

The Bell Ringer

Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

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

JULY 2022

Sunday worship services at 10:00 am

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



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From the Pastor's Nook

1 YEAR DOWN....

This week (June 27th – July 3rd) marks my first anniversary with PCSH. It has been a delightful year as me and my family have worked hard on moving in, settling in and trying to 'fit in' to the places and spaces of our life here on 'The Island.' Thank you for giving us space to just be who we are in a place where we had no friends, no family and no colleagues to lean on. Being able to love us exactly where we were/are is probably the biggest gift that you can give a pastor and their family. So, again, our utmost gratitude.

In the first year as a pastor, my primary goal was to sit and assess where the congregation is, what we are doing well, what we are not doing well and what new ideas we may need to try to do together. There are things that fit into all of those categories and that is a topic for another newsletter. I also have the opportunity to work with Lori in the office and figure out how to co-lead alongside of this particular church session.

During this first year as pastor, some challenges/changes have occurred. Like entering a period that may seem like it is post-CoVid 19 but it really isn't. Like having a person occupy the church office on a daily basis where that space remained empty for so long. We are starting to have activities in our spaces again like fellowship time after church or possible plans for a trunk-or-treat activity. A big challenge was having to say goodbye to Rachel as our choir director/accompanist (which, by the way, I saw her this week and she says hello!) and having to hire a new choir director/accompanist in Jason Black. Just think about this the fact that 50% of the staff turned over in a single year! But Jason has also been a gift to us with his understated humor, his incredible musical talent and his ease of blending right in to worship leadership.

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Bill Von Brook

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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

 **Choir Rehearsal** 

7:00 pm Every Thursday Night

Office closed Monday July 4, 2022

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DEADLINE

for August 2022 Issue:

Monday, July 25, 2022

**** Subject to change ****



July 2022

- 2..... Anthony DeAngelo IV
- 4..... Fred Chacalos
- 4..... Kevin Pond
- 5..... Emily Wagner
- 6..... Andrew Fogal
- 9..... Rose O'Connor
- 16..... Loyd Phipps
- 18..... Maureen Sansone
- 21..... Amanda Moder
- 22..... Ross Martin
- 24..... Charlotte DeSanti
- 25..... Dan Schiffmacher
- 27..... Lexie Zucker
- 29..... Silas Miller



Happy Anniversary

July 2022

No anniversaries this month !!!

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Ultimately though, the work of a pastor is to look for two things. See where God is in the lives of this congregation and to proclaim the Good News and how it may connect with us. To these conclusions, I will say this, God is VERY present here at PCSH and that God isn't done with us yet.

Thank you for this year and let us strive together to make it many more!

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Faith Formation

July 2022

By Carol Keil

Several weeks into the season of Pentecost Pastor Wade spoke to the children regarding the changes in the color of the "*parament*" or the ornamental "pulpit scarf" and Bible marker on the altar of our church. Pastor also displayed a variety of stoles that he has worn representing special seasons or celebrations.

You may have noticed that there has been the pattern of change in the parament colors as we moved from January into February using the green parament, switching to royal purple as we observed Lent. From Easter until the Sunday before Pentecost (Eastertide) the paraments were white. On June 5th red paraments boldly announced the flame of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. The paraments will remain green for the balance of the year until we reach the last week in November and begin the observance of Advent with paraments once more in royal purple.

Green paraments, used most often throughout the year, help to remind us of the growth of the Holy Spirit within our congregation. As Spring has turned to Summer all nature echoes that potential for growth and renewal. This is the time to be thinking of how each of us can contribute toward the ongoing health and growth of the Holy Spirit in "The Little Church with the Big Heart " as well as ways each of us can make a real difference in caring for this Big Blue Marble: EARTH!

We would love to feature ways your family is working to actively preserve and protect our planet... Please contact Carol Keil at c1keil@aol.com if you would like to contribute to this column.

Prayer Corner

July 2022

By Carol Keil

We lift prayers of great JOY as we celebrate the one- year anniversary welcoming Pastor Wade Pond as Pastor of Sweet Hollow Church!

We lift our prayers of comfort and consolation:

For the Sansone and Ravid families as they remember Maureen's mother, Barbara Ravid who entered the Church Triumphant June on June 8, 2022.

For the Thiede family as they remember Donald Thiede who entered the Church Triumphant May 30, 2022.

We lift our prayers for comfort and healing:

For Barbara Martin who will have back surgery on July 14.

For Barbara Moder recovering from hip replacement surgery.

For Chris Boken

For our church family and friends in recovery from Covid.

Carol Keil gratefully acknowledges the many prayers raised during her recent hospital stay.

We raise prayers for strength and comfort for all who continue to seek healing:

We pray with the Schiffmacher family for Erik Howard and Anna Schiffmacher Howard.

"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end."

Lamentations 3:21-22

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.

Message From The Mission Team

By Jill Conroy, Treasurer

Our Church, The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow, has been serving our community for more than 193 years and 45 charter members. During that time, we have stood strong in the face of recessions, national disasters, 40 presidents and several pastors. The year ahead should be no different as we continue ministry to all who come our way.

Mission is a matter of Christlikeness: “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21). Therefore, in one sense, the mission committee is a Christlikeness committee. Your time must not be wasted and God will not be disappointed. Our Mission Team invites our congregation members and their friends to participate in whatever capacity they can to help others in need. In the spirit of Matthew (Matthew 25:35) – “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Our Mission Committee is hard at work. Their purpose – to serve the congregation and pastor by encouraging, resourcing and facilitating involvement in local, national and international missions, particularly focusing on missionaries and missionary organizations that have been approved by the church is headed by Maureen Sansone and Jane Beller. Every month our Mission Committee is hard at work by raising money for organizations such as “Souper Bowl of Caring” which benefits the Huntington Community Food Council, “Healthy Snacks” which benefits the Tri-County kids, Project Hope, Helping Hands Rescue Mission and so many more.

Right now we need your help. Our operating budget is experiencing quite a strain. For the year we are down about 50-60%. Much of this due to unexpected hurdles and a few of our families that have been hit hard by the economic crisis.

If this continues by 2025 some of our important ministries will suffer as well as the survival of the church. This church has never failed to live up to our responsibilities and obligations. We still have time to finish strong but we will need the help of our faithful members.

If you have been giving regularly would you see if the years end offers you any chance for an extra gift? If you are behind on your pledge would you try to catch up? If you have not begun to give, could you remember us this week with a generous offering? Together we can come through this crisis and be stronger than ever.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:9-10).

God bless you for your continued love of our church.

“Mission Work during the Summer Months”



The Mission Team has been busy collecting for our first **“Cause for Paws” Mission** (benefits Little Shelter Animal Rescue). We have collected an assortment of Old FLAT sheets, blankets, mats (twin/queen), dog treats, 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, NEW dog & cat toys, collapsible crates. These items are always welcome as we shall sort through the donations and bring it to the Animal Rescue. Thank you Sweet Hollow Congregation for all the donations to help animals in need.



July and August Mission will focus on Nutritional Snacks and those school supplies that probably go on sale sooner than later. The local children in the *Tri-CYA Program* in Huntington will benefit during their programs in July and August with the healthy snacks (individual wrapped snacks/juices for starters). School supplies will be handed over in mid August to give the employees time to sort prior to school starting.

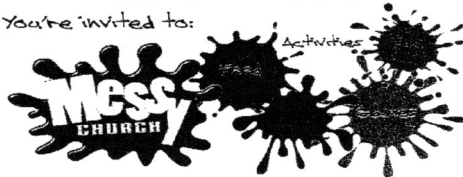
“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

– Booker T. Washington



“MESSY CHURCH” SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022 AT 5:00 PM

You're invited to:



Fun for the whole family!

“Messy Church” is an interactive, intergenerational experience that combines faith, food, fellowship and fun for the entire family ... and it's FREE!

REGISTER BY JULY 5 — SPACE IS LIMITED!

Scan the QR code below to reach the registration link on Eventbrite or call the church office at 631-242-0221 (open Mon-Thur 9-4:30)

PLEASE NOTE: All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the entire 2-hour event.

Bible stories, crafts, songs, dinner & fun!

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Fellowship Time after Service

By Frank Sansone

Starting in September the Pastor & Session would like to restart Fellowship Time the last two Sundays of a Month. We are looking for volunteers to Host or Co-host for about 20 people for this congregational time together. The hosts only need to bring a food item and labor to make coffee in coffee makers, set up, serve, and return the kitchen as it was before. The Church will provide tablecloths, paper goods, & coffee & juice boxes. The food should be simple cut bagels, or donuts. The Host will be given directions or hands instructions if it is your preference before you host.

Please consider hosting this time that the congregations so very much appreciated especially if continues twice a month. You can Host by yourself or Co Host. Email or call me Frank at sansfra87@gmail.com or 631-720-6164 to let me know what week starting on Sunday September 18th and the last two weeks for the rest of the year you could host.

Thank you, Melissa D'Angelo for Co-hosting, with me on May 15th and Carol Keil for the delicious individual home-made angle food cakes that were offered during our annual Strawberry Sunday on June 19th.