

The Bell Ringer

Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

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

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday worship services at 10:00 am



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 20th – Coffee Hour following worship
November 20th – Decorate the Church Sunday
December 17th – Christmas Tea Party
December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship
December 25th – No worship service

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 previous articles, I also noted four things that can be done to change the tide. In September, I wrote about **doing something different**. October talked about **Understanding The Times**.

For this month, it is time to focus on **Solving Real Problems**.

Solving Real Problems

The more you understand the times (see last month), the more you see what problems people face and what our church faces. While Jesus is the ultimate answer to any problem, how we present the Gospel could vary based on the people's needs. How much time do we spend thinking, talking, or strategizing about effectively solving real problems that people in your church and community are facing?

One of the things I truly appreciated about the early days of the pandemic is it truly felt like leaders were answering real questions that people in their community had. In church, the questions had to do with, "How do we do church? How do we have music? Do we serve communion and how?" Services and sermons were changed to be relevant to the times we were facing.

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BELL RINGER DEADLINE

**for December 2022 Issue:
Tuesday, November 23, 2022**

**** Subject to change ****



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

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- 3Lorine kevelos
- 6Niaja Mowatt
- 7James Sommermeyer
- 9Donald Krams
- 9Malachy O'Connor
- 16Christine Remo
- 18Joanna Hoban
- 25Colin Keil



Happy Anniversary

November 2022

No anniversaries this month

 **Choir Rehearsal** 

7:00 pm Every Thursday Night

Office Closed

Thursday and Friday

November 24 - 25, 2022

From the Pastor's Nook

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What is the vocation of the church? The words of Pastor Frederick Buechner, “**Your vocation in life** is where your greatest joy meets the world’s greatest need.” Following God’s specific call will bring us happiness because it will mean we are being who we were created to be.

What joy do we have that can meet the world’s needs? When we answer this question, we begin to answer the question of relevance.

See you on Sunday(s)

~PW

“Take a Bite Out of Holiday Hunger” Food Drive



As we roll into November, we shall once again be supporting Thanksgiving Meals for the Helping Hand Rescue Mission! This Annual Thanksgiving Turkey & Food Distribution drive will provide food for a family’s FULL Thanksgiving meal, from breakfast to dessert. Meeting an increased local need after the Pandemic disruption is still key for helping to serve over a thousand families for Thanksgiving. Through guidance and the grace of our Lord, we strive to make life more stable and fuller of love and support for those in need.

Ways to Help:

- Purchase items to help us fill a box to feed a family: *Stuffing mix, Cranberry sauce, small canned yams, rice, turkey gravy, macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes, canned corn, brownie/quick bread mix, cake mix and icing, canned fruit, pancake mix, syrup, snacks, and family size juice, holiday paper products, cooking tins, festive decorations...* tear off lists will be found by the sanctuary door window, outside the parlor, and near the kitchen cutout in the Fellowship Hall. Please return your items mid by November
- Write the church a check and earmark it for HHRM Turkey and our committee shall buy supplies.
- Pick up your own box to fill at 225 Broadway, Huntington Station, Pick up hours are: Mon. 10 am to 2 pm, Tues. 10 am to 6 pm, Fri. 10 am to 11 am, 12 pm to 4 pm and Sat. 10 am to 1 pm.
- Volunteer to assist with the distribution, send an e-mail to: admin@hhrm.org.

Bell Ringer Prayer Corner

November 2022

*“Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses the world....”*

Widely attributed to St Teresa of Avila

Lord, please guide our hands and feet and hearts in our service to you. Amen

We join in consoling prayers for the Reiser family as they celebrate Kathy’s life and mourn her death on October 5, 2022 may they find comfort and strength.

We raise healing prayers for those recovering from surgery and illness:

We join the Martin family in prayers for strength and healing for Rick Martin as he remains hospitalized for treatment of kidney failure.

We lift our prayers of healing and comfort for Lynn Burke recovering from knee surgery.

We rejoice in signs of healing for Donna Farahat and Carol Schiffmacher.

Our healing prayers continue for Chris Boken.

We join Jessica Pond in prayers of healing, comfort and strength for her Aunt Connie as she continues treatment for cancer.

Lord, Hear our prayers. Amen

Please note this correction to the September Prayer Corner:

DJ Krams and MJ **Zayas** were joined in marriage on September 24, 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.

Heads up for our Toys Kids Drive in December

We will again be participating in giving to Toys of Hope. Last year a car load of toys for boys and girls was welcomed with open arms. Keep in mind that ads for sales on toys for the holidays will come sooner than later. Buy now, bring now (box identified in the parlor) or bring later.



Thank you
the Mission Team

“AMAZON shopping is Paying it Forward Again”

Thanks to successful purchases on line via the *AmazonSmile* program, our church, **Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow**, was given a contribution of **\$78.13** from qualifying purchases. Shopping between April 1st - June 30 helped us achieve this giveback.

I am sure a lot of shopping will take place in prep for the holiday season. Another Prime Day is lurking for sure. Happy Shopping and thanks for selecting our church as the charity you want to give back to on



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Faith Formation - November 2022

Thankful

November is here. Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent are only weeks away. There is no better time to practice a renewed "Attitude of Gratitude" by gathering family and friends to join you in the creation of a *Thankful Tree*.

Directions for creating the *Thankful Tree* shown here can be found online at the following link:

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/3d-paper-tree.html>

