

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

Summer 2022

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hello Members and Friends!

This summer, the church community will be having all kinds of fun (at least, I think it's all kinds of fun). In July, we're having a short sermon series called "Tough Love" for four of the Sundays of July (**July 3rd, 10th, 17, and 21st**). In August, we aren't having a sermon series, but we are having Vacation Bible School the **week of August 15th**. All elementary school-aged children (Pre-K through 5th Grade) are invited to participate. We'd also love to have a few more volunteers from our congregation assist with preparation and the week of (we're co-hosting with Sussex United Methodist Church).



I know the summer is a time of outdoor fun and vacations galore—so I wanted to center us all on Christ's presence in our lives, no matter where we find ourselves, by looking at a great hymn, "Take My Life," which is #391 in our blue hymnals. This hymn has six verses, so it's rarely sung all the way through in church; but all six verses are worthy of our notice.

Each verse begins with a plea to God: "Take my life," "take my hands," "take my voice," "take my silver and my gold," "take my will," and "take my love..." Read through these six aspects of your life to give as an offering to God again a few times—and each time you do, reflect on a way you can offer this to God today and in the coming days.

Is there one that's harder for you to offer to God wholeheartedly? Why is that? What's causing you to hold back offering God the full availability to your life, your hands, your voice, your money, your will, or your love? How could you challenge yourself to offer to God the thing that's giving you pause?

For me, it can be difficult for me to open my heart to love all of God's children—to love them as God loves them—which tells me that this is something I need to put into practice more and more, so that I can sing the sixth verse of this hymn with full openness and offering: "Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee. Ever, only all for Thee."

I invite you to think about and wrestle with this list of ways to give of our full selves back to God to see where the Holy Spirit is guiding you to growth and spiritual maturity. You never know where or how that'll change you and your ability to connect with your loving, merciful God.

Know that wherever you find yourself this summer, your church family is with you in spirit. If you need anything, please let me or one of the church leaders know. It's a joy to have you in the community—no matter your attendance rate, you're always welcome here.

Until September—stay safe and well! Enjoy the sunshine, the warm weather, and the long evenings. May you be enriched in body, mind, and spirit for the coming fall!

In Christ,
Pastor Katherine Scott-Kirschner
(973) 771-4721 (cell)

Session Highlights

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



- Nursery care may be offered during the summer. This will be assessed in a discussion with Kathy Dyer, the nursery care provider.
- Active membership is now recorded at 103, with the addition of Owen Demeter, Keira Lewis, and Baylie Touw.
- The Presbyterian Women's Group will hold their Indoor Yard Sale **October 21-22, 2022**. Donations can be left starting on **October 16, 2022**.
- We are still accepting monies (any donation) for paving the parking lot. We are now awaiting a beginning date. Thanks for your donations so far!
- Sunday School will start on **September 11th**.
- More people need to help supply food products for fellowship hour after worship.
- Our income from January-May has been recorded at \$72,877.25.
- Average attendance for May has been 39 in church and on ZOOM.
- We will begin using the Bibles and hymnals on **Sunday, July 3rd**.
- Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. for the months of July and August.
- A local cleaning service is needed to keep our sanctuary clean. If you know of a person or company, please call Charles Bates (201-787-1308).
- The next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 19, 2022**, at 6:30 p.m., on the ZOOM platform.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Bates, Clerk to Session

Mark Your Calendars



The next regular Session meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 19th**, 6:30 p.m., on ZOOM; the next Deacons' meeting will be held at the Annual Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons on **Sunday, September 18th**, 11:30 a.m., at the church.

Joint Elders and Deacons Meeting: The 2022 annual Elder and Deacon Joint Meeting will take place on **Sunday, September 18th**, after church (in person). If you're currently on the Session or Deacon Board, please save the date. More details to follow.

Can You Help?

Our parking lot needs to be repaved. The cost will be approximately \$37,800, barring an increase in materials. There is a budget line for donations to this effort. We know this is another expense, but we need to keep our facilities in good condition; we have been fortunate so far. Each ton costs the church \$100. Can you give a ton? We would appreciate it if you would consider donating to the church for this purpose. No donation is too small! Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church of Sussex*, and mark *Parking Lots* 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.





Jacob Sives graduated West Chester University, with a BA in Business with a concentration in Finance on May 14th. He expects to relocate to Florida in June.



Lydia Alheidt graduated Vernon High School on June 23rd. She will be attending Marywood University for Architecture in the fall.

Ryan Hayzler graduated from the 8th Grade at Pequannock Valley School. He will be heading to Pequannock Township High School in the fall, where he will be playing basketball and baseball for the Golden Panthers.



Nathan Hayzler completed 5th Grade at the Wantage School and will be moving up to the Sussex Middle School in the fall.

Benjamin Bove, grandson of Sharon Bove, graduated 5th Grade at the Brookside Place School in Cranford. He will be attending middle school at Orange Avenue School in Cranford in the fall.

Emma Klein, daughter of Rich Klein, graduated from Centenary College.



Alexander “Alex” Gibson, grandson of Bob and Donna Gibson, graduated from Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, VA. He now works for Greenwich Generation LLC, having companies in Watkins Glen, South Carolina, and Dallas, Texas. He is a Mechanical Engineer as a Project Manager on Cryptocurrency Cooling Systems. While learning the “ropes”, he is working from the three facilities. During his sophomore year at Virginia Tech, Alex was a member of a team that went to Rwanda, Africa, to help put in a water filtration system for a local village. His senior project was to design and deliver to its recipient, a wheelchair wheel cleaner. This was a request from a man who needed an easy way to remove dirt from his wheels before wheeling himself into his house. Bob and Donna are extremely proud of all of his accomplishments!

Abigail “Abby” Gibson, granddaughter of Bob and Donna Gibson, graduated from Watkins Glen High School in Watkins Glen, NY. She will be attending SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY, in the fall. She is interested in pursuing either Physical Therapy or Physical Ed. As a star player in high school, Abby led her basketball team on to victory. She also excelled in soccer. Abby is very interested in professional basketball. Bob and Donna are very proud of Abby and her accomplishments!



Ella Buchholz, granddaughter of Kathy Carey, graduated 8th Grade from Columbia Middle School, Berkeley Heights, NJ, on June 20th. Ella was in the school choir and played violin in the orchestra. She also received the Art Award and the Character Award. Ella will be a freshman at Governor Livingston High School in the fall.



A Prayer For Graduates

Eternal God, in your will our lives are lived, and by your wisdom truth is found. We pray for graduates who finish a course of study, and move on to something new. Take away anxiety or confusion of purpose, and give them confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and given to neighbors in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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. Sunday School for 2022-2023 will start on **Sunday, September 11th**.

Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, July 3rd, our worship service started at 9:30 a.m. **through August 28th**. It goes back to 10:30 a.m. on **September 4th**. Please mark your calendar so you won't miss it!!



Indoor Yard Sale



The Presbyterian Women's Group of the First Presbyterian Church of Sussex is happy to announce that they are planning to have our Indoor Yard Sale on **Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd**. We will not be able to accept anything towards this sale until **Sunday, October 16th**. We are not able to accept any clothing, furniture, appliances (no TVs, microwave ovens, etc.). If you cannot pack it in a box, we are really not able to accept it. Please remember our sale as you go through things in your home this summer. Please mark the dates on your calendar. We will need helpers. Don't forget.... *"Many hands make light work."*

Church Cleaners Needed

The Session is in need of person/persons to clean the church before **Sunday, July 10th, Sunday, August 14th, and Sunday, September 11th**. The bathrooms need to be cleaned, and the fellowship room and church sanctuary need to be vacuumed and dusted. Everything necessary to clean the bathrooms is available in the bathroom closet or hall closet. There are two vacuums: one in the hall closet and one just inside the back room by the bathrooms. No one person needs to do all dates (maybe two people could work together)...just be willing to sign up for one date. For further information, contact Sheila Stormes (973-702-1548) or Penny Bates (201-452-5082). Please let either Sheila or Penny know if you are available and for what date/s. You will be a blessing to our church!



Remember the Church



Summer and vacations are here. Please remember to keep up with your 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, which is historically an issue during the summer.

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.



Church Directory



We are working on updating our Church Directory....please email your information (name, address, telephone number, cell phone number(s), email address) to the church office at sussexpresbyterian@embarqmail.com , or mail it to the church at 21 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461, or call the church office at 973-875-4760. Please have your information in to the church office by **July 31st**.

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.



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 2022, 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.

Worshiping 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 has resumed.



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.

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.



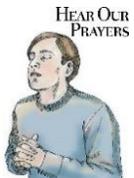
New Telephone Number



Barbara Young has a new telephone number. She has decided to cancel her landline and her number she's had for many years. Her new number is 845-506-3358. Please update your information for her.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Please pray **Frank Del Sardo Jr., Bob & Donna Gibson, Evelyn Haggard, Louie Lepes** (Niki's husband), **Betty Martin, Rev. Tim Marvil, Ralph Miller, and Kenneth Van Wageninge** (Carolyn's brother). 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.



Dear Friends,

I am Marion Kopec's mom, and I enjoy reading your newsletters. Thank you so much for sending them to me. The Lord has been nudging me to make this donation. So please put me down as purchasing a "ton of whatever" for your parking lot. Happy Parking!

Blessings,
Doris Voris

Dear Members and Friends of the Sussex Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for sending a donation in my Daisy Mae's name to Father John's Animal House. Father John's Animal House is a wonderful organization.

Last year, 700 animals were placed in homes, and this year they hope to put 1,000 animals in loving homes.

When I visited Father John's three years ago, Daisy Mae was put on my chest, and she came home with me. She was a Dear Blessing.

If you would like to connect with Father John's, give me a call. I just gave them a generous gift to use at Walmart to purchase for the animals. God Bless.

*With Love to You All,
Mary Alice and Daisy Mae*

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 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.



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 June.

Our Deacons' Fund for July will go to People Help of Sussex County. People Help of Sussex County is a nonprofit, all volunteer agency, and has been in existence since 1976 at the request of the Division of Social Services and the churches across our county. People Help has been able to provide one-time, immediate aid for emergency assistance of residents who do not financially qualify for help from any other agency. They have no office, no paid staff. Their volunteers answer calls from 9-5, Monday through Friday, responding to the clients who have reached out to them directly, or have been referred by various other agencies who have been unable to meet immediate needs.

For August, it will go to Local Share. Food is grown by local farmers who allow volunteers to glean the food leftover in the fields. This food is then delivered by volunteers to pantries, soup kitchens, and other social services. Please give generously!



July Birthdays

- (2) Eric Sives
- (9) Thomas Clark
- (10) Natalie Alheidt
- (11) Jason Touw
- (13) Jim Hardin
Keira Lewis
- (18) Emeline Demeter
- (19) Brooke Hayzler
- (21) August Ziccardi
- (24) Donna Gibson
Adam Hardin
Janet Hayzler
- (28) Phil Hardin



August Birthdays

- (4) David Tomasula
- (5) Judy Clark
- (7) Natalie Lewis
Baylie Touw
- (8) Jane Clark
- (10) Adam Vanderwiele
- (11) Ed Sives
- (13) Barbara Young
- (14) Susan Vanden Heuvel
- (24) Samantha Fairweather
- (25) Robert Demeter, Jr.
- (28) Liam Klein
- (29) Michele Higgins



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?***

Lectionary for the Lord's Day

July 2022

- 3 **4th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 30; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- 10 **5th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 82; Luke 10:25-37
- 17 **6th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 52; Luke 10:38-42
- 24 **7th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 85; Luke 11:1-13
- 31 **8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Luke 12:13-21

August 2022

- 7 **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Luke 12:32-40
- 14 **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:49-56
- 21 **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 71:1-6; Luke 13:10-17
- 28 **12th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 2022

- 4 **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Luke 14:25-33
- 11 **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
Psalm 14; Luke 15:1-10



Liturgists Needed



Worship Committee

Mike Kosco, Chair of the Worship & Sacraments 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, please contact him at 973-875-7412, or see him after worship on Sundays. A schedule (*through August*) 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

July 3 rd	Mike Kosco
July 10 th	Sheryl Dekmar
July 17 th	
July 24 th	Janet Hayzler
July 31 st	Mike Kosco
August 7 th	Sheryl Dekmar
August 14 th	Betsy Sives
August 21 st	Richard L. Hayzler
August 28 th	Mike Kosco



New Members

Three young adults received Confirmation on June 5th and joined our church membership! Congratulations and welcome to Keira Lewis, Baylie Touw, and Owen Demeter!



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 everything. Please let Walter Houck know if there is a family in need.

Camp Johnsonburg News

Camp Johnsonburg is hosting a three-day Social Justice Summit on **Sunday, July 24th – Wednesday, July 27th**. The Presbytery will be subsidizing the cost for 40 youth (which makes the price \$100)! Find out more information at www.campjburg.org/summit.





Christmas In July

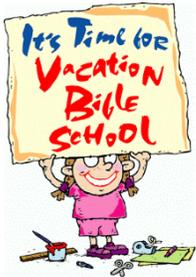
The Daughters of the Revolution will be holding their Annual Christmas in July celebration on **July 15th, 16th, and 17th**, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the DAR Museum on Route 23 in Wantage. They would greatly appreciate your support! Thank you!

Harvest Home Dinner

The Beemerville Presbyterian Church invites you to their Annual Harvest Home Dinner on **Tuesday, July 26th**, 5-7 p.m., at the Beemerville Firehouse in Wantage. Tickets can be bought at the door: \$18/adults and \$9/children. This all you can eat dinner includes ham, scalloped potatoes, corn on the cob, and much more.



Vacation Bible School



You're invited to Sonrise National Park VBS, **Monday, August 15th through Friday, August 19th**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Sussex United Methodist Church. Our church has joined with the UMC to host VBS this year. This VBS is open to children in grades Pre-K through 5th Grade. For questions or more information, call 973-875-5852 or 973-875-4760. Or email the churches at sussexumcnj@gmail.com or sussexpresbyterian@embarqmail.com. Volunteers are needed to help with preparations and that week. Please see Ashley to volunteer.

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.



Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possession.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will put down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

- Luke 12:13-21

Our Church Sign

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

