

First Presbyterian Church of Sussex
PRESBYTERIAN
PRESS



21 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461

May 2023

Pastoral Care



Pastor Katherine will be on Maternity Leave **through June 30th**. Please call the church office or Nancy Barta with any pastoral concerns.

How Are We Doing???

For the Month of April

(Computers Connected During ZOOM + People Attending In-Person Worship)

Average Weekly Attendance: 46

Monthly Offering: \$ 9,207.50



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which was collected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Because of your generosity, we collected a total of \$369.00.

Pentecost Offering

This offering will be collected **Pentecost Sunday, May 28th**. This special offering is used for children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of this offering is retained by our church to be used for a ministry that serves children at risk. If you are not attending in-person worship, please mail your donation to our Depositing Treasurer, Janet Hayzler, 96 Holland Rd., Wantage, NJ 07461. Please put *Pentecost Offering* on the memo line.



Calling All Ruling Elders



The next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 16th**, 6:30 p.m., on ZOOM.

Sunday School News

Sunday school runs from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m., for Pre-K through Adult, September through June. Please see Ashley Ziccardi if you have any questions.

Our end of the year program will be held during our worship service on **Sunday, June 11th**. Please mark your calendars so you won't miss this special event!

A fun time was had by all the children who participated in our Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter Sunday! Check out the pictures taken by Ashley Ziccardi:



Spring Clean-Up Day



The Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to the annual Church Clean-up Day at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, May 6th**. There will be mulch to lay, so please bring your rakes and gloves to help spread the mulch after the general clean-up and weed pulling. Remember, many hands make light the work!

Congratulations!

Nathan Hayzler made Honor Roll at Sussex Middle School for the 2nd Marking Period.



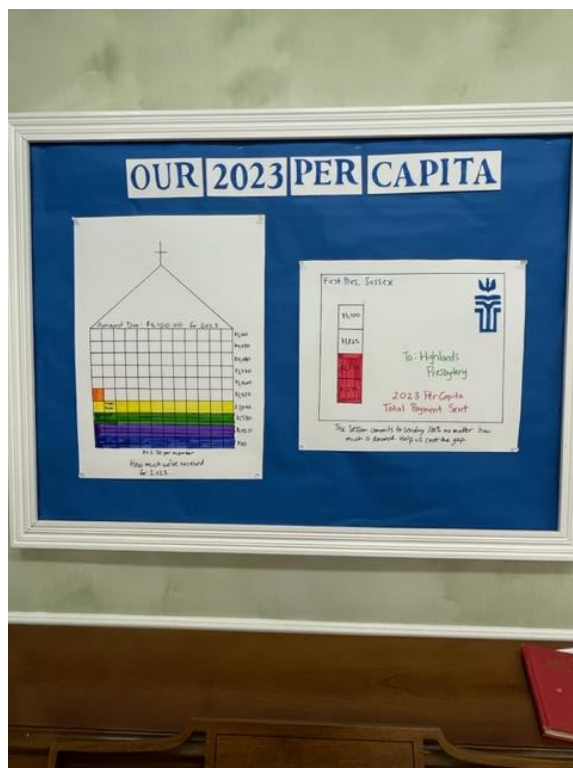
Amanda Dwornikoski and Danny Stoll were married on April 22nd.

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 2023, each member's contribution is \$42.50.

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. See the bulletin board display in the fellowship room.



Refreshments After Worship

Refreshments are served in the fellowship room. We've purchased an air purifier to help keep us all safe during our time together. Please sign up to bring in goodies on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please call Penny Bates if you have any questions.



From the Finance Committee



Be a Faithful
Steward

Even though we re-opened the church, not everyone is ready for in-person worship. Our bills still need to be paid. For those of you who are not returning to in-person worship, please remember to keep up with your weekly contribution. If you pay your bills using online banking, consider scheduling your weekly or monthly giving like other regular payments. This will greatly assist with our cash flow. Thank you!

We have online giving! There is a 'donate here' link on our website, www.sussexpresbyterian.org or you can download the GivePlus Mobile App (Vanco) to your smart phone. Our online giving program is provided by the Presbyterian Foundation in partnership with Vanco Services, LLC. Both the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Services have very good reputations, and this online giving program came highly recommended by other churches.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please pray for **Josephine Bonanno** (Evelyn Haggard's friend), **Madelyn Coykendall, Judy & George Clark, Frank Del Sardo, Jr., Pam Fielding, Bob & Donna Gibson, Rev. Bruce Gillette & Family, Evelyn Haggard, Charlie & Dodi Lain, Betty Martin, Kenneth Van Wageninge** (Carolyn's brother), **Lois Wright, and Barbara Young**. Please let the Deacons or the office know who to add and who to remove. **Thank you!**



Prayers of the People E-mail

Pastor Katherine 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.

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 all those who donated to Camp Johnsonburg, our Deacons' Fund recipient for April.

Our Deacons' Fund recipient for May is DASI (Domestic Abuse Services Inc.). DASI is a 501(c)3 private, nonprofit organization, established in 1984, providing comprehensive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families in Sussex County. Services are free and confidential. Services for: Domestic Violence Victims/Survivors, Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault/Abuse Survivors, Teens, and helping those concerned about someone they know. Please give generously!



Prayer Shawl Ministry



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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 Janet (973-875-9252) 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.

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 or contact any Deacon. **You can also mail in your donation to Janet Hayzler.**



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 Katherine know. There are also papers on the back table in the sanctuary that can be filled out and placed in the glass jar. **Do you know of someone who needs a little boost?**



May 29th



May Birthdays

- (1) Brandon Del Sardo
Ken Enhoffer
- (5) Sheryl Dekmar
- (9) Allan Stormes
- (10) Rebecca Johnson
- (12) Samuel Touw
- (13) Brian Lewis
- (21) Evelyn Haggard
- (22) Tom Alheidt
- (23) Randy Stormes
- (29) Ryan Scymanski
Emmett Touw
- (30) Kevin Scymanski



Lectionary for the Lord's Day

May 2023

- 7 **5th Sunday of Easter**
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; John 14:1-14
- 14 **6th Sunday of Easter**
Psalm 66:8-20; John 14:15-21
- 21 **7th Sunday of Easter**
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; John 17:1-11
- 28 **Pentecost Sunday**
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39



June 2023

- 4 **Trinity Sunday**
Psalm 8:2; Matthew 28:16-20
- 11 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 33:1-12; John 20:19-31
- 18 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9-23)
- 25 **4th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Matthew 10:24-39



Can You Help?



Mike Kosco, Chair of the Worship & Sacraments Committee, is looking for people to serve as liturgists and ushers. You can be liturgist in church or at home on the ZOOM platform. If you have done it before, or even if you haven't, please contact him at 973-875-7412, or see him after worship on Sundays. Communion preparers and servers are also needed. A schedule (*through June*) of liturgists, ushers, communion preparers, and communion servers is listed below. **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

May 7 th	Richard L. Hayzler
May 14 th	Walter Houck
May 21 st	Betsy Sives
May 28 th	Mike Kosco
June 4 th	Janet Hayzler
June 11 th	Betsy Sives
June 18 th	Walter Houck
June 25 th	Sheryl Dekmar



Schedule of Communion Preparers and Servers

Preparers

May 7th – Chris Sarno
June 4th – Nancy Barta

Servers

May 7th – Sheryl Dekmar & Paulette Touw
June 4th – Richard L. Hayzler & Walter Houck

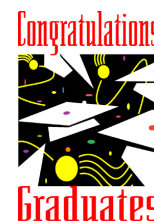
Schedule of Ushers



May 7 th	Paulette Touw & Ashley Ziccardi
May 14 th	Mary Alice Hosking & Niki Lepes
May 21 st	Kyle DeGroat & Betsy Sives
May 28 th	Kathy Carey & Joanne Cosh
June 4 th	Sheryl Dekmar & Pat Walker
June 11 th	Chris & Chuck Sarno
June 18 th	Mary Alice Hosking & Niki Lepes
June 25 th	Ken Enhoffer & Phil Hardin

Calling All Graduates!!!

We are compiling a list of those members and children/grandchildren of members who are graduating or have graduated from various schools from pre-school on up. Please submit the following information to the church office by **June 23rd**: name, school attended, degree, awards, or grade completed, and where they are off to next (school, job, etc.). Also, we would like to put a photo of your graduate in the newsletter. You can email your picture to the church at sussexpresbyterian@embarqmail.com. Congratulations to all our graduates!



Mother's Day Tea



You're invited to a Mother's Day Tea on **Saturday, May 6th**, 12:30 p.m., at the Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten Museum. Cost: \$30/person. Reservations are required: Joanne 973-903-3152. Make checks payable to Chinkchewunska Chapter, NSDAR and send it to Joanne Cosh, One Walnut Street, Sussex, NJ 07461.

Barn Sale

The Sussex United Methodist Church is holding their Barn Sale on **Friday and Saturday, May 5th and May 6th**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Pet Lovers Fest



Father John's Animal House is hosting a Pet Lovers Fest (previously known as Tails & Trails) on **Saturday, May 6th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at The Shoppes at Lafayette. There will be vendors, food and games, and much more! Pre-register for the event by **May 4th** to receive a FREE goodie bag. And don't forget to support ALL of the animals at their shelter by supporting "Team Cat" or "Team Dog"! The event is free!

Local Food Pantry News

The Sussex Help Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesdays, and from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays/Fridays. They appreciate all donations. Please let Walter Houck know if there is a family in need.



Ultimate Youth Nights



Ultimate Youth Night is a monthly offering of fun and faith put on by the Johnsonburg staff in the chapel at First Presbyterian Hackettstown Church (291 Main Street, Hackettstown) for 5th-8th graders. Every UYN, we'll play games, do fun activities like crafts, and have a devotion. The next one scheduled is for **May 21st**. This is an inclusive, affirming Christian-based program. All are welcome, especially individuals. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required, and can be found at <https://www.campjburg.org/uyn/>.



Our Church Sign

(Thank You Phil Hardin, with help from Richard L. Hayzler)



A Mother's Love

I have not found the word, I cannot find one single phrase to satisfy my mind, or any synonym that might express a mother's love—that love with power to bless the love of any child within her care, an expended love, and yet enough to share with other children if there be a need... Elastic, tender is that love, indeed. It is spent, yet saved; it is emptied, yet filled up, as steady rain will brim an upheld cup. It is gentle and yet tiger-fierce when harm threatens her young through any quick alarm. It is selfless as the love of Christ for humans. It is holy, it is beautiful, but when the seeking heart strives to define its worth...There is no word for it in heaven or earth!

- Grace Noll Crowell