



First Presbyterian Church of Sussex
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From the Pastor's Desk...

Sometimes it feels like the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. That's why I'm grateful for *A Season of Peace* we are in, which culminates with the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, which is always the first Sunday in October (this year that's **October 3rd**). The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that with all the discord, pain and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It has helped support our church partners in Lebanon recover emotionally from the trauma after a bombing in Beirut. It helped congregations begin to address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in number of suicides in their communities. And the whole church joined together, through this Offering, to lead a Peacemaking Travel Study to the U.S.-Mexico border, where participants got a greater understanding of the difficult life for many people in Central America and Mexico fleeing from poverty and violence.

This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's life-changing, life-giving peace—at all times, in all ways. From our congregation, where we retain 25% of this Offering to promote and support building bridges and peace; to the region, where 25% is given by our Presbytery and Synod to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You're invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website (presbyterianmission.org/peace-global) to find out more information on how your support of this Offering helps. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. I challenge each of us to consider how we might increase our witness and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. If you have any suggestions of local organizations that promote peace work, please let me or another member of Session know, as we discern where God is leading us to share our portion of this special Offering. I pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, **October 3rd**, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us.

In Christ,

Pastor Katherine Scott-Kirschner
(973) 771-4721 (cell)

Session Highlights

Session met on July 20th. The following items were discussed:



- The church has 121 members (death of Suzanne Hunt on June 20, 2021).
- A water evaluation has been completed by the municipal authorities. Results are forthcoming.
- Our two buildings are undergoing an update of need regarding electricity and plumbing per insurance regulations.
- The Session has voted to provide residence for Pastor Katherine's mother from September 2021 to September 2022.
- The neighbors across from the manse are utilizing the parking lots for their own uses. A letter will be written by our lawyer, Jennifer Kovach, to "cease and desist." A rental procedure will be written by Ruling Elder Jason Touw.
- All 9th graders will be contacted for the purposes of an interest in a confirmation class.
- Our income for June was higher than other months. Please continue this trend, and thank you!
- Special music will be provided on August 1, 2021. Choir rehearsals are being scheduled.
- The ZOOM platform and in-person attendance will continue until the end of this year. This decision will be re-evaluated at the time.
- The next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bates, Clerk to Session

Can You Help?



The tree that fell on the wires to the church cost the church \$2,000.00 for its removal. We have a deductible of \$1,000.00 on our insurance policy. Therefore, donations would be appreciated to help cover the deductible. Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church of Sussex*, and mark *Tree Removal* on the memo line. Donations may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, or you can mail it to our Depositing Treasurer, Janet Hayzler, at 96 Holland Road, Wantage, NJ 07461. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Fall Worship Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, September 5th**, our worship service returns to 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendar so you won't miss it!!



Mark Your Calendars



The next regular Deacons' meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 7th**, 6:30 p.m., at the church; the next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 21st**, 6:30 p.m., at the church.

Worshipping In Person Update

The church leadership voted that masks will be optional for those vaccinated; for those not vaccinated, it is strongly recommended that masks continue to be worn. Child care in the nursery resumes **September 12th**.



Church Directory

An updated Church Directory is available at the church for pick up. If you are not attending in person, please let the church know and we can email one to you or mail you one.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Katherine aims to be in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. She is available at her cell phone number (973-771-4721) the rest of the days and for longer conversations in the evenings. She sets aside Friday evening through Saturday evening as her Sabbath (around 5:00 – 5:00 p.m.) most weeks. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please still reach out.



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 2021, each member's contribution is \$40.00.



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.

Sunday School News

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



Thank You

To Our Congregation and Session:

Melanie Roney, Mission Specialist for One Great Hour of Sharing, has sent a special thank you to all of you regarding your generosity and consistence in carrying on God's work. Remember, as I always say, "Many hands make light work."

Charles Bates, Clerk to Session

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.

How Are We Doing???

For the Months of July & August (through August 22nd)

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

Average Weekly Attendance:	32
Monthly Offering (July):	\$ 8,162.50
Monthly Offering (August):	\$ 9,131.50



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.



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.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please pray for **Frank Del Sardo Jr., Keri Demeter & Family, Bob & Donna Gibson, Rev. Bruce Gillette & his family, Phil Hardin, Rev. Charles Holm, Kara & Patti Jacobs, Betty Martin, and Ralph Miller; and the family of Suzanne Hunt.** Please let the Deacons or the office know who to add and who to remove. **Thank you!**
NOTE: Address for Rev. Charles Holm: 27 Ascot Lane, Manchester, NJ 08759



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 The Samaritan Inn, our Deacons' Fund recipient for July, and Local Share, our Deacons' Fund recipient for August.



Our Deacons' Fund for September will go to the Ginnie's House. Ginnie's House Children's Advocacy Center was opened in the spring of 1998 and is situated in the center of the Town of Newton. The Center is in the historic Park Building, located near the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office, Sussex District Office of the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, Sussex County Judicial Complex, Sussex County Sheriff's Office, and other human services agencies. The building was made available and is maintained by the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Center is available to children in Sussex County who may have been sexually or physically abused, assaulted, or witnessed a violent crime, including domestic violence. It provides a safe, child-friendly environment for child abuse investigations and treatment. It also provides a multi-disciplinary team response to child abuse allegations, working with child abuse victims and other community service providers that include: Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services, Medical & Mental Health Professionals, Victim Advocates, and Social Service providers, to enhance services to child abuse victims and their families. Please give generously!

Care Package Ministry



Please e-mail the church through September 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. Any questions, please see Janet Hayzler.

Deacon of the Month

When Pastor Katherine is not available or needs assistance, the following Deacon will be on call for the month of September – Phil Hardin.



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?**



Liturgists Needed

Mike Kosco, chair of the Worship & Sacrament Committee, is looking for people to serve as liturgists. 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 (Mike will train newbies!), please contact him at 973-600-2386, or see him after worship on Sundays. A new schedule (*September through November*) of liturgists 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



September 5 th	Mike Kosco
September 12 th	Betsy Sives
September 19 th	Janet Hayzler
September 26 th	Charles Bates
October 3 rd	Richard L. Hayzler
October 10 th	Betsy Sives
October 17 th	Penny Bates
October 24 th	Mike Kosco
October 31 st	Janet Hayzler
November 7 th	Jason Touw
November 14 th	Betsy Sives
November 21 st	Charlie Bates
November 28 th	Richard L. Hayzler

Anniversaries

Mike and Karen Kosco celebrated their 2nd wedding anniversary on July 27th;
Linda and Dennis DeGroat celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on August 17th;
Rich & Janet Hayzler celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on August 19th.
Congratulations!



World
Communion
Sunday



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. Please give generously!



September Birthdays

- (3) Jim Barta
Julie Tremont
- (4) William Smisko
- (8) Patti Jacobs
Owen Touw
- (9) Chuck Sarno
- (10) Aiden Losey
- (11) Kelsey Higgins
Richard Klein
- (20) Gerry VanderHart
- (23) Betty Scymanski
- (24) Carolyn Van Houten
- (25) Skyler Sarno
Sheila Stormes
- (26) Beth-Ann Enhoffer
- (28) Dale Boyd



Refreshments After Worship

Refreshments are served outdoors only, weather permitting. Please plan to stay after worship and visit with your friends!

Lectionary for the Lord's Day

September 2021

- 5 **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 125; Mark 7:24-37
- 12 **16th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 19; Mark 8:27-38
- 19 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37
- 26 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 124; Mark 9:38-50



October 2021

- 3 **19th Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday**
Psalm 26; Mark 10:2-16
- 10 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 22:1-15; Mark 10:17-31





Old Clove Church

Route 23, Wantage, New Jersey

Annual Worship Service

Sunday, September 19th - 2:00 p.m.

The Worship Service will be led by the Rev. Kendall Everett of the Sussex Christian Reformed Church.
Special Music: The Church Choir

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, and they especially need canned tuna fish, minute rice, and peanut butter (15 oz.). Please let Walter Houck know if there is a family in need.



Sussex Elks



Veterans: 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.

Upcoming Event: September 9-13th – The Moving Wall at Woodbourne Park. The Wall of Remembrance in Washington, DC, remembers our servicemen who died in Vietnam. From **September 9th-13th**, a replica of the wall, “The Moving Wall” will be at Woodbourne Park in Wantage, with a 9/11 ceremony on **September 10th** at 7:00 p.m., and a Grand Opening at 2:00 p.m. on **September 11th**.

The Moving Wall is the half-size replica of the Washington, DC, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for 30+ years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of “The Wall.” He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, TX in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

Contact the Sussex Elks Lodge 2288 at SussexElks2288@gmail.com or they can be found on the Facebook page (facebook.com/SussexLodge2288).

Tricky Tray

The Beemerville Presbyterian Church's Annual Tricky Tray will be held on **Friday, October 1st** at the Beemerville Firehouse. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; drawing begins at 8:00 p.m. They will also hold their raffle for a \$1,000.00 gift card for Shop-Rite. Tickets are \$5/each. Please see Sharon Bove in the church office if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket.



Our Church Sign

(Thank You Phil Hardin)

