



First Presbyterian Church of Sussex
PRESBYTERIAN
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21 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461

October 2020

Session Highlights



Session met on September 15th. The following items were discussed:

- Our church will re-open on September 27, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., with distancing and masking. There will be no fellowship after church. Our service will also be available on the ZOOM platform for those not ready to re-enter the church.
- The Position Description, along with the basic Terms of Call, were discussed. All voted in favor of sending this to the Committee on Ministry of the Newton Presbytery. The next step will be for them to find a minister that “fits” our church.
- Our insurance carrier has requested that all Sunday school teachers have a background check.
- The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve as elders, deacons, and as members of the Nominating Committee.
- Lois Wright has indicated her desire to retire as Chair of the Refreshments Committee. All of us need to give her a big thank you. Thanks Lois!
- A stewardship letter will be sent in the fall that starts our budgeting for 2021. Please pray about this, and be generous.
- The next Session meeting will be held online on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m.

From the Finance Committee

Even though we started re-entering the church for worship on September 27th, 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.

Re-Entry to First Presbyterian Church of Sussex



Please be aware that we started in-person worship on **Sunday, September 27, 2020**. Please follow the format for re-entry that the Session has laid out. The use of the ZOOM platform will continue if you feel more comfortable watching from home.

1. There will be ushers at each of the doors. The ushers will direct you to your pew. The total number present cannot be more than 45, including participants (as of this writing).
2. Please enter the church nearest your pew. Please leave following the service using the door nearest your pew.
3. Bulletins and offering plates will be at each door for you to pick up and for giving.
4. No Bibles or hymnals will be available. All information and hymns will be listed in the bulletin (no congregational singing).
5. Sharing of the Peace will be performed at your pew. No handshaking or embracing.
6. Masks will be required at all times in the church. This is a recommendation from our insurance company and Newton Presbytery.
7. Masks and hand sanitizers will be available at the doors for your use if needed.
8. There will be no fellowship hour.

- The Session of the FPC of Sussex

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Our next special offering will be the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which will be received on World Communion Sunday, **October 4th**. We will get to keep 25% of this offering for our congregation's peacemaking ministries. Special envelopes will be in the Sunday bulletins September 27th and October 4th. If you are worship at home, please mail your offering in to Janet Hayzler, 96 Holland Road, Wantage, NJ 07461. Please put "Peace & Global Witness" in memo line. Please give generously!



Mark Your Calendars



The next Deacons' meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 6th**, 7:00 p.m., online; the next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 20th**, 6:30 p.m., online.

Sunday School News

Sunday school is going to meet on **Sunday, October 11th**, 12:00 noon, at Woodbourne Park in Wantage. We will meet for a picnic lunch, Bible story, and activity. Children of all ages are invited. There is plenty of room to spread out if needed. Please let Ashley Ziccardi know a week before so she can plan accordingly.





Fall Back

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on **Saturday, October 31st**, before you go to bed so you won't miss worship. Daylight Saving Time ends **Sunday, November 1st**.

How Are We Doing???

For the Month of September

(Computers Connected During ZOOM + People Attending Worship)

Average Weekly Attendance: 26

Monthly Offering: \$ 6,956.80



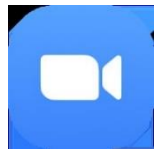
Remember the Church

When you are making plans for your estate, please keep the First Presbyterian Church in mind. Your bequests and endowments play a very important role in funding the work of this church. Please see Janet Hayzler, our Memorial Treasurer, for further information or for help with any questions.



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**.



Church Website

Check out our church's website at www.sussexpresbyterian.org ! You will be able to see current and past newsletters, church events, and more! Thank you to Sheryl Dekmar for setting up our new and improved website!



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 Ginnie's House in September.



Our Deacons' Fund for October will go to Family Promise of Sussex County. Through Family Promise, a network of volunteers from local congregations provide shelter, meals, and support services to families and single women who are homeless. Homeless families can stay together where they feel safe, and receive assistance in finding affordable, permanent housing. Our church is one of many in the area that hosts these families and makes them feel welcome and cared for during a difficult time. Please give generously!

Care Package Ministry

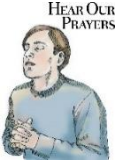


Please e-mail the church ASAP at sussexpresbyterian@embarqmail.com with names and addresses, even if it's the same as last year, of our college students (full-time, part-time, away or local, degree, undergrad, or advanced, etc.), using "Care Package Ministry" in the subject line. We will be collecting items, in quantities of 20, to be sent to our college students. Regardless of home or away, we want to show them our support. Suggested items include: cookies, candies, mints, gum, chips, popcorn, flashlights, toothbrush/ paste, post-its, etc. If you don't have time to shop, cash donations are appreciated as well, and the items will be bought for you. Also, monetary donations will help with the cost for mailing the boxes. Please make your check to Janet Hayzler, 96 Holland Road, Wantage, NJ 07461, with "Care Package" on the memo line. Thank you for your help with this project. Any questions, please see Nancy Barta. (If students are distance learning from home, please let us know.)



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.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Please pray for **Nancy Barta, 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), **Allan Stormes, and Ken Van Wageninge** (Carolyn Van Houten's brother). Please let the Deacons or the office know who to add and who to remove. **Thank you!**

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.



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:36-40



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?



October Birthdays

- (5) Sherry Dwornikoski
Shari (Wejsa) Camp
- (11) Nicole Gruber
- (15) Lisa Emma
- (16) Paulette Touw
- (18) Madison Hayzler
- (20) Sharon Alheidt
- (23) Kara Jacobs
- (31) David Wright



Lectionary for the Lord's Day

October 2020

4 **18th Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday**

Psalm 19; Matthew 21:33-46

11 **19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Matthew 22:1-14

18 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 99; Matthew 22:15-22

25 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Matthew 22:34-46



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

Presbyterian Women's Gatherings



JUST FOR WOMEN

Fall Gathering: It's time to see each other face to face (mask to mask as it were!). Presbyterian Women in Newton Presbytery are gathering in the First Presbyterian Church of Newton on **Saturday, October 10th**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Speakers: Jenny Lee, Moderator, PW Churchwide, "Becoming a Caring Community of New Jerseyites"; and JoAnn Burrell, Vice Moderator, PW Churchwide, "Mission – What PW is Doing".

Please bring a non-perishable item for the local Food Bank (pasta/sauce, canned stew, soup, etc.). Refreshments and a light lunch will be available. Masks and social distancing will be observed. Please use parking lot (off of Church Street) door to enter. Come and meet both the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the PW Churchwide. We would also love to see a few mission projects, and a can of food for the local Pantry.

Triennial Gathering: "Empowered to Serve" will be held **Friday, October 30th to Saturday, October 31st**. This event will be held virtually. Please call 1-585-526-5841 for more information, or email danvirginia@aol.com .

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](tel:1-201-787-3536), or Charles Bates at [1-201-7887-1308](tel:1-201-7887-1308).



Fish & Chips Dinner



Saint Monica's Church, 33 Unionville Ave., Sussex, will host a Fish & Chips Dinner, catered by Tastefully British, on **Friday, October 9th**, from 5-7 p.m. This is a curbside pick-up event. Tickets must be purchased in advance and will be sold at the Rectory Office. Call 973-875-4521 for more information or to purchase your tickets.

Adults: \$15; Children: \$10. Meal includes fish, french fries, coleslaw, and dessert.

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 Spam, tea bags, and canned tuna at this time. The Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Wantage is looking for spaghetti sauces. 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!**



Family Promise



Family Promise of Sussex County is looking for volunteers to join their board of Trustees and/or Committees! Are you looking for a way to give back to your community and make a true difference in the lives of your neighbors? They are looking for strategic or visionary thinkers with proven leadership abilities to help cultivate community relationships, recruit and engage donors, and advance the agency's capacity to provide aid to those experiencing a housing crisis. Not quite sure if you are able to commit to a three-year term? Join one of their short-term committees! Ready to make a difference? Email Nichole Reed at nreed@familypromisesussex.org, or call her at (973) 579-1180.

Head Start Bus Stop

Our parking lot will once again be used as the Sussex Bus Stop for the NORWESCAP Head Start program. The bus will pick-up the children around 8:35 a.m., and will drop them off around 4:00 p.m. Please be extra aware of small children and people in our parking lot. It is a privilege and a joy for our church to be able to offer a safe place for these children to be picked up by the bus.



Happy Halloween!

Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center

Fall Fun Day: On **Sunday, October 4th**, from 1-6 p.m., Camp Johnsonburg will host a Fall Fun Day! Come eat a delicious dinner and enjoy fun activities, including pumpkin bowling, hiking, boating, crafts, and more! Adults: \$15; 6-12 year olds: \$10; 0-5: Free. Come enjoy the beauty of Fall at Johnsonburg with family and friends. Visit www.campjburg.org for more information, or email office@campjburg.org.



Fall Volunteer Day: Want to make a difference and get outside? Bring yourself, family, or small group to Johnsonburg for a day, and volunteer outside on **Saturday, October 10th**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have projects for all ages—landscaping, painting, light carpentry, trail maintenance, etc. We serve lunch outside, adhering to all safety guidelines. We promise a joy-filled day that will renew your spirit.

Fall 'Get Away': What does your Fall getaway look like? Whether you're looking to get away for a week or a weekend to explore and have adventures or have a change of scenery for remote learning and working in a socially-responsible setting, Johnsonburg can provide it for you. Our Sunday through Friday 5-day 'Get Away' is designed for guests to visit Johnsonburg and enjoy the splendor of quiet nature. Our facility is equipped with WiFi capability if you and yours need to begin your day with your daily responsibilities of school or work. With your down time you can explore autumn at Johnsonburg and the amazing nature that surrounds us. Both the Appalachian Trail and Delaware River are only a short drive from camp. Restaurants with indoor and outdoor dining and delicious selections of food can also be found a short distance from camp. Or stay in and cook your own meals in the kitchen provided in most accommodations. This 'Get Away' is intended for you to explore all that western NJ has to offer. Our Weekend 'Get Away to Play' 2-day session is a Friday through Sunday all-inclusive session. Our weekend stays offer the opportunity to explore nature, enjoy s' mores, great food, and time amongst the woods, meadows, and lake. Want to experience both 'Get Aways'? Let us know and we'll figure out a deal for you. Reserve your spot today!

But they shall all sit under their own vines and their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

Micah 4:4



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 10:00 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.

Gift Card Raffle: Sussex Elks Lodge 2288 is holding an Amazon Gift Card Raffle, to be drawn **October 23rd**. First Prize is a \$500 Amazon Gift Card; Second Prize is a \$200 Amazon Gift Card. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Please email the Sussex Elks (SussexElks2288@gmail.com) to purchase yours!



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.



Gospel in Miniature

“God” *the greatest lover*
“so loved” *the greatest degree*
“the world” *the greatest number*
“that he gave” *the greatest act*
“his only begotten Son” *the greatest gift*
“that whosoever” *the greatest invitation*
“believeth” *the greatest simplicity*
“in him” *the greatest person*
“should not perish” *the greatest deliverance*
“but” *the greatest difference*
“have” *the greatest certainty*
“everlasting life.” *the greatest possession*