



## From Pastor Amy's Desk....

*"the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his  
Glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."*

*(John 1:14 – NRSV)*



Christmas is one of my favorite times of year. Even with the added stress of parties and shopping and baking, there tends to be a collective feeling of joy and hope that isn't always felt during other parts of the year. Frederick Buechner writes, "At Christmas time it is hard even for the unbeliever not to believe in something, if not in everything. ... For a moment or two, the darkness of disenchantment, cynicism, doubt, draw back at least a little, and all the usual worldly witcheries lose something of their power to charm."<sup>1</sup>

It's hard not to enjoy a holiday that puts at its center a baby. Babies, particularly one that is not our responsibility to raise into a mature adult, are so darn cute. When we think about it, babies don't demand much from us. All a baby wants is to be loved; held, fed, and kept dry. When we look into the face of a baby, we see unrestricted love and limitless hope. At Christmas we celebrate a birth and a baby unlike any other. Jesus is a very special baby; with his birth the whole course of human history was changed. But we can be afraid of the changes Christ is bringing about and try to control God by perpetually keeping Jesus in the manger.

It is easy for us to want to hold onto Christmas for as long as possible. We know that in a few short months, this baby will ask us to leave everything and to follow him. He will challenge us to give up our worldly possessions, securities, and values we cling to. If we choose to follow him, the journey will take us to the dark day of Good Friday. As long as Jesus stays the baby in the manger, he asks us nothing harder than to love him and accept his love.

This Christmas, I encourage and challenge each one of us to: Take Christ Out of the Manger. Let Christ grow up, and let us grow in Christ.

Your Partner in Christ's Service,

*Pastor Amy*

<sup>1</sup>Frederick Buechner *The Faces of Jesus*, P. 14 & 15.

## Mark Your Calendars

The next regular Deacons' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m., at the church; the next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, 6:30 p.m., at the church.



## Stewardship 2020

Stewardship Commitment Sunday was October 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme of our campaign is *Using our special gifts for the good of others*; our campaign will be a year-long event, with a section in the newsletter each month. If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider generously pledging to help support our church financially, as well as with your talents! Your willingness to serve on a committee, work on our clean-up days, bake and host during fellowship time, volunteer for Family Promise, etc., is vital and instrumental to our church and ministry.



### Stewardship Story

**Remember: A church will receive much more with a gentle "touch." We should always give more than what we receive.**

- Charles Bates

## Session Highlights

The Session met on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed:

- The Session is discussing the book by Adam Copeland titled, Beyond the Offering Plate.
- Pastor Amy will be on vacation from December 25, 2019 to January 1, 2020.
- The Presbytery of Newton has notified our church of per capita being set \$39.00 per active member.
- Discussions have occurred on developing a budget for 2020. An overview will occur on December 8, 2019, with the congregation.
- A party is being planned for Rev. Gerry VanderHart for December 22, 2019.
- College Care Packages were sent to 18 college students.
- All support staff have been evaluated.
- The next Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019**, at 6:30 p.m.



Submitted by Charles Bates – Clerk to Session

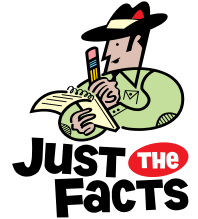
## Sunday School News



Sunday School runs from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., for Pre-K through Adult. Please complete one registration form per child (form is on the table in the narthex), and return it to the church office. Please see Ashley Ziccardi if you have any questions. Check out some pictures of our Sunday School children on the next page of this newsletter!

## Christmas Pageant

Have you heard the good news? The past and present will meet when reporters investigate what is going on in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago! The kids have been working hard, so please join us to support them and hear the “Good News Flash” on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, during our worship service.



## Souper Bowl Sunday



On Sunday, February 2, 2020, we will collect cans of soup for the Sussex Help Center for Souper Bowl Sunday. More information in the next newsletter.

## Presbyterian Women’s Group

Cookie & Bread Walk: This is a heads up to remind our church members and friends that our Cookie & Bread Walk will be held on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, before and after church. Get out your recipes and plan for what you will be able to make. If you are not a baker, please plan to buy some of our goodies! Many of our baked items would be good as a gift to a hostess or even a family member. We appreciate so much the support our church family gives our fundraisers!



On **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will hold our Soup, Chili, and Bread Sale. Please bring your favorite soup and/or chili and bread. We will offer all items for sale. We will also plan to eat and socialize as a church family. Please plan to join us! More details to follow in January.

Thank you for helping us to have a very successful year!

## Children’s Christmas Ministry

Please bring your gift in (wrapped securely and with the tag on top) by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. They will need to go to the Sussex United Methodist Church on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Late gifts will be held for next year. What a great way to begin the Christmas season! In lieu of a late present, the Help Center would welcome mittens and gloves, socks, warm pajamas, and hats. **Thank you!**



## PresbySeniors News

Our Senior Christmas Luncheon and Yankee Exchange will be held on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, 12:00 noon (snow date: **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**). Special thanks to Donna & Bob Gibson for hosting our PresbySenior Christmas Party again! RSVP to Barbara Young (973-875-7864) or Lois Wright (973-875-3555) with your covered dish casserole, salad, or dessert you plan to share. For those who wish to carpool, please meet at 11:15 a.m. in the church parking lot. New seniors are welcome!! Hope you can join us!



## Farewell Party

Please join us for a potluck luncheon after our church service on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will be celebrating Gerry VanderHart's 12½ years of commitment and membership to our church, and we will be saying farewell as he embarks on a new chapter of his life. Dessert will be provided by the church.



## Christmas Joy Offering

The 2019 Christmas Joy Offering will be taken at our 10:30 a.m. worship service on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. By donating, you will help to provide opportunities for education and help families of retired missionaries and ministers. Special envelopes will be available at the church.



## Christmas Eve Service

Join us on **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, as we celebrate the birth of Christ at our candlelight service starting at 7:30 p.m.



## 2019 Church Envelopes

The 2020 church offering envelopes will be available by **January 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please take yours home with you when you come to church. Also, if you see a neighbor's envelopes, please take them and drop them off.



## 2020 Calendars

Pinkel Funeral Home has generously donated scenic calendars with our church's information on it. Please feel free to take home as many as you'd like. They are located in the narthex.



## Let's Do Brunch



Our brunch outing is on the second Sunday of each month. Sometimes brunch will be a potluck or perhaps a meal at a local restaurant. Maybe we'll grab a sandwich from Food Barn and meet at the park if the weather permits. Our next get-together will be on **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, so mark your calendars, and plan to join us!

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:30 a.m., in the church sanctuary (snow date: **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**). Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this important meeting.



## Annual Report

The end of the year is drawing near, so it's time to put together your reports for the 2017 Annual Report, which will be ready for the congregation on **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please have your report in to Sharon Bove by **Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, so that she will have plenty of time to put the report together (in case we have bad weather to work around). **Thank you!**



## From Pastor Amy

Please reach out to me with your spiritual and pastoral concerns. My cell number is 973-534-7479, and my email address is [pastoramy@embarqmail.com](mailto:pastoramy@embarqmail.com).

My work week is Sunday-Thursday, but, as always, I am available for pastoral emergencies.



## Sermons

A few people have recently requested sermons from Pastor Amy. She has started to provide copies of her sermons for those who would like them. Sunday's sermon will be on the side table as you enter the church. Past sermons can be found in the magazine rack in the fellowship room. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Pastor Amy.



## Table and Talk

Don't eat alone! Weekly on **Wednesdays** at 5:30 p.m., bring something to eat, and let's eat together. Time to socialize afterwards. Any questions can be directed to Joanne or Cindy.



## What Every Person Should Know

The Deacons and Pastor Amy attended a workshop at Newton Medical Center, Behavioral Health Services, on suicide prevention. It was a real eye-opener! Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 10-24! But, you can't imagine your child or someone you love might become one of those statistics! If you would like more information, please contact a Deacon or Pastor Amy. In the last newsletter, we presented the FACTS of Suicide. Now...how can we help!!



### What It Means to Be a Trusted Adult

- Encourage a young adult to find an adult that they feel totally comfortable with, one who is non-judgmental, who will take them seriously, and will not tell them they will be better tomorrow.
- Listen with Love! Don't try to fix! Ask...Tell Me More??
- Help set up a tool box to cope...walk, mediate, talk to someone...find something to relax.
- If you can't help, refer young adult to someone who can. Take ACTION.
- Remember what they talked about and ask questions later to show interest.
- Always be there for that young adult.

## How Are We Doing???



### For the Month of October

Average Weekly Attendance: 56  
(includes Worship & Sunday School)

October Offering: \$ 8,739.00

## Donate To Your Church By Shopping At Smile.Amazon



You can increase donations for First Presbyterian Church of Sussex by shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2422961>. You shop as you normally would on the site, at no extra cost to you, and you don't need to make a separate account. AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. **IT IS EASY.** Your selection of items will not be limited by using smile.amazon when you shop. Though 0.5% is not a large donation, and it isn't intended to replace your regular charitable activities, AmazonSmile is still a great way to take advantage of a service you're using anyway. Thank you for considering this simple way to help our church. Every little bit helps.

## Ink Cartridge Recycling

Thank you for recycling your used ink cartridges. Keep those cartridges coming! A list of cartridges eligible for recycling can be found at [tonerbuyer.com](http://tonerbuyer.com) and [empties4cash.com](http://empties4cash.com).



## December Birthdays

- (1) Gavin Litrenta  
    Brandon Dwornikoski
- (5) Victoria Johnson
- (8) Karen Hardin
- (13) Christine Sarno
- (15) Tara Madsen
- (16) Linda Carbone
- (20) Sarah Fairweather
- (21) Carol Tomasula
- (23) Janet Eagles
- (24) Amy Mills
- (25) Jesus Christ  
    Elizabeth Davis
- (31) Danielle LiTrenta



## January Birthdays

- (1) Alicia Bilney  
    Ryan Hayzler  
    Betsy Sives
- (5) Reyes Madera
- (10) Betty Martin
- (11) Barbara Madsen
- (16) Kristen Hayzler
- (18) Owen Demeter
- (22) Melanie LiTrenta  
    Lois Wright
- (24) Dawn Klein
- (25) Justin Smisko
- (28) Krista Kotowicz



## **Baptism**

Ava Elizabeth Bilney was baptized during our worship service on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Ava is the daughter of Alicia and Richard Bilney, the granddaughter of Lisa Emma, and little sister of Savannah and Aiden Losey. We welcome her into our church family!



## From the Deacons

If anyone knows of a person in need of rides to church or elsewhere, please contact one of the Deacons. **Also, volunteers to help with transportation needs** would be appreciated!



## Care Package Ministry

In early November, 18 care packages were cheerfully packed and sent on their way to our hard-working college students. The boxes were stuffed with all kinds of snack foods, health care items such as tissues, bandages, and cough drops, along with some school supplies. Also included were words of wisdom and encouragement, along with a card reminding these students that they are being prayed for and thought about by our church family. Regardless of their status (full-time or part-time), regardless of where they rest their head (home or dorm), regardless of what degree they are pursuing, our students remain connected to their home church through the various donations and reminders we have sent them. Whether they are nibbling on a granola bar between classes, sharing a candy bar with a friend, or loaning a pen to a fellow student, this small item will be a big reminder that their church stands behind and supports them. We want to thank all who contributed to this very important ministry! The 2019 recipients were: Natalie Alheidt, Joe Barta, Amanda Dwornikoski, Brandon Dwornikoski, Alex Edwards, Abigail Higgins, Caroline Jacobs, Kara Jacobs, Rebecca Johnson, Emma Klein, Ryan Scymanski, Ed Sives, Jacob Sives, Will Smisko, Randy Stormes, Rachel Sullivan, Sophia Tremont, and Adam Vanderwiele. Don't forget to read their "thank you" notes below and on the bulletin board in the fellowship room!



*Dear First Presbyterian Church of Sussex,*

*Thank you for the words of encouragement, as well as the goodies and blanket. I will always know I have a home in Sussex. Greatly appreciated!*

*Sincerely, Alex Edwards*

*Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for the thoughtful care package! I absolutely love it and it brightened my day! College is going great so far, but I cannot wait to come home for the Holidays! I miss everyone and will see you all soon!*

*Thank you Again! Natalie*

*Dear Church Members,*

*Thank you so much for the care package! I am sharing it with my roommates. They are so happy!*

*Thanks again, Sophia Tremont 😊*



*Hello Church Family,*

*Thanks so much for all the great treats. It was a nice surprise and greatly appreciated.*

*Thanks again, Ryan Scymanski*

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you all so much for the box of goodies and words of encouragement. It means so much to have your thoughts and prayers as I finish my degree.*

*Thanks again, Rachel Sullivan*

*Hi Pastor Amy,*

*I hope you are well! I just wanted to say thank you to my church family for my care package that I received today... it truly warmed my heart, and I am so grateful!*

*From Kara Jacobs*



## **Deacons' Fund Offering**

A part of the Deacons' ministry is our monthly Deacons' Fund Offering, which assists charitable, nonprofit organizations. The Board of Deacons would like to thank everyone who donated to Skylands Outreach Depot in November.

Our Deacons' Fund for December is People Help. People Help of Sussex County is a nonprofit, all volunteer agency, and has been in existence since 1976 at the request of the Division of Social Services and the churches across our county. For 37 years, People Help has been able to provide one-time, immediate aid for emergency assistance of residents who do not financially qualify for help from any other agency. They have no office, no paid staff. Their volunteers answer calls from 9-5, Monday through Friday, responding to the clients who have reached out to them directly, or have been referred by various other agencies who have been unable to meet immediate needs.



Our Deacons Fund for January is The Center for Prevention and Counseling. Located in Newton, The Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which was begun in 1974 as the Alcohol Information Center of Sussex County. Over the years, the agency has expanded its mission to include other drugs, as well as to address the disease of addiction, by dedicating itself to the prevention of substance abuse and dependency through education, information dissemination, referrals, advocacy and counseling. In 2005, The Center became licensed to provide outpatient and intensive outpatient counseling to people with substance abuse and mental health issues. The agency's mission has continued to expand, as it focuses on building stronger families and healthy adolescents, helping to reduce poverty, reducing child abuse, promoting mental health and substance abuse recovery, and preventing violence, suicide and bullying in Sussex County. The mission of The Center for Prevention and Counseling is "to promote health, hope and recovery among all people by fostering a community in which individuals and families thrive." You can find out more about this organization at <http://centerforprevention.org>. Please give generously to our monthly Deacons Funds!



## Prayers of the People E-mail

Pastor Amy sends out a weekly email with the prayer requests lifted up in worship. If you would like to receive this e-mail, please contact the church office or Pastor Amy.

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers:** Please pray for **Bill Davis** (John Davis' brother), **Marlene Decker**, **Ernie Elder**, **Tommy Emma** (Lisa Emma's husband), **Beth-Ann Enhoffer**, **Phil Hardin**, **Rev. Bruce Gillette & his family**, **Phil Hardin**, **Mary Alice Hosking**, **Kathy Little**, **Betty Pluymers**, **Tonhild Schanstra** (Betty Scymanski's mom), **and the families of Joan Nagy and Wayne Young**. Please let the Deacons or the office know who to add and who to remove. **Thank you!**



## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been sending prayers and love in the form of beautiful knitted, crocheted, or quilted shawls to people in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual comfort. The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient, and keeps these thoughts in mind throughout the creative process. Our shawls are delivered with a message expressing the feelings of love and comfort with which they were made. If you know anyone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please call Nancy (973-875-9156) or see her after worship. If you would like to create these beautiful shawls, a 20 x 60-inch rectangular shawl requires five skeins of yarn. If you don't knit, crochet, or sew, or don't have the time, you can purchase yarn or donate funds for materials.

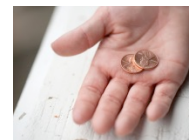
## Sussex Lay-Ecumenical Council News

The Sussex Help Center would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to everyone who so generously brought in food for their shelves and for the Thanksgiving baskets. They would like to remind everyone that Christmas is coming, and they will be distributing food baskets to those who are in need. Please bring in your food items for Christmas and leave them in the narthex by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Christmas giveaway of food and gifts will be **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the Sussex United Methodist Church. Please call Walter Houck (973-875-7412) with any questions.



## Just Plain Change Ministry

*I give you a new commandment: Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another. If there is love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples. - John 13:34-35*



Please remember to empty your pockets/ purses to help our neighbors in need. Listen to your neighbor, your co-workers, your friends, cashiers at the places where you eat or shop and/or the waitresses where you eat. If you find a need to cheer or support, write down your suggestion on a slip of paper. Put it in the jar in the back of the sanctuary, give it to Pastor Amy, or contact any Deacon.

Yes, your quarters, dimes, and pennies do make a difference in the lives of those around us!

### Small Change Suggestion

(The suggested amount limit is \$50.)

Recipient/situation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (name, address, phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

How do you want to have the "gift" delivered? (By yourself or by a member of the committee? Or other suggestion?): \_\_\_\_\_

Please continue to listen to your neighbor, classmate, and community members, as each has a story to tell. If we at the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex can help, let someone on the Board of Deacons or Sharon Bove or Pastor Amy know. There are also papers on the back table in the sanctuary that can be filled out and placed in the glass jar.

***NOTE: We were able to help another person in need. More funds are available. Do you know of someone who needs a little boost?***

## Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsals are held at 9:20 a.m. every Sunday morning before worship. New members will be gladly accepted!! Please join us!

Hope to see you there!

Linda



## Lectionary For the Lord's Day

### December 2019

- 1 *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
Psalm 122; Matthew 24:36-44
- 8 *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Matthew 3:1-12
- 15 *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
Psalm 146:5-10; Matthew 11:2-11
- 22 *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 11:18-25
- 24 *Christmas Eve*  
Psalm 96; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- 29 *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas*  
Psalm 148; Matthew 2:13-23



### January 2020

- 5 *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas*  
Psalm 147:12-20; John 1:(1-9) 10-18
- 12 *Baptism of the Lord*  
Psalm 29; Matthew 3:13-17
- 19 *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42
- 26 *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Matthew 4:12-23

### February 2020

- 2 *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
Psalm 15; Mathew 5:1-12
- 9 *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
Psalm 112:1-9 (10); Matthew 5:13-20

## Family Promise – Save the Date

Help us ring in 2020 with a ROARING Twenties, Great Gatsby-themed fundraiser in lieu of our Annual Tea Party! On **January 18, 2020**, from 1-4 p.m., we will be dining in style at The Lafayette House. Join us for a ROARING good time and participate in our 50/50, tricky tray, and costume contest! More information to follow. If you have any questions, call Nichole at 973-579-1180.



## Inclement Weather/Emergency Church Closing Practice



The Session and Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex, NJ, have agreed that church will remain open for Sunday and regularly-scheduled services despite inclement weather and forecasts of pending weather conditions. Individual members of the congregation are asked to use their own discretion regarding their attendance on any particular worship day due to illness, road conditions, or other related weather or natural events. In the event that the Governor declares a “State of Emergency” and requests that the average member of the public stay off the roads, or a foot or more of snow is predicted by the local weather bureau, or if the heat and or electricity for the church goes off prior to the service, then every effort will be made to contact members of the congregation to cancel that particular worship service.

If one or more of the three conditions develop from the previous statement forcing the church service to be cancelled, then the Pastor will activate the church-wide phone chain maintained by the Hospitality Ministry Group. Every effort will be made to contact members of the church to advise them of a cancellation and the reason for the cancellation.

In the event that the Pastor is out of town, the decision to cancel service for one of the three reasons stated above will be made by an available member of Session starting with the Building & Grounds elder in consultaion with the Clerk of/to Session, then proceeding to the President of the Trustees, and then other members of Session.

In the event that a guest preacher cannot attend service due to last-minute circumstances such as illness, poor road condition, etc., then the liturgist for that day will conduct as much of the worship service as possible with the inclusion of a hymn sing and a previously-prepared, interactive meditation on a Scripture passage developed for just such an occasion and left in the pulpit in a folder by the Pastor. If the Music Director is unavailable due to illness and or emergency circumstances, then the service will proceed with hymns being sung with the assistance of the Divine Spirit.

If inclement weather is predicted for a worship service, it should be understood that the Hospitality Committee will not provide refreshments following the service.

Thank you for your understanding. We have attempted to address most situations that could develop and provide some drection, but please remember that safety and caution are always our first prioirity. (*Approved 4/21/2015.*)

## NJ Conservatory News

NJ Conservatory ([www.njconservatory.com](http://www.njconservatory.com)) first presented Handel’s ‘Messiah’ in 1987—and never missed a year! This is our 32<sup>nd</sup> year. The Conservatory will again present our performance at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00 p.m. Ford Foster, Director, will lead Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra; Karen Shaberg, Concertmaster. The Conservatory’s adult Chamber Choir and Boonton Youth Chorus will sing a collection of Christmas selections old and new. Please call 973-402-2004 for advanced ticket sales and further information.



## Christmas Cantata



Sussex Christian Reformed Church would like to invite you to a Christmas Concert being performed at the Sussex Christian Reformed Church (49 Unionville Ave., Sussex)! An Ecumenical Cantata, comprised of members of several local churches, will be performing as the Voices of the Kingdom Choir and Orchestra on **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. This is a free event. All are welcome to join us!

There will also be performances at the Lafayette Federated Church (180 Route 15, Lafayette) on **Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 3:00 p.m. and on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 6:00 p.m.

## Sussex Elks Lodge

**Friday Night Dinners:** Sussex Elks Lodge 2288 will serve dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 6-9 p.m. The menu changes for each meal, so call 973-875-3990 or email [SussexElks2288@gmail.com](mailto:SussexElks2288@gmail.com) for the special of the week. Dinner special is \$11, which includes salad, coffee, tea, and dessert. A hungry man portion is \$13. Grill menu also available (hamburgers, hotdogs, fries, and more). Our shrimp or clam dinners are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. Large parties, please call to reserve seating.



**Line Dancing** is held at Sussex Elks Lodge **every Monday night** from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$5. Light snacks and beverages are available for purchase. No experience necessary. Dances are from beginners to experienced. New dances taught weekly.

**For Our Veterans and DASI:** The Sussex Elks are still collecting needed items for our Veterans, as well as DASI. The Veterans need: body wash, shampoo/conditioner, and toothpaste/toothbrushes. DASI needs: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, napkins, laundry detergent, Dreft (baby detergent), cleaning products, dish soap, female hygiene products, deodorant, soap, hair-care products, shampoo and conditioner (full-size), cereal, canned tuna/chicken, individual snacks, juice boxes, mac & cheese, and soup. Also, small and medium dog/cat food bags, and gift cards for Walmart, ShopRite, and gas in \$10 increments. The following **new** items are also needed: pillows, twin-size bed sheets, hand towels, larger size women's pajamas, children's pajamas (boys and girls), sweatshirts and sweatpants (XXL), socks, and slippers. Drop off location: Sussex Elks Lodge #2288.





*If you cannot volunteer on your scheduled date, please “swap” a date with someone else and notify Sharon Bove at 875-4760. Thank you!*

## Schedule of Liturgists

December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Kopec
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard M. Hayzler
December 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)	Phil Hardin
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Martin
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Everett Burns
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Hayzler
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Bates
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Richard L. Hayzler
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Kosco
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Marion Kopec



## Schedule of Ushers



December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Stormes & Pat Walker
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jennifer Kovach & Betty Martin
December 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)	Kyle DeGroat & Ashley Ziccardi
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	John & Giselle Smisko
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Hayzler & Kristen Hayzler
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Alice Hosking & Niki Lepes
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Charles & Penny Bates
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ken & Beth-Ann Enhoffer
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheila Stormes & Pat Walker
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Hayzler & Eric Sives

## Communion Preparers & Servers

### Preparers

January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Penny Bates
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Beverly Johnson
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ivy Diorio

### Servers

January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Bates
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Alheidt, Sharon Alheidt, Richard L. Hayzler, & Janet Hayzler
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Betty Martin



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## GREETERS SCHEDULE

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December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Emma
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alicia Bilney
December 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)	Penny Bates
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Hardin
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Walker
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Young
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Mills
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Hayzler
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Judy Clark
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Barta



### Refreshments After Worship Service

Please keep this list as a reminder. A list is also on the bulletin board in the narthex.  
**If there is a problem with the date, please call Sheila Stormes (973-702-1548) or Lois Wright (973-875-3555) or see them after worship.**

December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Barta & Lois Wright <i>Cookie &amp; Bread Walk</i>
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Cosh & Amy Mills
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Cosh & Marion Kopec
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ivy Diorio & Donna Gibson
January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Keri Demeter & Cindy O'Donnell

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“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

- Matthew 24:36-44

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