

KEEPING IN TOUCH

July 22, 2022

Letter from the Pastor

Dear friends,

Our Session had our “first annual” picnic at the manse this week. It was so nice to see so many of you take the time to come out and bring spouses, as well, for food and fellowship. It was hot! And buggy! We persevered. Next year, let’s gather in September or October. Fall is my favorite season and that way we will catch any of the folks we missed because of summer vacations.

Others have been asking me if we can have a congregational potluck in the fellowship hall. Yes! One is being planned in honor of our Confirmation class in October. More details soon! My goal is that we would eat meals together as a church family 4 times a year—once a season. But really, we eat together every Sunday after worship, thanks to those who bring delicious goodies to share and to the Deacons who serve us. That fellowship time is an opportunity for precious ministry, led by the Spirit. God is using you!

This Sunday in worship, we will be studying *The Lord’s Prayer* in the gospel of Luke as one of our lectionary scriptures. Every congregation has their favorite version of *The Lord’s Prayer*. I remember learning the one with “trespasses” as a child, growing up Lutheran. After becoming Presbyterian about 20 years ago, I have become just as comfortable with “debts and debtors.” The important thing is what *we are saying in that phrase*—that we forgive everyone who has hurt us, as our Heavenly Father forgives us all our sins. We forgive in the power of the One who has redeemed us, the One fully present with us now, and the One who gives us a ministry of reconciliation with Christ—making all things new!

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name! Thy kingdom come! Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Karen

This week’s morning prayer (from Gen. 18:1-5 and Matt. 10:42):

God, as this new day begins, I imagine Abraham sitting in the shade under his oak tree when you appeared to him in the form of three strangers, and he offered them hospitality. Help me to see opportunities to extend hospitality to those in need today, even if it’s as small a gesture as offering someone a cup of cold water. Amen.

This week’s evening prayer (from Luke 11:9 and 13):

I return to you, God, as this day ends. I am grateful for all that you have given me, all that I have found, and all the doors that were opened to me. As for those prayers that seem as yet unanswered, I leave them with you for now and turn to my rest in the gift of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Help us name our new Monthly Newsletter!

Please help us choose a name for our new monthly newsletter beginning in September. You may email your suggestions to tracyhenchey@gmail.com or fill out a paper slip in the Narthex and add it to the basket. Deadline for name suggestions is August 14. The one that is chosen will receive a \$10 Starbucks gift card. Thank you!

Church World Service - School Supplies

Back to school sales have begun...we are in need of **70-page spiral notebooks** for CWS school kits. They are on sale at Staples and Walmart for \$0.35 right now. We already have many of the other items, so notebooks are the only thing we need right now. Thank you!

Thank you for all your donations. Together we make a difference



Stewardship Thought for July

YOU WOULDN'T GO ON VACATION without making sure that your plants will be watered and your pets cared for, would you? Of course not! We always want to arrange for those things we value to receive care and attention, even when we're away.

Our church needs our care and attention, even when we are on summer vacation. Just as with plants and pets, it's hard to simply play catch-up after several weeks. The church needs your commitment all summer long! Please arrange for the care and feeding of your church, all through the summer months. Your offering can be made on-line, mailed, or dropped off at the church office.

Thank you!! Enjoy your summer. Stay safe and healthy.

It's Presbyterian Women Brunch Time!

All women of First Presbyterian Church are invited for a time of fellowship and fun with ***Colors of Kindness*** as our theme.

Please join us Sunday, July 24 at the Millennium Diner (across the street from the church) following the morning service at 11:30 am.

Your Brunch choices are:

2 eggs, bacon, ham, or sausage, homefries and toast
3 Golden or whole wheat pancakes, bacon, ham, or sausage
2 Challah slices of French Toast with bacon, ham, or sausage
Fruit salad or hot oatmeal with choice of muffin
and juice, coffee, or tea

The cost is \$15 (checks payable to Presbyterian Women)

Tickets must be purchased in advance - Call the church office at 631-265-5151

Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Friday, October 14 - Sunday, October 16, 2022
Retreat Leader: Pastor Karen Crawford

Costs Include: Room and 6 Meals:

Double occupancy \$250 pp

Single occupancy \$300 pp

\$100 deposit is due when you sign up and if you have a roommate please list her name. If you're willing to have a roommate, please note that.

*Make check out to Presbyterian Women and mail to:
Linda Goodwin 286 Second Ave. Saint James NY 11780

We will set up carpools once I know when you want to arrive. We will be staying in the new Rooms at Vinik in the Retreat Center. As more information is available, I'll send it out, so email me (Linda Goodwin) at: lgoodwinteach5@gmail.com

FPCS Book Group

First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown book group invites you to discuss

The Stranger in the Lifeboat by Mitch Albom

Adrift in a raft after a ship explosion, ten people struggle for survival. Short on food, water, and hope, they spot a man floating in the sea. They pull him in. "Thank the Lord we found you." a passenger says. "I am the Lord." the man whispers.

Proposed discussion dates:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 or Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex
Light refreshments will be served.

If interested please contact Isabel Buse or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Free Concert Series ft. our own Pablo Lavandera

THE TRANSATLANTIC PIANO DUO

Evelyn Ulex and Pablo Lavandera

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

4:30 pm, The Della Pietra Family Auditorium

Simons Center for Geometry and Physics

Stony Brook University



Evelyn Ulex: Photo courtesy of the artist



Pablo Lavandera: Photo courtesy of the artist

For more information visit <https://scgp.stonybrook.edu/archives/37800>

How can you contribute to our weekly services?

Volunteer to be an Usher

Ushers are needed for our Sunday morning services. No experience required.
Please contact Lucia Spahr if interested.

Contribute to Fellowship Hour

If you enjoy the tasty treats during Fellowship Hour, please consider signing up for one Sunday as a Silent Partner. Just drop your goodies in the kitchen when you come to church. You can contribute with a friend or as a group. There is a sign-up sheet near the coffee at Fellowship Hour every Sunday. See a deacon in the kitchen if you have any questions.
Thank you!

Join the Stream Team

The Stream Team is looking for volunteers to stream our church service on Sunday mornings. Streaming has become an important part of our Sunday Church service since Covid. Members of the Stream Team will train you.
For more information, please contact Scott Wallace.

July Birthdays

Please contact the church office if you have a July birthday but are not on this list.

July 3 - Cathy Booth

July 7 - Alyssa Hubbs

July 13 - Rose Chibbaro

July 13 - Peter Wagenhauser

July 16 - Ora Heath

July 21 - Karen Crawford

July 26 - Olivia Ferreri

July 5 - Sara Hubbs

July 12 - Shirley Russell

July 13 - Betty Deerfield

July 15 - Rob Hubbs

July 17 - Joyce Brozyna

July 23 - James Deerfield

July 27 - Tom Sartain

In our Hearts and Prayers

- Rob Hubbs, Recovering from Covid
- Elaine Kornspan, Pastor Karen's mom, recovering after knee replacement surgery
- Sue and Tom Nunziata
- Bente Schmidt
- Caroline Kelleher
- Richard Heath continued recovery at a acute care rehab center in Atlanta Georgia
- Virginia Newcomb
- Richard Engel
- Harriet McMahon The Arbors 1065 Smithtown Ave Bohemia
- Evelyn Saddlemire, at Water's Edge Nursing Facility 150 Dark Hollow Road, Port Jefferson
- Jean Lown
- Vivienne Grizzle-Jaber
- Ethel and Karl Kraft
- Andrea Mohabeer

Trustee of the Week

July 22 - July 28 - Rob Hubbs

July 29 - August 4 - Chris Park

August 5 - August 11 - Rob Goodwin

August 12 - August 18 - Tom Deakins

August 19 - August 25 - Lynne Leftenant

Deacons of the Week

July 24 - Charles Bunton and Allison Brennan

July 31 - Lisa Hubbs and Alyssa Hubbs

August 7 - Laurie Wallace and Joyce Brozyna

August 14 - Lucia Spahr and Beth Davidsen

Facilities Use This Week

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| Monday, July 25 | Yoga | 10:00 a.m. | Narthex |
| | AA | 12:30 p.m. | Rm. 31 |
| | Tai Chi | 1:00 p.m. | Narthex |
| | Caron | 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall |
| Tuesday, July 26 | AA | 12:30 p.m. | Rm. 31 |
| | NarAnon | 7:30 p.m. | Rm. 30 |
| Wednesday, July 27 | AA | 12:30 p.m. | Rm. 31 |
| | Early Bird Circle | 1:00 p.m. | Narthex |
| | NA | 6:30 p.m. | Rms. 11 & 13 |
| Thursday, July 28 | Yoga | 10:00 a.m. | Narthex |
| | AA | 12:30 p.m. | Rm. 31 |
| Friday, July 29 | AA | 12:30 p.m. | Rm. 31 |
| | NA | 6:30 p.m. | Rm. 11 & 13 |
| Saturday, July 30 | Jewish Cultural School | 9:30 a.m. | Rm. 30 |
| | AA | 12:30 p.m. | Rm. 31 |
| | Game Group | 1:00 p.m. | Rms. 11 & 13 |

How to Contact the Church Office or the Pastor

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Hours:

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