

The Bell Ringer

Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

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

MAY 2022

Sunday worship services at 10:00 am

We Are Open . . . Come And Praise God!!!



From the Pastor's Nook

Family and Friends of PCSH,

He is not here; He has risen, just like He said.

These words from Matthew 28:6 have been a cornerstone of our faith since the first days following the resurrection. 2,000 years later, those words are still meaning and powerful to many. That much was very clear as we celebrated the resurrection of Christ this past Easter Sunday. It was such a joy to see the sanctuary that full. It was uplifting to see friends and family members of the church that we haven't seen in such a long time.

And the sound! The singing of hymns in the sanctuary that day was glorious! I wish that you each had an opportunity to experience what I get to experience every Sunday up front! It brings a pastor's heart great joy.

As I sit in my office after my vacation week following Easter, I share an announcement that session has decided to remove many of the CoVid restrictions in the church building. The pews will no longer be roped off and hymnals will be restored to each row of pews. Session has also decided that as part of our Holy Humor Sunday worship on Sunday May 15th, we will have a coffee hour following worship [be sure to invite friends and family for a unique (and FUN) time of worship and fellowship].

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DEADLINE

**for June 2022 Issue:
Monday, May 23, 2022**

Subject to change



May 2022

- 6..... Thora Engel
- 9..... Elliot Layer
- 15..... Nate Miller
- 20..... Ambriel Moder
- 24..... Jordan Pond
- 25..... Leroy Mowatt
- 29..... Ellie Schiffmacher
- 30..... Carol Keil
- 30..... Kevin Manning

Other Groups & Activities:

- Book Discussion Sukey Walter
- Christian Education Carol Keil
- Fellowship, Outreach & Mission..... Maureen Sansone
- House & Property..... Bill Von Brook
- Nominating Barbara Martin & Niaja Mowatt
- Personnel..... Frank Sansone
- Prayer Circle Carol Keil
- Prayer Shawl Ministry..... Sukey Walter
- Budget & Stewardship
- Women For Women Maureen Sansone & Sukey Walter
- Worship Joan Sommermeyer
- Youth Group
- Church Historian
- Bell Ringer Editor Bill Chamberlain



Happy Anniversary

May 2022

- 2 Millie & Rob Schmitt
- 4 Melissa & Anthony
D'Angelo
- 8 Wade & Jessica Pond
- 16 Barbara & Ross Martin
- 19 Maureen & Frank Sansone

 **Choir Rehearsal** 

7:00 pm Every Thursday Night

Office closed Monday May 30, 2022

From the Pastor's Nook - - - *Continued from Page 1*

The decision to reopen the church in stages has been one done with cautious optimism, understanding that our care and love for our fellow human beings has always been the guiding light of this decision-making process. It is with that same care and love that the session continues to encourage best practices of your own individual conscience as you attend worship and other events at the church. The best practices include the following:

Please wear masks if you find it comfortable to do so for yourself and your neighbor, keeping in mind that there are many in our congregation with compromised immune systems.

Respect social distancing for those who desire to have that comfort and safety as we join in worship and fellowship together.

Please continue to use hand sanitizer on a regular basis, especially before and after worship.

If you are not feeling well, especially with a fever or a cough, remain home and attend worship with us via ZOOM or Facebook Live.

Let us continue to rejoice in the risen Christ, to be disciples loving our neighbors in the best ways that we can and encouraging others to join with us to do likewise!

Pastor Wade and the Session of PCSH

Spring Facelift at the Manse

The front of the Manse is getting a facelift. With the help of Edy's Landscaping from Centro's Congregation. Old plantings were removed, stumps removed and trees have been pruned. In May we will look to provide new plants and a temporary sprinkler loop. If you would like to financially support this effort, please use a special offering envelope and Memo Property and Grounds-Manse.

Thank you in advance and God Bless!

Bill Von Brook

Property & Grounds



Prayer Corner

May 2022

“Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.”

By Johnson Oatman, Jr.

from the Gospel hymn *Count Your Blessings* music by Edwin O. Excell

“Mysterious Word, Timeless God, speak to me.

Write your message of love, deep in my heart. Amen”

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Morehouse Publishing, New York, NY

Lord, hear our prayers:

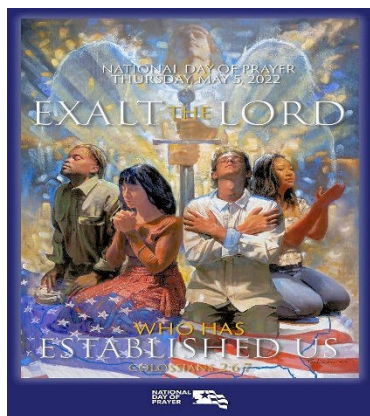
For **Peace and Safety** for all people of the Ukraine.

Of **Consolation** for all who mourn and remember loved ones.

Of **Comfort and Strength** for all who seek healing of body, mind or spirit.

Of **Thanksgiving** for:

- Our members who gathered to prepare our Sanctuary and churchyard grounds for Easter.
- The gracious goodness of *Centro Misionero* members who further enhanced the churchyard and Memorial Gardens.
- Those who worked on the Manse grounds.
- Zoom* that brings us together for Prayer Circle each Wednesday at 10AM.
- The music ministry of choir director Jason Black.
- The dedication of Bill Chamberlain and Lori Kevelos in preparing and distribution of *Bell Ringer*.
- The blessings of the Pond family among us.



AMEN

Weekly Prayer Circle via Zoom

All are welcome to join in our weekly Prayer Circle Zoom gathering, Wednesday mornings at 10am. You'll find the Zoom meeting address in the weekly reminder email sent by Lori Kevelos.

Faith Formation

May 2022

The official *Season of Eastertide* or the *Season of Resurrection* is the 50-day period from *Easter Sunday* until *Pentecost*. Here in the Northern Hemisphere we have plenty of signs to remind us of renewal taking place all around us. Each day is getting more and more minutes of daylight... you might even notice the increased daylight having a positive effect on your mood or sense of well-being! Nature is bursting into bloom all around us.

Thank you, God for these reminders of your presence in our lives.

Thanks to **Traci Smith** for the following prayer from her book *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter and Resurrection*:

A Prayer for Noticing New Life

God, help us to notice and pay attention to the new and growing things all around us:

Baby birds in their nests,

Buds on plants and trees,

Flowers in bloom.

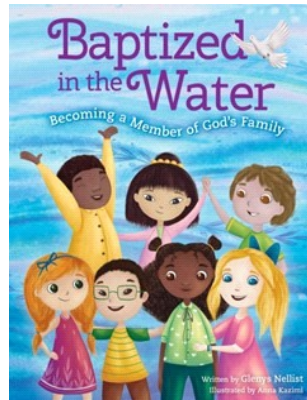
These new things teach us about resurrection and show us the joy of new life.

God, help us to notice and pay attention to the new and growing things all around us. Amen

We're happy to introduce two new books to enrich Faith Formation for your family:

Baptized in The Water: Becoming a Member of God's Family by Glenys Nellist

and **Sing, Wrestle, Spin: Prayers for Active Kids** by Jennifer Grant.



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² Copyright April 19, 2022 Glenys Nellist, Zonderkidz Publishing Grand Rapids, MI

³ Copyright March 22, 2022 Jennifer Grant Morehouse Publishers, New York, NY

Gratitude Message for Bill Von Brook

There are some who have made a big difference for all of us at Sweet Hollow for which we owe our deepest gratitude. During the last three years Bill Von Brook served as Elder and Property Chair and is appreciated more than he knows for all he has accomplished for the church. It's easy to be grateful when there are wonderful people like him who've contributed so much in ensuring our grounds and facilities remain a beautiful and comfortable place to worship. Below are just a handful of seen and unseen things Bill has done for us:

Going the extra mile to care for church property, manse and equipment.

Replacing wooden steps to the sanctuary.

Assembling remote Wi-Fi controlled thermostats in CEB Hall, CEB lower hallway and sanctuary.

Taking the time to negotiate favorable landscaping services for church grounds and manse.

Installing modern wireless interconnected smoke detectors and CO sensors throughout.

Technically unchallenged & proficient in navigating weekly zoom services.

Updating and installing new locks on key doors and entryways.

Determination and adeptness in managing renovation of manse for Pastor Wade & family.

Equalizing, re-lensing and LED re-lamping in CEB Hall lower level areas.

Etc. etc.

There certainly is more that can be added to this list. Bill, we are blessed to have you!

Yours, Session, friends and members of Sweet Hollow

May Mission Team Focus

"Building a Healthy Community One Individual at a Time"

Sweet Hollow's Mission Team continues to request donations of Personal Care items to benefit Helping Hand Rescue Mission. Helpful items include:

Bar Soap	Body Wash	Shampoo	Conditioner
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Tissues	Hand Sanitizer
Paper Towels	Diapers	Baby Wipes	Chap Stick

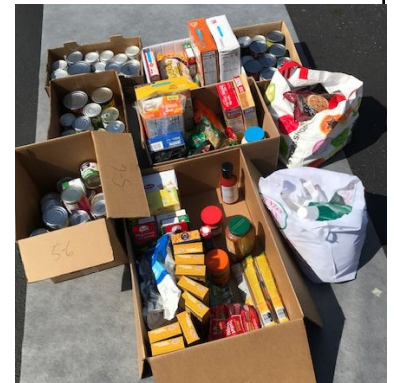
Additionally, Helping Hand Rescue Mission's Food Pantry is in need of the following:

Cans of Green or Mixed Vegetables	Cans of Beef Stew
Cans of Corn	Cans of Tuna
Soup	Canned Chili
Canned Salmon	Baked Beans
Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Boxed Mac & Cheese
Hot Cereal Mixes	Box or Bag of Cereal
Individual Packets of Goldfish	Individual Packets of Cookies
Individual Packets of Granola Bars	Individual Packets of Crackers

Your ongoing generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of those whom Helping Hand Rescue Mission serves. Thank you, Sweet Hollow!

The Little Church with a Big Heart's Mission Team

In April, a wonderful bounty of donations was received by our Sweet Hollow Family to benefit Helping Hand Rescue Mission, a ministry that as a witness to the love of God, strives to improve the spiritual and temporal conditions of the children, families and all people of the communities they serve by providing basic needs to which everyone, whether rich or poor, is entitled. 60 cans of assorted soups and vegetables, as well as approximately 10 pounds of pasta, cereal, snacks and personal care items were delivered and graciously accepted. Thank you, Sweet Hollow, for once again coming through for our community during a time of great need.





Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow Plant Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location:

Emma's Garden

(also known as Otto Keil Florist)

**30 East Gate Drive,
Huntington, NY 11743**



1. Plant sale visitors/shoppers may choose to wear a mask. **If you choose to wear a mask, please bring your own mask.** The Church does not have masks to provide to visitors/shoppers.
2. Shoppers must maintain a six-foot distance between other shoppers, volunteers and Emma's Garden employees.
3. Cash, Check or VENMO payment only. The VENMO app is available for smart phones. *It takes a few days to verify your account with your bank before transfers can be made. Please establish in advance if you plan to use this method of payment.*
4. Church volunteers are working with Emma's Garden employees who are operating a business, please be patient. Thank you.

Questions? Call Joan Sommermeyer @ 516-857-0556

Thank you.



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**HOLY HUMOR
SUNDAY**

Sunday May 15th, @ 10:00 AM, at
the Presbyterian Church of
Sweet Hollow

Jokes – Puns – And a halfway serious
reflection on laughter, joy and celebration
in our faith lives.

*"We can find a way to mix faith and humor, stir it into our lives and let it
simmer into a rich stew that will feed all those around us."*

"CAUSE FOR PAWS"

During the month of June, join the Sweet Hollow Mission Team in this new endeavor, as we collect old flat sheets, blankets, dog treats, new dog and cat toys, towels, dog & cat beds, unopened dry dog and cat food, canned dog and cat food, cat litter (non-clumping) peanut butter, pet waste disposal bags, paper towels, bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent & stainless steel bowls, to benefit Little Shelter Animal Rescue.

Donations will be blessed on a date T/B/D and then delivered.