

the First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown

Keeping In Touch

August 12, 2022

Letter from the Pastor

Dear friends,

Jim and I had a wonderfully exhausting time with our grandchildren, Jessie and Maddie, and their parents last weekend. I am grateful for having the time to spend with them! But I did miss you. My thoughts were often with you, especially on Sunday morning. I pray you are well!

The Rev. Dr. John Krahn, our guest pastor last Sunday, shared that we raised \$220 for Ukrainian Refugee Relief from the sale of his books. He will send a check to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance agency of the PC (USA). Thank you for your compassion for people in need and your support of John's ministry.

Our PW is organizing an excursion for the women of our congregation next Wednesday, Aug. 17. They travel by car and ferry to visit the Pez Factory Museum in Orange, CT, and to share a meal of comfort food at Cracker Barrell. Don't you love their biscuits? If you have questions about the trip, contact Betty Bunton. It will be another opportunity to build friendships and take your faith outside the walls of the church. May we be known by our love for one another and the laughter we share whenever we are together.

I am happy to return to leading worship with you this Sunday, Aug. 14. We will have the blessing and honor of baptizing Ella Bunton, daughter of Paul and Caitlin, and granddaughter of Charles and Betty. As we gather around the font and pray for the Spirit to fill Ella with many gifts and help her to endure in the faith all the days of her life, I hope you will remember your baptism and be thankful.



Ella Bunton, daughter of Caitlin and Paul, granddaughter of Betty and Charles

We are all claimed by Christ in our baptisms and risen to new, abundant life. In Jesus, we have been made members of God's household, God's family, and God's community of the beloved.

Our lectionary scriptures this week are **Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; and Luke 12:49-56.**

Questions for Reflection:

How do you reconcile a sense of division within yourself and the world with the unity we are promised as people of God? What sustains you in times of conflict? Identify some occasions in your life when you were unable to recognize an invitation to reconciliation and wholeness.

Morning Prayer

Lord of Life, we greet this new day sustained by the great cloud of witnesses who praise your name. Help us to lay aside any burdens or distraction that might prevent us from fully serving you this day. Give us perseverance and joy so that we may come to the end of the day confident in your presence and aware of your blessings. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of Hope, confirm for us at the close of this day the fulfillment of your promise of provision. Release our concerns for things done and left undone. Give us your peace so that we rise refreshed to serve you with openness and love. Amen.

Job Opportunity at FPCS

First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown is looking to hire a custodian to clean the church. This position requires twice weekly cleaning for a total of 10 hours. Duties include cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming, mopping of floors, emptying garbage pails etc. If anyone in the congregation knows of someone that would like to earn some extra money, please contact Dayna McCauley, Dawn Agostini or email the church office at fpcs@optonline.net.

Participate in our new VegeTable



PW member, Judy Michon had great idea for a produce table, which gives us an opportunity to serve one another AND as part of our mission, generate a contribution to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry.

Come visit the Presbyterian Women's Fruit & Vegetable Garden Table each Sunday morning in the hallway near the parish hall. Feel free to bring produce from your garden that may be wasted, or you can take produce home by leaving a donation in free-will offering jar.

Any produce left following our Sunday Morning church service will be taken to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry. At the end of the growing season, all monies collected will be donated to the Food Pantry.

With joy, we serve one another!
Questions? Contact Judy Michon.



Help us re-name our Newsletter!

Please help us choose a new name for our 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. 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.

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.

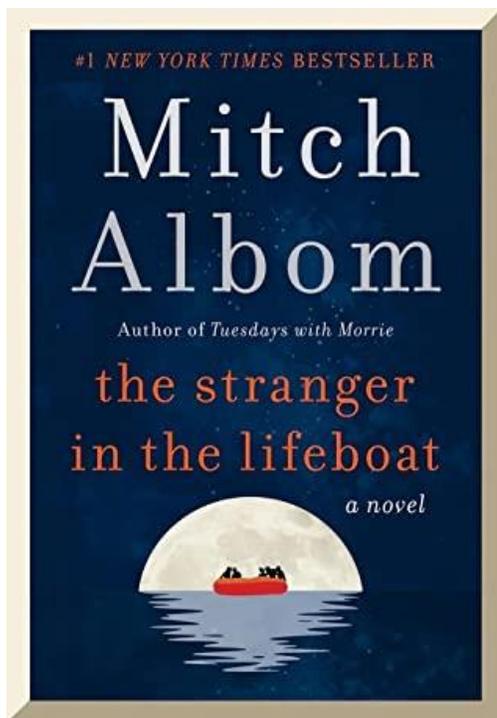
*Make check out to Presbyterian Women and mail to:
Linda Goodwin 286 Second Ave. Saint James NY 11780

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.

Date:

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex

For those of you who do not want to buy the book, you can call the Smithtown Library at 631-360-2480. Provide your library card number and they can put the book on hold for you. It may take up to 4 to 5 days for the book to become available.

Light refreshments will be served.

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

Stewardship Thought for August

Thank you to those who have been keeping current with your pledges and contributions. As we continue into August, it is financially important to FPCS that we continue to be good stewards. As you know, FPCS continues to have financial obligations during these summer months. Be well. Be safe. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

**“God loves a cheerful giver”
2 Corinthians 9:7**



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.

August Birthdays

Please contact the church office if you have an August birthday but are not on this list

August 4 - Chris Landi

August 7 - Jean Sheerin

August 9 - Ed Lipinsky

August 12 - Angel Garcia Jr.

August 14 - Caroline Kelleher

August 23 - Lisa Hubbs

August 6 - Beth Davidsen

August 8 - Brenda Faverio

August 9 - Anne Probish

August 12 - Susan Gensinger

August 15 - Marlene Wolke

In our Hearts and Prayers

- Harriet McMahon, in Stony Brook Hospital with Covid
- Alyssa 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, continuing recovery at an acute care rehab center in Atlanta, Georgia
- Virginia Newcomb
- Richard Engel
- Harriet McMahon, at 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

August 12 - August 18 - Tom Deakins
August 19 - August 25 - Lynne Leftenant

Deacons of the Week

August 14 - Lucia Spahr and Beth Davidsen

How to Contact the Church Office or the Pastor

Church Office

Hours:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10 am - 12 noon
Phone: 631-265-5151
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Pastor

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Email: karenpts@gmail.com
Phone: 631-813-9172
Blog: <http://pastorkaren.org>

Run the Race

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
B	U	S	M	J	I	D	V	E	Q	A	H	N	C	P	L	K	O	Z	Y	G	R	T	X	F	W

- 26-6-23-13-9-3-3-9-3 _____
- 5-9-3-2-3 _____
- 25-6-24-9-7 _____
- 25-11-6-23-12 _____
- 14-22-18-3-3 _____
- 22-11-14-9 _____
- 22-2-13 _____
- 5-18-20 _____
- 9-20-9-3 _____
- 23-12-22-18-13-9 _____

FAITH	FIXED	WITNESSES	CROSS	JESUS
EYES	THRONE	JOY	RACE	RUN

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Based on Hebrews 12:1-2



G Y B R H X E A E N G E T Z Q
 B H W T N U E L J W E Q H U S
 S F I P A T E G H F V V A E B
 D A I P Z H O T S I A I S X H
 F M U X H R A S D L N S H C L
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GREAT	RACE	JESUS	JOY	FAITH
WITNESSES	THROW	THRONE	EYES	RUN
MARKED	FIX	HINDERS	CLOUD	SIN

LOOKING TO JESUS
THE FOUNDER & PERFECTER
OF OUR FAITH
WHO FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM
ENDURED THE CROSS + DESPISING THE SHAME
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE
THRONE OF GOD

HEBREWS 12:2