



First Presbyterian Church of Sussex PRESBYTERIAN PRESS

21 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461

November 2020

Session Highlights



Session met on October 22nd. The following items were discussed:

- Thank you to Ashley Ziccardi for scheduling a movie night (October 17, 2020) for the families of our church.
- Westminster College (PA) sent information for interested adult students. See Charles Bates for more details.
- The Terms of Call (TOC) for our Covenant Supply Minister position were unanimously approved by Session. They will now be sent to the Committee on Ministry for their approval.
- Our landscaper continues keeping our church grounds in excellent condition. A date for a clean-up day needs to be scheduled. A tree to commemorate our church's 175th anniversary has been planted between the manse and parking lot.
- Session will begin working on our 2021 Budget at our November Session meeting.
- Ministerial coverage is almost complete until the end of the year.
- The next Session meeting will be held online on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m.

From the Finance Committee



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.



Stewardship 2020

Stewardship Sunday was October 25th. We all know that stewardship isn't just a one day event. As Christians, we profess that all that we have comes from God; and that we are dedicated to sharing not only the Peace of Christ, but also a "piece" of the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. We all have some "unique" special personal talent or skill that can be used to the benefit of our church and community. Just look at all the talent, skill, and time that goes into our wonderful worship service every Sunday. It's just amazing!



This Stewardship update is the first of several you may receive over the next few weeks to keep you abreast of the status of our financial stewardship. We all know the importance of finances in attracting a new pastor to lead us. I'm pleased to report that Charlie's plea last Sunday, that you "prayerfully consider" increasing your pledge to offset the impact of the loss of membership due to attrition, the pandemic, and the departure of our spiritual leader, was heard by you, and you responded positively.

Pledges received to date:	25 totaling \$55,224
Pledges increased:	12
Pledges constant:	10
Pledges new:	2
Pledged decreased:	1

To put this in perspective, our church averages a pledge range of approximately 45-47 giving units, and an average of approximately \$100,000 in pledged. This does not include non-pledge giving and other plate collection offering. Future reports will reflect numbers only.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Hayzler
Recording Treasurer

Mark Your Calendars



The next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 17th**, 6:30 p.m., online; the next Deacons' meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 8th**, 7:00 p.m., online.

PresbySeniors News

There will be no senior get-together through the end of this year because of the pandemic. Hopefully, we will be able to plan to get together in the spring of 2021.



What ARE You Thankful for?

COOKIE & BREAD SALE



The ladies of the church are not able to have the normal cookie and bread walk this December as we have had for several years now. So we have put our heads together to reinvent it.

All money raised will be used to help our church. Over the years some of the things we have used our money for are the following: cleaning of the carpeting, donated \$5,100 for repairing a stain glass window, donated \$500 toward the Roof Fund, donated \$2,000 towards the Furnace and Chimney Fund, and donated \$1,500 for new microphones for the sanctuary.

This will be a fundraiser where you order in advance and pick up what you have ordered either on **Sunday, December 13th**, after church, or on **Friday, December 18th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everything will be wrapped and marked. Payment may be made by check made out to *Presbyterian Women's Group* or exact change at the time of pick up. All orders will need to be submitted by **Monday, November 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact Penny at 201-452-5082 or Joanne at 973-903-3152.

Items for Sale will be the following:

Cranberry Orange Bread by Penny Bates	\$5.00
Date Nut Bread by Penny Bates	\$5.00
Apple Cinnamon Bread by Penny Bates	\$5.00
1 Dozen 3" Chocolate Chip Cookies by Penny Bates	\$4.00
Jam (Peach, Caramel Apple, Christmas) by Joanne Cosh	\$5.00
1 Dozen Magic Bars by Joanne Cosh	\$4.00
1 Dozen Oatmeal Raisin Cookies by Joanne Cosh	\$4.00
Jamaican Rum Fruitcake by Joanne Cosh	\$3.00
Blanket (almond pastry stick) by Joanne Cosh	\$7.00
1 Dozen Peanut Butter (with Christmas sprinkles) by Sharon Alheidt	\$4.00
3 Sets of Pot Holders by Sharon Alheidt (first orders, gets them)	\$10.00

Please submit by **Monday, November 30, 2020** – mail and/or drop off to church

Name	Telephone Number	
Item	Cost	
Item	Cost	
Item	Cost	
Item	Cost	Total

Date order to be picked up _____

New Address



Please note the new address for Rachel (Stormes) Sullivan: 100 Newton Avenue, Wantage, NJ 07461. Her new email address is Rachel.M.Sullivan@outlook.com .

Also, please note that Kathy Carey has a new telephone number – 973-309-5436. Please update your telephone directories.

Congratulations To...

Ryan Scymanski made the Dean’s List at Sussex County Community College for the spring semester.



Individual Gatherings with ZOOM

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., there will be space on ZOOM to gather with each other. Sharon Bove will send out the invite/reminder every **Tuesday**.

How Are We Doing???

For the Month of October

(Computers Connected During ZOOM + People Attending Worship)

Average Weekly Attendance: 35

Monthly Offering: \$11,230



Dear Friends,

I am touched and thrilled to receive this picture of the church. My years there were so special to me, as were the many life-long friends I made.

I feel blessed to now be able to spend time with my family here in N.C.

God Bless you all and Thank You for your blessings and kindness!

Love,

Wilma Elder



Pastoral Care



The church office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are looking for pastoral care when the office is closed, please call Janet Hayzler at 1-201-787-3536, or Charles Bates at 1-201-7887-1308.

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.

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.

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 Family Promise of Sussex County in October.

Our Deacons' Fund for November is Skylands Outreach Depot. Located in Franklin, this is a collaborative and ecumenical organization of the people and churches of Sussex County, with the mission statement, "To Help Others." Through the Depot, people of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to work together toward the goal of providing support and relief to those in need in local communities, our nation, and around the world. Please give generously!



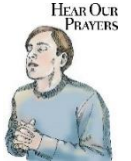
In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Please pray for **Charlie Bates, Marlene Decker, Beth-Ann Enhoffer, Bob Gibson, Rev. Bruce Gillette & his family, Phil Hardin, Mary Alice Hosking, Shirley Prall** (Ivy Diorio's friend), **Tonhild Schanstra** (Betty Scymanski's mom), and **Allan Stormes**. Please let the Deacons or the office know who to add and who to remove. **Thank you!**

Prayers of the People E-mail

Janet Hayzler 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.



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 Amy 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?

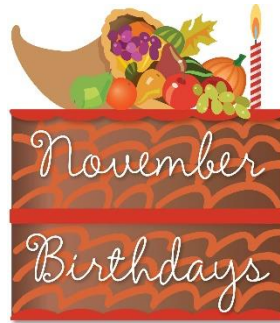
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.



November Birthdays

- (1) Anna Marie Bateman
Matthew Higgins
Stephen Kacmar
- (3) James Hardin
Richard M. Hayzler
- (6) Jacob Sives
- (9) Lydia Alheidt
- (10) Carly Hayzler
- (11) Gregory Lewis
- (15) Nicole Sarno
- (18) Howard Bateman, Jr.
- (19) Jennifer Kovach
- (20) Sarah Dwornikoski
- (22) Nathan Hayzler
- (25) Pat Hardin
- (27) Dodi Lain



Lectionary for the Lord's Day

November 2020

- 1** 22nd *Sunday after Pentecost*
Psalm 34:1-10, 22; Matthew 23:1-12
- 8** 23rd *Sunday after Pentecost*
Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 25:1-13
- 15** 24th *Sunday after Pentecost*
Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12; Matthew 22:14-30
- 22** *Christ the King Sunday*
Psalm 100 or Psalm, 95:1-7a; Matthew 25:31-46
- 29** 1st *Sunday of Advent*
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Mark 13:24-37



December 2020

- 6** 2nd *Sunday of Advent*
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Mark 1:1-8
- 13** 3rd *Sunday of Advent*
Psalm 126; John 1:6-8, 19-28



Local Food Pantry News



The Sussex Help Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays, and from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays and Saturdays. They appreciate all donations, and they especially need spaghetti sauce and small jars of jelly at this time. The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wantage is looking for cereals, syrups (like maple), snacks, and prepared meals (like Dinty Moore). They are open for drop-offs between 9:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you know of a family in need, please contact Walter Houck ([973-875-7412](tel:973-875-7412)). **Thank you for your support!**

Sussex Help Center News

This year, there will be no holiday food collections for Thanksgiving or Christmas from area churches. They will do a Thanksgiving food giveaway, but they'll get the food through their own channels. They will not do a Christmas food giveaway. Also, there will be no gift tags handed out for Christmas presents.



Name That Book – In which book of the Bible will you find ...

1. The light that blinded Saul
2. Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams
3. The lions whose mouths were shut by an angel
4. The fish that housed a prophet for three days and nights
5. The king whom God made eat grass like a cow for seven years
6. Jesus giving the Beatitudes
7. John exiled to the island of Patmos
8. The flames or tongues of fire that appeared and settled on the believers
9. Pharaoh's entire army drowned in the Red Sea
10. The donkey that spoke to Balaam

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Sussex Lay-Ecumenical Council



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: This year, the annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on **Wednesday, November 25th**, 7:00 p.m., at the Beemerville Presbyterian Church in Wantage. All are welcome. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special service. A free-will donation will be given to the S-W Lay Ecumenical Council. This service will also be held on the ZOOM platform.

Sussex Elks

Friday Night Dinners: The Sussex Elks will be serving pre-order, pick-up dinner specials. All meals will be served with a salad and bread. Orders must be placed via email to sussexElks2288@gmail.com or through private message to our Facebook page at Facebook.com/SussexLodge2288. Please do not call orders into the lodge, as we are not regularly in the building at his time, and they may not be received. Please provide contact name and phone number for order pick-up. **Please Note: due to changes in our member/volunteer work schedules, all orders need to now be in by 8:00 p.m. Thursday. Orders received after that time will not be able to be filled.** To minimize contact, we are requesting payment through our Venmo link, which will be provided at time of order, or via check at order pick-up. Pick-up times will be scheduled upon the receipt of your order. Times will be scheduled in half-hour windows between 6-7:30 p.m. Pick-up will be drive-up style. Orders will be brought to your vehicle in the parking lot. Please pull into the lodge at the designated area. A few tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to bring your to-go meal for enjoyment.



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. Please leave by the door.

Answers to Bible Quiz:

1. Acts, 2. Genesis, 3. Daniel, 4. Jonah, 5. Daniel, 6. Matthew, 7. Revelation, 8. Acts, 9. Exodus, 10. Numbers
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