meeting on **June 26**. This will be an opportunity for everyone to share stories, ask questions, and offer suggestions for our process.

Everyone is invited to join us at **Islip Presbyterian Church** on **Tuesday, June 26** at **11:00 am**.

Women For Women (W4W)

by Maureen Sansone

Women for Women (W4W) held its **Annual Ladies High Tea** at the home of Marcy Gordon on Monday, May 7. Attendees spent meaningful time together in Christian fellowship as they enjoyed assorted teas, goodies galore and lively conversation. We thank Marcy for graciously opening her home to us.

The **Clay Nation Pottery Event will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 12:30 pm.** Join us for an afternoon of creativity, fun and fellowship at Clay Nation Pottery Studio at 38 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove. You pick a piece of pottery to paint from a wide range of styles, themes and prices. Clay Nation will fire the pieces in their kiln; the pieces will be picked up from the studio approximately one week later. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods, snacks, beverages, etc. We'll meet in the church parking lot between 11:45 am and 12:00 pm and will carpool to Clay Nation. If you'd like to attend, please contact Maureen Sansone at 631-385-1855 or msansone@optonline.net, as the studio needs a head count before the event.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sweet Hollow Is Hosting Project H.O.P.E. Sunday Supper on June 24

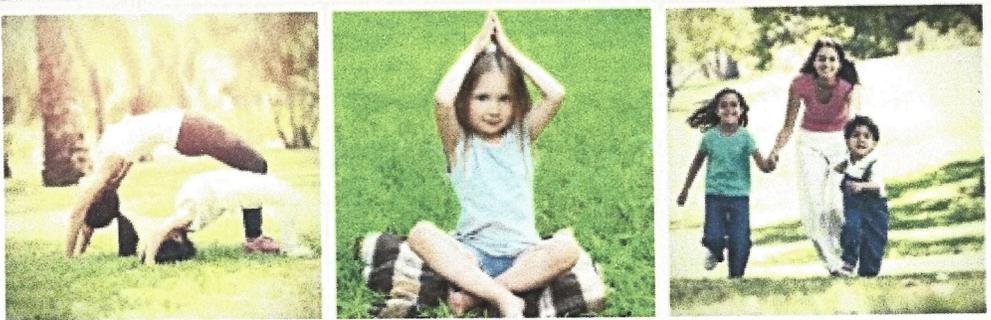
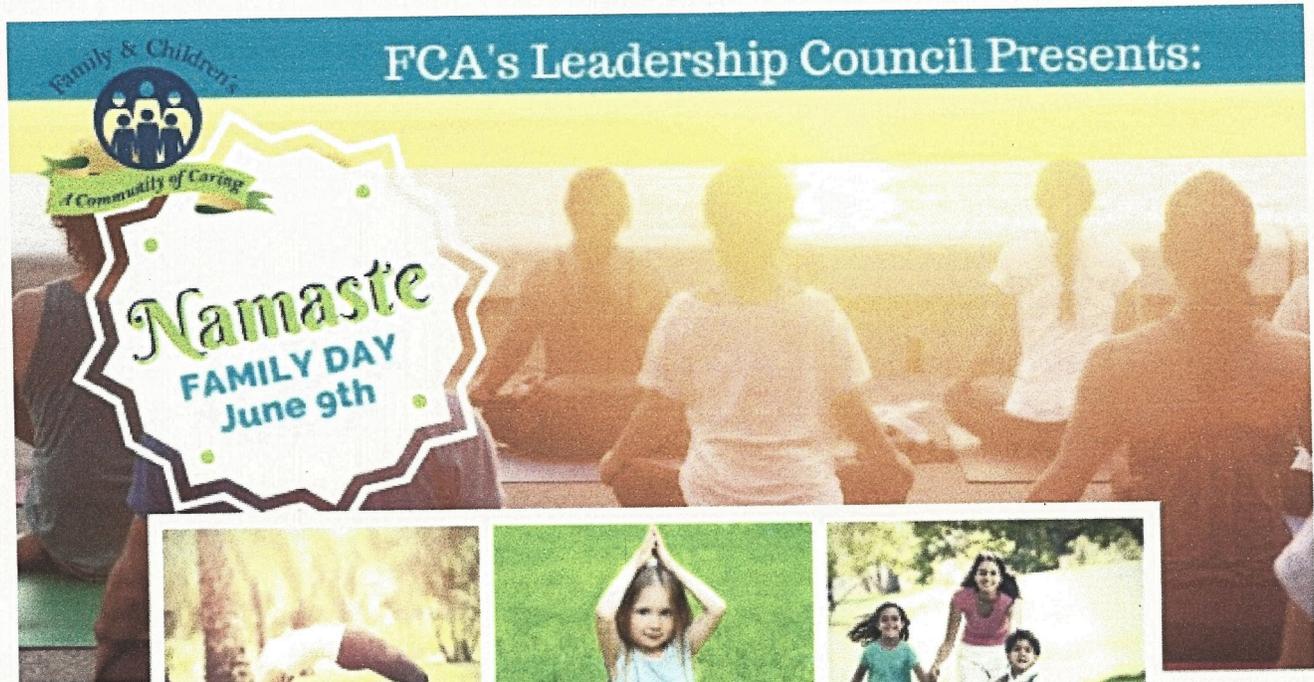
by Maureen Sansone

Are you looking for ways to give back to the community? Wishing you could help those in need? Please prayerfully consider taking a "few plus" hours of your time for the following:

Sweet Hollow is hosting the Project H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat) Sunday Supper at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church on Sunday, June 24. There are a variety of ways in which you can support this wonderful ministry: Cooking a tray of food for 10-15 people (menu to be determined the week of June 18), baking or bringing cakes, cookies, bars, brownies, etc., set up, greeters, serving food to the attendees (youth are invited to do so), plating the food, serving soup, kitchen help, clean up and security.

There will be sign-up sheets during coffee hour starting Sunday, May 27. Anyone who feels called to participate, please contact Maureen Sansone at 631-385-1855 or msansone@optonline.net.

You will truly be making a difference.



Saturday, June 9th | 1-4 pm

Rain date: Saturday, June 23

Hula Hooping | Massage | Mala Making | Face Painting
Meditation Lessons | Henna Tattoos | Mudra Lesson
Organic Treats | Games & Much More!

Free yoga class/meditation at 2 pm - bring a yoga mat or towel.

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Brought to you by FCA's Leadership Council, this family-friendly event will provide the community a yoga/wellness experience fueled with fun for a good cause! A group of young professionals, our Leadership Council is passionate about our mission to protect and strengthen Long Island's most vulnerable children, families, seniors, and communities.

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>3 10 am Worship 11:45 Women/Women to Clay Nation</p>	<p>4 Beth Pereira's Birthday</p>	<p>5 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Charlotte & Fred DeSanti's Anniversary</p>	<p>6 10 am Prayer Circle</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Steven Moder's Birthday</p>	<p>9 D.J. Kram's and Joey Moder's Birthdays</p>
<p>10 10 am Worship 11:15 am All committees Meet 7:00 pm All Officers' teleconference</p>	<p>11 Carol & Dan Schiffmacher's Anniversary</p>	<p>12 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 10 am Prayer Circle</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 10 am Worship 11:15 Strawberry Brunch</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Jake Von Brook's Birthday</p>	<p>20 10 am Prayer Circle</p>	<p>21 Michael DeSanti's Birthday</p>	<p>22 Evan Pereira's Birthday</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 10 am Worship Project HOPE Nikita Phipps' Birthday</p>	<p>25 Joe Moder's Birthday</p>	<p>26 11 am Presbytery Meeting at Islip 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 10 am Prayer Circle</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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Summer Sermon Series

This summer Pastor Meg will undertake two sermon series. The first half of the Summer will be spent studying the Lord's Prayer. The second half of the Summer will focus on different biblical women. Come to Sweet Hollow each week to worship, learn, and fellowship. See you at church!

Strawberry Brunch

Our Annual Strawberry Shortcake coffee hour will be held after worship on Sunday, June 17. Please join us!



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