

The Bell Ringer



Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

No matter who you are or where you are on your life journey, you are welcome here.

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From the Pastor's Nook:

Celebrations Abound!

Did Jesus like celebrations and joyous occasions? While many perceive Jesus as a somber and serious figure, there is plenty of evidence that Jesus took great joy in bringing joy to others. He recognized the importance of celebration and joy in the lives of his followers. He used celebrations as a way to connect with people, teach important lessons, and bring healing and restoration.

While mission and ministry are important, the way we connect with and celebrate others is important as well.

So in this issue of *The Bell Ringer*, you will see images of celebration, particularly of new members.

On a personal note, the month of June brings a couple of celebrations for me personally/professionally.

My celebrations include two significant items related to my professional history. First, which is June 3rd, is the day of my ordination into ministry. It is a once in a lifetime event and it is something that should be celebrated. For me, my ordiversary (anniversary of ordination), will mark 12 years for me! **If you are ordained as an elder in the church**, likewise, you should celebrate as well!

The second item of celebration is the date that I moved to Long Island to begin my journey with you all. My family moved into the manse on June 18, 2021 and my first day in the office at the church was June 28th!

And during these three years, it has been a gift to be with you all as a pastor and as your neighbor.

Cheers and blessings for many more to come!

Let's celebrate together!



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS...SMORGASBORD SUNDAYS

Have you ever been to a smorgasbord? A smorgasbord has Swedish origins and is a buffet style of meal that became popular following the 1939 World's Fair in New York!

Wikipedia informs us that a smorgasbord is typically a celebratory meal and guests can help themselves from a range of dishes laid out for their choice.

Through conversations with the session and the church growth team, we have decided to evolve the Fourth Sunday Fellowship into Smorgasbord Sundays! **But we need your help!!!!!!**

We want to make Smorgasbord Sundays about you!!!!

The evolution of this time of fellowship moves away from a model where one or two people bear the responsibility of providing refreshments for anyone attending. Instead, we are moving to a model where the community of faith comes together to provide refreshments!!!!

We would like to have you bring one dish, JUST ONE, to share with any of our worshipping neighbors on that Sunday!!!!

Why are we looking to change this model???

1. To encourage more people to participate in an event that is about food, fun and fellowship!
2. To have a consistent event on our calendar that we wish to share with others and to invite our neighbors, friends and family!!!!
3. To lessen the burden by sharing something together, communal. Many hands make light work.
4. Jesus gathered with many people, friends and strangers, around a meal.
5. To show off the favorite dishes that we would like to make and share with our church family!

A substantial part of growing the church is about growing in relationship with one another. Food is one of the items that brings families of faith together and it is also something that brings guests into our collective presence.

Let us share a meal with one another in the fashion that Jesus would have shared a meal with friends and strangers!

Looking forward to our next Smorgasbord Sunday following worship on June 23rd!!!!!!

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS...NEW MEMBERS

Over the last month, the church has welcomed new members to the church in a variety of forms. Some are people who have been with us for a lengthy period of time while others may be fresh and new faces. Let us welcome and celebrate the blessing of the church's growth and the joy which accompanies these wonderful individuals as new members to PCSH!!!!



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS...NEW MEMBERS



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Tracy Dein

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS...NEW MEMBERS



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FAITH FORMATION

By Carol Keil

Taking Faith Home, the weekly insert included in the worship bulletin is the perfect piece to take along on our travels this Summer. “TFH” is the lightweight, one-size-fits-all, spiritually nourishing, perfect companion for any time of day!

Each issue of “TFH” includes a Hymn of the Week. Take time to research the history of a hymn using your favorite search engine. For instance: the Hymn of the Week for June 2, 2024, is “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”. Hymnary.org tells us this hymn is one of over 600 hymns by Scottish theologian, writer, and poet, Horatius Bonar (1808-1891), written to address the needs of the churches he served. The tune was composed by John B. Dykes (1823-1870) “perhaps the most significant composer in the Victorian Church of England”, Dykes composed over 300 tunes for hymns including the familiar “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”. Click the link below to listen and sing along!

[Holy, Holy, Holy - Christian Choir Hymn with Lyrics \(youtube.com\)](https://youtube.com/watch?v=PCnRYj3IMIQ)

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WORSHIP NOTES

The month of is a time that embraces what we call common time in the church calendar. The color of this season is green and green is the color of growth! So as we go through worship through this month (and several months to come), think about how you can grown in your faith and how that be a gift to the church as well!

WHAT IS WORSHIP AND WHY DO WE DO IT?

There are many parts that compose what pastors call “The Order of Worship” (also known as the ordo). Over the next several months, I will highlight the various parts of worship as a part of our growth in faith and the celebratory act we call worship.

Prelude (God speaks to us and we respond to God; we speak to each other)

In worship, music is never presented as a performance for the congregation but as an offering of praise, thanksgiving, penitence, or petition to God. While worshipers are often caught up in the beauty of the music or the words, the purpose is not to bring attention to the musicians or singers but to point to the Creator who makes all things beautiful and enables us to be creative as well.

The purpose of the prelude is to enter into a holy space by quieting ourselves and preparing for worship. We enter this holy space in a number of ways: through prayer (which you can find a prayer of preparation near the top of your bulletin each Sunday), through music, through meditation on what God might be saying to us. Let’s enter into that quiet space together now.

THE LITURGICAL COLOR OF JUNE IS GREEN IN OBSERVANCE OF THE TIME OF THE YEAR THAT WE CALL COMMON TIME. WE WILL BE IN COMMON TIME UNTIL NOVEMBER, JUST BEFORE THE SEASON OF ADVENT.

BIBLE AND A BREW

Would you be interested in joining Pastor Wade for a beer and a discussion about the intersection of our faith and some current events? Tuesday, July 9 at 7 PM at the Farmingdale Applebees!



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22... Evan Pereira

25... Joe Moder

ANNIVERSARIES

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SESSION MEETING!

The session meets monthly, typically on the third Monday of each month at 8 PM. Most meetings occur via Zoom. In person meetings occur February/May/September/November. Our May meeting will be held on the 17th. Any member of the church is welcome to attend. Ask Pastor Wade for details.

Find our website and social media links!

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STEWARDSHIP AND STUFF

Thank you to the 19 families that have thus far paid their 2024 per capita. It helps Sweet Hollow pay the required \$38.90 for every member on our rolls. Families of 3 would pay \$116.70.

When you submit your payment if NOT in the blue envelope, please earmark the money with the words per capita (some blue envelopes are in the back of the sanctuary). Online donations have a note section to let us know. If members do not earmark their per capita portion, we must take money from our budget to fulfill our responsibility towards the Presbyterian Church (USA). This payment ensures that we can easily use resources, borrow from the Presbytery office, and receive advice and support from the General Assembly.

Thank you for helping us meet OUR church's obligation!

Please remember each member should pay a Per Capita Apportionment of \$38.90 this year.



MISSION & MORE

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS ALWAYS WELCOME

The church's monthly mission project is... **'Cause For Paws'**

Benefiting The Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center, a no-kill, not for profit organization in Elwood. Items needed include: towels, flat sheets, blankets, unopened canned and dry dog and cat food. Non clumping cat litter, peanut butter, pet waste disposal bags, paper towels, bleach, dish soap, laundry detergent, stainless steel bowls, new dog and cat toys and collapsible crates. There will be boxes at church to receive these items which may be brought in any Sunday in June or to the church any day.

Thank again Sweet Hollow Community

The Little Church With a Big Heart's

Mission Team



[Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center - Huntington - New York](http://www.littleShelter.org)

Prayer Corner

by Carol Keil

"May I live boldly, speak confidently, love unconditionally, forgive readily, and trust deeply; shape my life to match my soul."1

"Mold my heart, God, into the form you want it to be. Lead me to my courage. Kindle and warm what has grown cold in me. Energize the passions lying lethargic. Instead of discontent: gratitude. Rather than jealousy: generosity. In place of judgement: compassion. Replace my anger with laughter."2

"Do not despair. You hold the memory of what it was to be whole. It lives deep in your bones...I am not asking you to give up your grip on the shards you clasp so close you, but to wonder what it would be like for those jagged edges to meet each other in some new pattern you never imagined...that you never dared to dream."3

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."4

Lord, hear our prayers for lives in transition and the often- difficult decisions to be made.

Grant us peace, so that we may hear you calling us, and vision to see the path you have laid out for us.

We pray with thanksgiving for the Mission, Ministry and Fellowship found at PCSH.

Amen.

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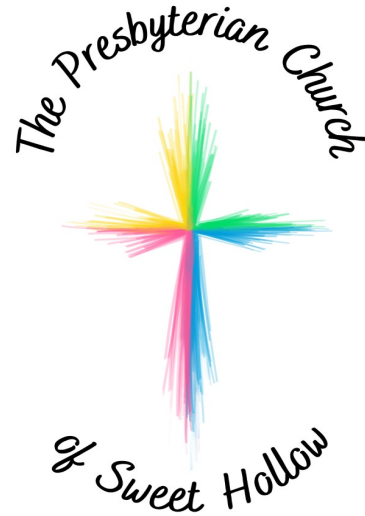
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Pastor Wade will be on vacation beginning Monday July 1st and he will return Monday July 8th.

If you have questions of Pastor Wade, please reach out to Lori at the church and she will direct you in the best manner possible to help with your questions.

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