

First Presbyterian Church of Sussex
**PRESBYTERIAN
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March 2020

From Pastor Amy's Desk....

"You are the salt of the earth;" (Matthew 5:13a - NRSV)
"You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14a - NRSV)



Jesus tells us in Matthew's gospel that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In biblical times, salt was overwhelmingly viewed as a positive resource. Not only does salt add flavor to food, it also preserves certain foods such as meat or fish from spoiling, which was essential before the invention of refrigeration. Salt also helps to purify or cleanse meats through the removal of blood, which is forbidden to be consumed according to the Torah. Finally, salt was useful in healing or cleansing certain ailments. Salt, to put it succinctly, is a necessary element of life. Light is also a necessary element of life as well. Light is necessary to see, for warmth, to grow things. When Jesus tells us that we are salt and light, he is telling us that we are necessary and essential. We are salt and light to the world when we care for those who suffer loss, we seek to do justice, we show mercy, we have integrity, we are peacemakers, and we courageously stand for what we believe.

As we enter the season of Lent, I encourage us to take on the practice of noticing when you have been 'salt and light.' I invite you to notice where God has worked through you to help someone else. Where has God used you to be the essential elements of salt and light? I invite you to not just notice them but to share these experiences. From now until Easter, there will be space in worship where we can share how God used us to be salt and light in the world. There will be a variety of ways to share, so that no one is left out of this experiment. If you aren't comfortable speaking in front of everyone, you can email or text me your experience, and I will share it on your behalf. Also, there will be a space where people can share their experience by writing it down or bringing in a picture that represents your experience.

Jesus tells us that we ARE the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Let us not just go through the motions of our faith, but take notice of when and where God is using us to help others. Let us, through our noticing and sharing, encourage each other to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Let us attend to the salt and light in us, so that we don't lose our saltiness and our light isn't extinguished.

Your Partner in Christ's Service,

Pastor Amy

Mark Your Calendars



The next regular Deacons' Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 3rd**, 7:00 p.m., at the church; the next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 17th**, 6:30 p.m., at the church.

Session Highlights

Session met on January 21st. The following items were discussed:



- Session is discussing the book by Adam Copeland titled, Beyond the Offering Plate.
- Session voted for a budget of \$132,510 for the year 2020. The following are adjustments:
 - A. Pastor Amy will be working for 32 hours per week instead of 40 hours.
 - B. Kathy Dyer will work until June 14th and return to work on September 13th.
 - C. Sharon Bove's hours have been adjusted to 10 hours per week.
 - D. SCARC has agreed to clean our church on the first and third Friday each month.
- A snowblower has been purchased.
- A movie night is to be held on January 24th. Toy Story 4 is to be shown.
- The Daughters of the American Revolution will use our church for a meeting on January 26th at 3:00 p.m.
- The next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Session met on February 18th. The following items were discussed:

- Session continues to discuss the book by Adam Copeland titled, Beyond the Offering Plate.
- The active membership is recorded at 124 members.
- The congregation will be asked if there is any interest in being a commissioner for the March 10, 2020, Presbytery meeting at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Florham Park.
- Volunteers are needed to clean the church when SCARC is not scheduled. A sign-up sheet will be hung in the fellowship room.
- Our teens participated in a Bible Escape Room on February 16th. Our church will invite other churches' youth groups to participate in another Bible Escape Room event to be scheduled at a later date at our church.
- The congregation will be invited to a meeting with Presbytery representatives to discuss changes in the Presbytery structure, as well as other items. The meeting will be held on **March 10, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m.
- Security issues continue to be the "hot topic." We are always looking for good ideas to make our church safe. Please share your thoughts with Session members.
- The next Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Charles Bates – Clerk to Session

Spring Ahead

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on **Saturday, March 7th**, before you go to bed so you won't miss Sunday School or worship. Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 8th**.



New Hours



As of February 1st, Pastor Amy began her new hours, as were voted and approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation. She will now be working 32 hours per week instead of 40 hours. Her work schedule will be Sunday-Wednesday each week. Also, Sharon Bove will be working 10 hours per week instead of 13, so her hours will be Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we all adjust to these new hours.

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.



Mark Your Calendars



We are planning monthly events for children in our church and the community. All are welcome to attend! Please spread the word if you know any child who would like to attend. We could also use some volunteers to help with these events. Please contact Ashley Ziccardi if you can help. For March, we are planning a Family Bingo Night. Families and children of all ages are invited for a fun afternoon of Bingo on **Saturday, March 21st**, at 3:00 p.m. Children can win prizes! Light refreshments will be served. For April, join us on **Friday, April 3rd**, 7:00 p.m., when we will have a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. When the sun goes down, the fun will begin! This variation of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be fun and exciting for kids ages 9 and up. Kids will hunt in the dark for eggs using only a flashlight. This event will be held outside weather permitting; otherwise, it will be held inside the church. Flashlights are not provided. Please bring a flashlight for each child participating.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having an Easter egg hunt for the children immediately after worship on Easter **Sunday, April 12th**. Don't forget to have the children bring their Easter baskets to collect the eggs!

We are collecting candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt—small, individually wrapped candies. There will be a box for the candy in the narthex. Please bring candy by **April 5th**.



Lent



The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. The six weeks or 40 days of Lent prepare us for Holy Week and Easter by calling us to focus deeply and intentionally on our relationship with God.

Ecumenical Lenten Study



Every Monday evening, **March 9th through April 6th**, we will meet for a light supper and lesson. The theme is “Encounters at the Cross”, learning about the individuals that were around Christ. We will start with a light supper/soup from 6-6:45 p.m., with the lesson starting around 6:45 p.m. The Church of the Good Shepherd is hosting again this year.

Ecumenical Lenten Schedule

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 5th at 10:30 a.m., special worship service at our church.

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m., at the Wantage United Methodist Church.

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 10th, 7:00 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 12th, 6:00 a.m., at the knoll behind the Beemerville Cemetery.

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 12th, 10:30 a.m., worship service at our church; 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt. There will be no Sunday School.



Good Friday Service



This year, the Good Friday service will be a Live Stations of the Cross Service. We are looking for actors who would be able to attend three rehearsals prior to Good Friday. The parts are non-speaking and are “freeze-frame” acting, so they require no acting or speaking ability, but only a need to follow directions and stay quiet. Adults, adolescents, and children over the age of six have been assigned parts. If you would like to participate or have further questions, please talk to Pastor Amy by **March 20th**.



Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you for your overwhelmingly generous Christmas gift. It is an honor and privilege to serve our Lord alongside you. Your generosity in sharing your lives with me, is very humbling. You give me so much throughout the year. Your Christmas gift was just another example of your large-heartedness.

Thank you!
Pastor Amy

Thank you, blessed congregation, for your generous gifts at Christmas. Your caring spirit is so felt by me, whether you sing in the choir, play bells, or sing from the pews.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share God's love through music.

*Thank you,
Linda*

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the very generous monetary gift and delicious fruit basket you gave me for Christmas. It is

nice to be remembered at this special time of year by such a special congregation!

I also want to thank you all for the beautiful flowers (personally delivered by Joanne Cosh), cards, and calls I received after my surgery. I am also thankful for all the prayers I received before, during, and after my surgery — they really worked!

Thank you to the Deacons' for the beautiful Prayer Shawl I received. I felt all the love and prayers while wearing it during my recuperation!

Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated!

Sincerely,

Sharon

Why Per Capita?



Per Capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church and to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. For 2019, each member's contribution is \$39.00.

Per Capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian: our theological identity, our connectedness as communities of faith, our core structures that keep us together as a church, and our call to work for full participation in decision making.

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, March 8th**, so mark your calendars, and plan to join us!



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. My work week is Sunday-Wednesday, 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.



New Addresses



Gerry VanderHart's new address is: 2772 Pfeiffer Woods Drive SE #3309, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. His phone is (616) 551-2917. Jennifer Kovach, Katie Vanderwiele, Jacob Vanderwiele, Adam Vanderwiele, and Reyes Madera have a new address: 13 Miners Lane, Franklin, NJ 07416. Please update your directories.

How Are We Doing???

For the Months of January & February

Average Weekly Attendance: 63 (Jan.); 55 (Feb.)
(includes Worship & Sunday School)

January Offering: \$ 8,406.00
February Offering: \$ 7,377.00



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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 and empties4cash.com.



Dear Pastor Lawrence,

We wanted to thank you again for the beautiful service for my mother, Joan. You captured the essence of her life in her love for others and service to and for them. I was blessed to have her as my mother.

Please also extend a thank you to the ladies of the church who dropped off the tray of cookies. We also appreciate all of the warm and caring thoughts from the members of the Presbyterian Church who called or kept us in their thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Charlie Nagy
Susan & Ken Lemenille



February Birthdays

- (2) Abigail Higgins
- (13) Jennifer Mirro
- (14) Charles Lain, Sr.
- (15) Wilma Elder
- (18) Nancy Barta
Rachel (Stormes) Sullivan
- (21) Savannah Losey
- (22) Joanne Cosh
- (24) Lindsey Hardin
- (27) Charles Bates
Amanda Dwornikoski



March Birthdays

- (3) Lorraine Ricci
- (9) Ann Cosh
- (10) Everett Burns
Pastor Amy Lawrence
John Smisko
- (14) Ralph Miller
- (16) Marion Kopec
- (19) Caroline Jacobs
- (20) Barbara Mirro



(25) Elicia Pluymers

(27) Niki Lepas



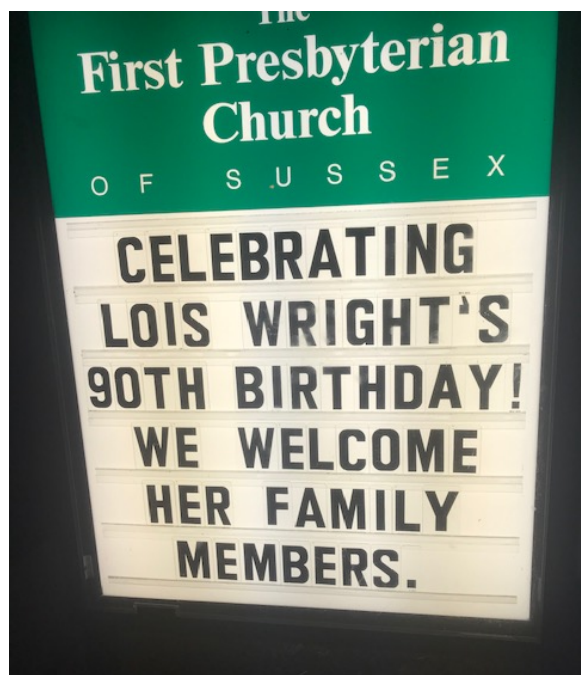
Happy 90th

On January 22nd, Lois Wright turned 90! A birthday party was held during fellowship time on Sunday, January 19th, which was attended by Lois' family and the congregation. Her nephew, Phil Hardin, made these comments:

Lois started coming to this church in 1937 (83 years ago). She joined this church in 1943 (77 years ago), and was married in this church in 1950 (70 years ago). She is very proud of the fact that all three of her children were baptized here. She has given and received many blessings from this church. She is a friend to all and has served this church in the following ways: Sunday School teacher, Elder, served on various committees, coordinated refreshments since the Eisenhower administration (just kidding!), and is the co-chair person for the Old Clove Church.

Check out the following pictures taken on this special day!





One Great Hour of Sharing

During the season of Lent, members are asked to give generously to this special offering, which goes to support relief efforts in our country and throughout the world. A special envelope will be included in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday bulletins. This offering will be collected during the worship service on **Easter Sunday, April 12th**. Please plan to contribute to this worthwhile cause.



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!



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you very much for the care package which came in need during times of stress. Apologies for the late thank you, but it has been a busy few months.

Thank you,
William Smisko



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 our February Deacons' Fund recipient, Free Clinic Newton. The money donated will be used to provide much-needed medical care to people in Sussex County who are uninsured. Thank you for your generosity!



Our Deacons' Fund for March will go to Pass It Along. Pass It Along (PIA) works outside the realm of traditional youth development programs. Through a service-learning model, we mobilize sustainable change to the community. Most importantly, we offer youth resources to TAKE ACTION for the issues they are most passionate about. Focusing on Service in Action, Leadership, and Self-Discovery, we offer a comprehensive approach to service for all of our participants. The mission of Pass It Along is to awaken, validate, and nourish the innate desire to give back by mobilizing youth as community partners. Please give generously to our monthly Deacons Funds!



Prayers of the People E-mail

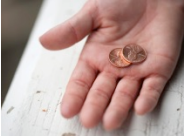
Pastor Amy sends out a weekly email with the prayer requests lifted up in worship. If you would like to receive this e-mail, please contact the church office or Pastor Amy.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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



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?

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.

Family Promise

Family Promise guests are at our church **Tuesday, February 25th and leaving on Friday, March 6th**. Thank you to everyone for helping out!



Family Promise was featured in This Week magazine as their Charity of the Week. This is what they wrote: Since 1988, **Family Promise** has helped homeless families through a three-pronged strategy of preventing eviction, providing shelter, and helping secure a home. The organization's more than 200 local affiliates offer temporary housing in shelters, houses of worship, and private homes, as well as transportation, child care, and connections to local social-service agencies. Family Promise chapters have opened day centers where the homeless can shower and do laundry. The organization's main goal, however, is to help people find housing; it has helped 88 percent of the families in its programs. You can donate directly to local chapters through the **Help Us Move In (helpusmovein.org)** program, which matches donations raised locally by Family Promise affiliates. *Each charity we feature has earned a four-star overall rating from Charity Navigator, which rates not-for-profit organizations on the strength of their finances, their governance practices, and the transparency of their operations. Four stars is the group's highest rating.*

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!

The next bell choir rehearsal will be **Thursday, March 5th**, 7:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!
Linda

Lectionary For the Lord's Day

March 2019

- 1 **1st Sunday in Lent**
Psalm 32; Matthew 4:1-11
- 8 **2nd Sunday in Lent**
Psalm 121; John 3:1-17
- 15 **3rd Sunday in Lent**
Psalm 95; John 4:5-42
- 22 **4th Sunday in Lent**
Psalm 23; John 9:1-41
- 29 **5th Sunday in Lent**
Psalm 130; John 11:1-45



April 2020

- 5 **Palm Sunday**
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
- 12 **Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday**
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
- 19 **2nd Sunday of Easter**
Psalm 16; John 20:19-31
- 26 **3rd Sunday of Easter**
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

Presbyterian Women's Group



Thank you to all the people who made, bought, and ate soup, chili, and bread at our Annual Soup, Chili, & Bread Sale. We had a very good fundraiser! Our profit from this fundraiser was \$431. We so appreciate our church family's support in all that we do!

Congratulations!!!

On January 26th, the congregation celebrated membership anniversaries for the following during the worship service: **55 Years:** Charles Lain, Sr.; **45 Years:** Charles Nagy; **40 Years:** Diana Davey; **35 Years:** Anna Marie Bateman; **30 Years:** Jim Hardin & Karen Hardin; **25 Years:** Melanie LiTrenta; **15 Years:** Nancy Barta, Kristen Hayzler, Susan Lordy, Art Van Houten, & Carolyn Van Houten; **10 Years:** Kara Jacobs & Rebecca Johnson; **5 Years:** Amanda Dwornikoski, Gregory Lewis, Natalie Lewis, William Smisko, Randy Stormes, & Adam Vanderwiele.



Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Class spent the weekend of February 7th-9th at Camp Johnsonburg attending “The Holiness of Diversity” Retreat. Our students joined the youth from five other churches as they experienced all the Camp Johnsonburg has to offer. Thank you for helping make this experience possible for our youth through your pledge and giving to the church.



Our Confirmation Class has two more classes, **March 1st and 8th**, and will make their Confirmation during our worship service on **Sunday, March 22nd**. Please join us for this special worship service!

Sussex Help Center

The Sussex Help Center needs jello, applesauce, and pasta. Please place your items in the blue bin in the narthex. If you know of a family in need, please contact Walter Houck (973-875-7412). **Thank you for your support!**



Calling All Seniors



The Sussex Middle School invites area seniors to their annual Senior Breakfast on **Tuesday, March 24th**. Breakfast will be from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. in the Sussex Middle School cafeteria, followed by a showing of this year's musical, "Disney's Frozen Jr." Please RSVP by **March 17th** to 9730-875-4138. Please leave a message with your name and total number in your party.

Free Concert

The Dordt University Concert Choir from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 12th**, at the Sussex Christian Reformed Church. This free concert is part of a spring tour with performances scheduled in Michigan, Ontario, Vermont, New Jersey, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, spirituals, American "folksongs, classics from Mozart, Brahms, and Britten; multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The choir will perform some a cappella works, and others will be accompanied by organ, harp, cello, and piano. The concert is free, with a free-will offering received to help defray tour expenses.



Women's Retreats



Presbytery Retreat: On **Saturday, March 21st**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Presbyterian Women of Newton Presbytery will host a retreat at The Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ 07980. The retreat, titled "Exploring...", costs \$40 for the day, which covers leadership, morning snack, hot lunch, and materials. (Need help with the cost? E-mail Nancy at nwlack@verizon.net).

Spring Women's Retreat: Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center is hosting a Spring Women's Retreat **Friday, April 17th – Sunday, April 19th**. Join women of all ages for a weekend of reflection, rejuvenation, and recreation. Cost: \$180 for a semi-private room, \$220 for a private room. The retreat includes two nights' lodging and Friday dinner through Sunday lunch (6 meals). For more information and to register online, visit www.campjburg.org . If you have any questions, email: office@campjburg.org or call 908-852-2349.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also, the sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

- Psalm 95:1-5

Events for Caregivers

United Way of Northern NJ supports the unpaid family caregivers across the lifespan. Whether caregiving for an aging parent, a child with a disability, or a friend with mental health challenges we are here to help connect you with resources, support, education, and information. We have a ton of great information on our website – http://www.unitedwaynj.org/ourwork/heal_caregivers.php . We host monthly meetings at Visions Federal Credit Union in Augusta. We also host a variety of caregiver events throughout the year, the first two are:



Caregiver Education Program, *Aging in Their Own Space: Tips for Caregivers on Helping Seniors Age-In-Place*, on **Thursday, March 12th**, at Barn Hill Care Center in Newton. Registration, dinner, mingling, and resource sharing from 5-5:30 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please reserve your spot by **Wednesday, March 5th**. To register, email Robin.Ennis@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973-993-1160, x305.

Caregivers' Conference, *Demystifying Medicare and Medicaid: Tools to Empower You*, on **Saturday, April 18th**, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Newton Medical Center's Romano Conference and Education Center in Newton. A light breakfast buffet will be provided. Registration is required and space is limited! For questions or to register early, email Robin.Ennis@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973-993-1160 x 305.

Sussex Elks Lodge



Friday Night Dinners: Sussex Elks Lodge 2288 will serve dinner on the **2nd and 4th 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 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 **3rd 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.

Casino Trip: **March 21st**, depart Sussex Elks Lodge at 8:15 a.m. for Wind Creek in Bethlehem, PA, for a day of slots and gaming fun. Return approximately 6 p.m. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before departure for check-in and to enjoy a continental breakfast. Transportation will be by chartered coach bus. Five hours of casino fun. Outlet mall on site. Cost: \$39/person. Checks payable to Sussex Elks Lodge 2288. Mail to P.O. Box 553, Sussex, NJ 07461 – Memo: *Casino Trip*. Casino bonus: \$25 in slot play and a booklet of discount tickets for the mall shops. RSVP to Sussex Elks Lodge 973-875-3990 or SussexElks2288@gmail.com . Space is limited....RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your seat. Seats must be reserved by **March 8th**! Tickets are not refundable.

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

March 1 st	Jason Touw
March 8 th	Betty Martin
March 15 th	Everett Burns
March 22 nd	Janet Hayzler
March 29 th	Charles Bates
April 5 th (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Richard L. Hayzler
April 12 th (<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	Mike Kosco



Schedule of Ushers



March 1 st	John & Giselle Smisko
March 8 th	Mary Alice Hosking & Niki Lepes
March 15 th	Sheila Stormes & Pat Walker
March 22 nd	Ken & Beth Ann Enhoffer
March 29 th	Charles & Penny Bates
April 5 th (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Kyle DeGroat & Ashley Ziccardi
April 12 th (<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	Rob Hayzler & Eric Sives

Communion Preparers & Servers

Preparers

March 1 st	Ivy Diorio
April 5 th (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Nancy Barta
May 3 rd	Judy Clark

Servers

March 1 st	Betty Martin
April 5 th (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Charles & Penny Bates, & Evelyn Haggard, & Janet Hayzler
May 3 rd	Richard L. Hayzler



GREETERS SCHEDULE

March 1 st	Lisa Emma
March 8 th	Alicia Bilney
March 15 th	Penny Bates
March 22 nd	Phil Hardin
March 29 th	Pat Walker
April 5 th (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Lorraine Ricci
April 12 th (<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	Mary Alice Hosking



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.

March 1 st	Frank Del Sardo & Betsy Sives
March 8 th	Donna Gibson & Lois Wright
March 15 th	Jennifer Kovach & Betty Scymanski
March 22 nd	Sharon Alheidt & Giselle Smisko
March 29 th	Ivy Diorio & Barbara Young
April 5 th (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Lorraine Ricci & Pat Walker
April 12 th (<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	Nancy Barta & Sheila Stormes
April 19 th	Penny Bates & Nancy Renner
April 26 th	Pat Hardin & Kristen Hayzler

