

The Bell Ringer

Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

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

JUNE 2022

Sunday worship services at 10:00 am

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



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From the Pastor's Nook

Liminal - adjective: (From the Late 19th century Latin 'limen', meaning 'threshold'.)

1. Of or relating to a transitional stage of a process.
2. Occupying a position at, or on both sides of, a boundary or threshold.

"It is when we are betwixt and between, have left one room but not yet entered the next room, any hiatus between stages of life, stages of faith, jobs, loves, or relationships. It is that graced time when we are not certain or in control, when something genuinely new can happen . . . Much of the work for the biblical God and human destiny itself is to get people into liminal space and to keep them there long enough to learn something essential and genuinely new. It is the ultimate teachable space."

This quote from Father Richard Rohr writing about liminal space is something that every person in the world has had some experience in the last two years.

With the coming of the pandemic, and all the injustice and inequalities it exposed in our country and around the world, we have well and truly left behind 'what was' and are not quite sure if we have yet moved into what will be. That has played out on a global scale, as well as national, local and personal ones. Being in flux, always called upon to at least be flexible and usually to find a new way of doing something seems to be 'normal' at this point.

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 **Choir Rehearsal** 

7:00 pm Every Thursday Night

Office closed Monday June 20, 2022

BELL RINGER DEADLINE

**for July 2022 Issue:
Monday, June 26, 2022**

Subject to change



June 2022

- 1..... Steven Moder
- 2..... D J Krams
- 2..... Joey Moder
- 4..... Beth Pereira
- 13..... Jessalyn Pond
- 13..... Kristopher Pond
- 19..... Jake Von Brook
- 21..... Michael DeSanti
- 22..... Evan Pereira
- 24..... Nikitta Phipps
- 25..... Joe Moder



Happy Anniversary

June 2022

- 5Charlotte & Fred DeSanti
- 11Carol & Dan Shiffmacher
- 27Susan ^ Paul Manning

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Yet, we still find it hard to be in that place where we have to admit we are not in control. We still find the vulnerability that comes with true change hard. Yet it is this between place where we are most open to the working of our God. It is the wilderness space. It is Jonah in the belly of the whale. It is Mary, pregnant and awaiting the fulfillment of God's promise. It is Holy Saturday, before we know the resurrection hope of Easter morning. In the between times and places, we know we are fully dependent on God, and we are more likely to open ourselves up to the Spirit's guiding and abiding presence, which has been there with us all along.

This June as we mark Pentecost Sunday, we as a church are choosing to step into liminal space together. We have begun to see small glimpses of hope. There have been more faces in the sanctuary, a new director of music, an installed pastor, plans for activities like coffee hour, bible and a brew and trunk or treat are underway.

But also during this time, I and the session have acknowledged the church is running out of money. At our current pace the church will likely only have enough funds to last two to three years at best. With that stress comes some difficult future decisions.

In this in between and betwixt, in this liminal space we can use this time to open ourselves up to the ways God might be calling us to be the church we dream of. If we are brave enough to embrace this uncomfortable space, God can teach and transform us.

Pentecost is the season we celebrate the coming of the Spirit. It is my prayer that this year we will open ourselves up in new ways to the coming of the Spirit in our midst here at PCSH. May we be bold enough to mean it when we pray, 'come, Holy Spirit, come'!

2022 Graduates



Griffin Edmondson graduated from Meyers Park HS, Charlotte NC heading to University of Montana, Missoula, MT.

Lillian Edmondson graduated NC State, Raleigh, NC Summa Cum Laude Bachelor of Science in microbiology.

Ryan Keil graduated UCONN with associates degree in horticulture.

Brianna Conroy-graduating Walt Whitman HS-attending SUNY

Oswego Fall 2022

Edie Louise Clark graduating Christ Church HS attending Bennington College, VT Fall 2022

William Cavanagh graduating Commack HS

Prayer Corner

June 2022

As this June 2 Prayer Corner is being written we struggle to comprehend the pain and horror of the mass killing of children and their teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvaldo, TX.

Lord, hear us as we pray for the victims and their loved ones. Guide us as we seek to heal as a nation and to discern our O22own course of action.

“When the wind of change blows, some people build walls while others build windmills.”

Chinese proverb

As the wind and flame of Pentecost signaled the presence of the Holy Spirit in and among the Disciples gathered in Jerusalem may we, too, feel the power of the Holy Spirit stirring within us. Amen

We lift our prayers of consolation and remembrance with the family of Angela Bass who entered the church triumphant on May 6, 2022.

We lift of prayers of joy:

With the Fred Chacalos family celebrating the birth of Theodore James Chacalos on April 22, 2022, son of Marisa and Kristopher Chacalos.

With the Conroy family as Brianna is awarded the William TP Rambo Spiritual Enrichment Scholarship.

With the families of students graduating from High Schools and Colleges.

We lift healing prayers:

For Barbara Martin

For Peter Guadagnino, father of our church administrator Lori Kevelos

For Suzanne Fasullo, mother of Michelle Von Brook.

For Michelle Shaffer, sister-in-law of Jessica Pond.

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love

**Holy
Humor
Sunday
May 15, 2022**



**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 at Home

PENTECOST EDITION



Faith Practice Spotlight: Fly a Kite

Wind is a good reminder of the Holy Spirit: We can't see it, but we know it's there because of what it does. We feel the wind on our faces, or see it move trees and clouds.

A great way to see the wind move is with a kite! Fly a kite in the sky and watch how the wind makes it move and dance. Do you feel peaceful as you fly your kite? Peace is also a gift from the Holy Spirit!



Did you know the Church has a birthday? It does! The Church's birthday is called Pentecost. Pentecost is the day when the Holy Spirit came to the early believers. In Acts chapter two, the Bible describes it like this:

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability" (Acts 2:1-4).

What an exciting day that was! The people heard all the different languages being spoken, they felt the rush of the wind, and they saw a miracle that looked like fire.

Today, we experience the Holy Spirit as God's presence in our lives. Have you ever felt a strong idea about how to love or care for someone else? That's the Holy Spirit. Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as a *helper* in the book of John. He says, "The Holy Spirit... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you" (John 14:26). Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, treat everyone fairly, and look out for those who need assistance. The Holy Spirit helps us do this. I wonder how the Holy Spirit helps you every day?

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

(1 Corinthians 3:16)



PRAYER CORNER

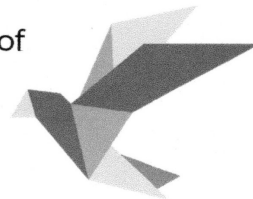
Here is a simple prayer of gratitude for the gifts of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit:

“Thank you, God, for the gift of the Holy Spirit who is our helper, and a reminder of your presence wherever we go. Please help us to remember the Holy Spirit in the gifts of wind, fire, and doves. May we listen to the Holy Spirit’s voice in our lives. Amen.”

Activities at Home

Here are some fun Pentecost activities to try at home to remember the Holy Spirit. *Enjoy!*

- Make an origami dove. A dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Have a campfire. Fire is also a symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Fly a kite or a windsock. Wind is a third symbol of the Holy Spirit.
- Make a birthday cake and sing happy birthday to the Church!
- Wear red or make a collage with red things. Red is the traditional color of Pentecost.
- Learn to say “I love you” or “Hello” in a new language, as a reminder of all the different languages spoken on Pentecost.



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2022 Sweet Hollow Plant Sale

By Joan Sommermeyer

The annual plant sale at Sweet Hollow is a long-standing tradition in our church. It has been taking place each spring for at least twenty-five years. The pandemic did not interrupt the tradition. The Church parking lot served as the shopping site early in the pandemic when the virus was rapidly spreading.

On May 14th Sweet Hollow family and friends had the opportunity to visit and shop at the Kiel family business, Emma's Garden, for the 2022 Annual Sweet Hollow Plant Sale. Traditional plant favorites and unusual oddities were available to shoppers. Hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, trees, bushes, cacti, succulents, flowers, and countless other varieties provided an abundant array for shoppers to choose from. Many first timers were overwhelmed by the beauty and vast selection of plants. Sweet Hollow Family and friends always love the Emma's Garden experience and return year after year.

Shopping and the experience of taking in the beauty of the greenhouses and plants is not the only joy of the annual plant sale. The sale also provides an opportunity and a space for reunion and fellowship. Many friends of Sweet Hollow return to the plant sale yearly to support the Church. Members and friends always take time to catch up with one another to share joys and concerns. Old friends re-introduce themselves and provide reminders on how the relationship began. The plant sale is truly a celebration of friendship and fellowship. How grateful we are for this annual blessing!

A sincere thank you to those who attended the Annual Plant Sale and many, many thanks to the volunteers that generously gave their time and helped throughout the sale. Our deepest gratitude to Carol and Otto Kiel, their children, and grandchildren for opening up their business to Sweet Hollow. The Keil family provided endless support to plant sale volunteers and shoppers. Their patience, knowledge and kindness are surely appreciated.

As this sale has successfully concluded, the final profit tally is currently being reconciled. Final numbers will be announced in the coming weeks. Thanks to all for another successful event!

"Don't just count your blessings. Be the blessing other people count on."

-Anonymous

June Mission Focus



“Cause for Paws”



During the month of June, join the Sweet Hollow Mission Team in this new endeavor (“Cause for Paws”). **The sanctuary bin is ready to 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. All items will benefit Little Shelter Animal Rescue located on Warner Road in Huntington. This is our first opportunity focusing on this new mission. If you need items to be picked up, call Jane at 631-271-3099



Thank you Sweet Hollow Congregation

The Little Church With a Big Heart’s Mission Team



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Scenes Seen From Our Church Windows

