

The Bell Ringer

Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

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

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday worship services at 10:00 am

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



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From the Pastor's Nook

In recent months my Bell Ringer articles have focused on the major problem that the church has in today's culture and society. The word that I used was **RELEVANCE!** For far too long, the church has become increasingly irrelevant in the lives of its parishioners and its neighbors.

As part of that article, I also noted four things that can be done to change the tide. Last month, I wrote about doing something different. This month, I wanted to talk about the **Understanding The Times.**

Understand the Times

One of the things I have to fight most in this life is to get out of my Christian bubble. A Christian bubble will automatically start surrounding me without intention and a plan. And I know I'm not alone. To understand the times, we have to personally get involved in genuine relationships with those in our communities who don't go to church.

There's a sneaky verse in 1 Chronicles 12:32. As they were listing men who were fighting with King David, it says that they chose men "from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do..."

When we understand the times, we know what to do.

No matter your opinion, and I certainly disagree that the church isn't relevant, we must understand the culture. Jesus calls us to be in the world, but not of the world. Even Jesus Himself came down in the human form. He did this so that we could understand Him.

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Monday,

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BELL RINGER DEADLINE

for November 2022 Issue:

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

***** Subject to change *****

Happy Anniversary

October 2022

9Niaja & Leroy Mowatt

10Carol & Otto Keil

10Hillary & Justin Zucker

18Michelle & Bill Von Brook

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But also, He did everything He could to understand the times as well. During His ministry, Jesus asked way more questions than the number of answers He gave. One of the takeaways from looking at all that Jesus asked was the number of curiosity questions He asked. A significant number of those questions started with "How" or "Why."

It is incumbent upon us to begin to understand WHO we are but even more is to understand WHO are neighbors are. The more we understand the community, the greater chances we have to be relevant.

This month's challenge: Commit to making a new relationship with someone who doesn't go to your church this year.

Last month's challenge: What could our little church with a big heart do differently for the upcoming year?

We have a huge opportunity to invite someone to the church for an even this month. Invite someone to our Trunk or Treat Event on October 14th from 6-8 PM.

See you on Sunday(s)

~PW



Choir Rehearsal



7:00 pm Every Thursday Night

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.

Bell Ringer Prayer Corner

October 2022

*O God of All Creation**

O God of all creation, as ocean waters warm

We grieve the devastation that comes with violent storms.

We pray for people struggling – who need your help and grace
on every flooded island and in each flooded place.

O Christ who calmed the waters and stilled the stormy seas,

You teach us, “Love your neighbor’s” and “Humbly care for these!”

Now lead us by your Spirit to gladly lend a hand-

On every struggling island and in each hurting land.

*We thank *pres.outlook.org* for sharing this hymn-prayer written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

We lift our prayers of strength and comfort for Kathy and Rob Reiser.

We join in consoling prayers for all who celebrate the life and mourn the loss of loved ones:

The Waters family mourning Eleanor Waters

The Rivera and Troeber family mourning Anna Rivera

The Mowatt and Williams family mourning Louis Williams

The Sehres and Keil family mourning Eleanor Sehres

We join in prayers of joy with:

The Mason family celebrating the marriage of Caitlin Mason and Michael Graff on September 10, 2022.

The Krams and Zucker family celebrating the marriage of DJ Krams and MJ Kayas on September 24, 2022.

Lord, Hear our Prayers, Amen

Faith Formation

By Carol Keil

October 2022



We hope you recognize the ***Taking Faith Home*** logo! If you are a friend or member of PCSH receiving the weekly email packet with links and resources for those attending worship via Facebook or Zoom, then we're pretty sure you recognize it. If you've been attending worship in person, we know you've seen it tucked into the bulletin along with the pages of hymn lyrics and announcements. The question is: Are you using it?

Taking Faith Home is the perfect name for this one-page resource packed with references... daily Bible readings; a key scripture verse for the week; prayers and blessings for mealtime, bedtime, anytime; conversation starters; ideas for gifts of service and so much more.

Keep a copy in your purse or pocket to read when you're kept waiting for an appointment or a meeting to begin.

Keep a copy on the dinner table and use the *Mealtime Prayer*, *Caring Conversations* or *Milestones* to encourage meaningful, faith-based conversation with your family.

Keep a copy by your bed. Begin and end each day with *Daily Bible Readings* or *Scripture Verse for This Week*.

Enjoy Taking Faith Home!

First Annual writing of Thank You cards

for our Melville Fire Department's First Responders

Fire Fighters

Thank you messages

Going through all the fires and flames requires a brave heart. We appreciate you for your brave duty irrespective of all risk and dangers.



The Mission Team is asking our congregation to join us in honoring and thanking our local volunteer first responders of the Melville Fire Department. Cards will be left in the back of the sanctuary for you to sign or you can take the leap and create one yourself. Pastor Pond will deliver them along with some refreshment to the monthly meeting he attends at the Fire House.

Please have all cards at church **by October 16**. You may find some of these quotes helpful in creating your own message:

How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!

~Maya Angelou

When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work. ~Edward F. Croker

Firefighting — one of the few professions left that still makes house calls. ~

Firefighters save hearts and homes. ~

Also ideas from this very helpful website: <https://thebrandboy.com/thank-you-messages-for-fire-fighters/>



*** FALL CLOTHING DRIVE ***

To Benefit United Veterans Beacon House



Fall has arrived and many of us will be switching clothes for the colder weather. This is a wonderful opportunity to help local veterans with your gently used and clean clothing, shoes, accessories and linens.

Our Clothing Collection Drive has been going on and by the end October we shall bless the clothing and then deliver them.

Passing these items to military families in need via the United Veterans Beacon House is a wonderful idea.

Donations can be left in the sanctuary collection bin each Sunday. If you need to bring donations to church during office hours: Monday – Friday between 8am and noon, please call Lori in advance at 631-367-9249.

Thank you Sweet Hollow Congregation

The Little Church With a Big Heart's

Mission Team



“Your spending in the Program is paying out”

Sweet Hollow’s give back contributions continue to arrive so we wanted to give Prime Members the heads up. It’s official that Amazon will be hosting a second two-day sales event like the annual Prime Day event. The massive e-tailer just confirmed that the new [Prime Early Access Sale](#) will take place on October 11 and 12. This may help you get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping without breaking the bank.

We are thankful that many of you and your friends who have chosen to shop on **smile.amazon.com** and choose the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow as your charity of choice to receive benefits. Thank you again for helping the church as you shop. Below are ways to get involved.

#1 Go onto your web browser (Safari, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, etc..)

- Log on to **smile.amazon.com**
- Create an account
- Under your smile account – search for Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow...
(Location: Melville, NY) ... I put in 11747 sometimes.
- Select our church and save it
- Afterward I got this message: Yes, I understand that I must always start at **smile.amazon.com** to **support** Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow.

#2 Through the mobile app on your phone or tablet

1. Open your Amazon Shopping App
2. Click on your menu button which are the three little lines in the bottom right corner of your screen
3. Click on SETTINGS
4. Then click on Set Up Amazon Smile (may just say Amazon Smile)
5. Search for Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow under general and click.

SHOP! SHOP!! SHOP!!!

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TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR FUN AND SAFE TRICKS AND TREATS

OCT 14
6PM TO 8PM

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