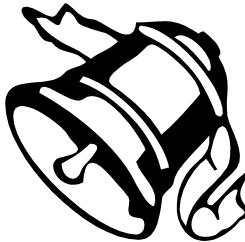


The Bell Ringer



Of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

A Friendly Church; So When You Come — Bring a Friend

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Pastoral Column:

September always rushes in with a determination to sweep everyone into the whirlwind of activities. And thus we have! With energetic folks present in worship, curious Confirmands in class, and busy volunteers around the building, much has been accomplished. By October, we are fully immersed in our routines. This month, Women 4 Women returns to its monthly gatherings, the Dinner Discussions are back at the Melville Diner on Wednesdays, the Pumpkin Patch opens daily, and – of course – the Square Dance preparations continue (through October 8). If you aren't already involved, contact the church office. We need you!

October begins with a significant occasion in worship. World Communion Sunday is October 2. Did you know that this is a Presbyterian initiative for Christians around the world? Here are some interesting notes reprinted from the *Presbyterian Outlook* (October 7, 2002):

World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside [Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA] in 1930. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another... “The concept spread very slowly at the start,” said Dr. Ronald Kerr, son of the congregation’s pastor at the time. “It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936... Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

Be sure to join us for worship on World Communion Sunday, October 2. We will be particularly attentive to other Christians who sit at Christ’s table with us. Thanks be to God!

The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

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Audra Schmitt

Jean Cavanaugh

Bill Von Brook

Bill Chamberlain

Laura Fallon

Youth Deacons:

Daniel Layer

(1 year term)

Susan Manning

Natasha Bacchus

Barbara Martin

Anthony D'Angelo IV

Other Groups & Activities

Book Discussion

Sukey Walter

Christian Education

Lynn Burke

Church Brunch

Bill Walter

Fellowship & Outreach

Maureen Sansone

House

Brian Schiffmacher

Mission

Charlotte DeSanti

Personnel

Charlotte DeSanti

Prayer Circle

Carol Keil

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sukey Walter

Stewardship

Jim Sommermeyer

Women For Women

Maureen Sansone

Worship

Melissa Beyer

Youth Group

Pastor Meg Flannagan

Prayer Shawl Ministry

By Sukey Walter

The first prayer shawl meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 from 1 pm to 3 pm. All who knit or crochet are welcome to join us in the Youth Group Room. Please contact Sukey, 631-423-4905 or sukey@pb.net.

Prayer For God's Will Each Day

submitted by Maureen Sansone

God, I trust that your will is the best thing that can happen to me today. Let your will be done in everything, no matter what it is. Make me a graceful presence wherever I go. In, around, through, and in spite of me, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer Corner

by Carol Keil

This month we lift up prayers of thanks for *possibilities* and *promise* as we work together in God's name:

We welcome new members and newly baptized infants.

We work to increase awareness of Sweet Hollow's presence in this community through our welcome of visitors and invite the community to participate in the *Raise the Roof Square Dance* and *Pumpkin Patch* fundraisers.

We support each other in times of need and times of joy.

We pray especially for our Session committee chairpersons and members of the Visioning Task Force.

"The primary purpose of prayer is not to change circumstances, the primary purpose of prayer is to change us."

Mark Batterson, Lead Pastor of National Community Church, Washington, D.C.

Notes From Session

by Lynn Burke

We welcomed a new family, Anthony and Barbara Tomasello along with their children, Anthony and Michael, on August 7 as members of Sweet Hollow. Michael was baptized during worship on September 18. We are so grateful to have them join our church family.

The Nominating Committee was formed for the 2017 year with Melissa Beyer and Audra Schmitt as co-chairs. If you would like to make a recommendation for Church Officers (Elder and/or Deacon), please contact the committee.

Stewardship News

by Jim Sommermeyer

Stewardship Season is upon us. We will kick off the season on October 16 during worship. Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for November 6. It's time to reflect on all the ways that we are thankful to God and to think about how our time, talents and financial resources can better serve Him. Please keep an eye on your mailboxes the second week of October for our annual Stewardship letter. There is still time to join the committee.

Please keep in mind that we need you to return your pledge information in a timely fashion. Our goal is 100% participation this year.

Visionary Task Force

by Charlotte DeSanti

The Visioning Task Force (VTF) continues to work on our Mission Study discerning the past, the present and the future of our church. Through our past surveys from all of you, our Congregational Breakfast and guidance/meetings with Pastor Meg and the Reverend Anne Stewart-Miller, we have gathered much information. We still welcome from you, our Church Family, what you see for Sweet Hollow's future. What is important to you?

Please feel free to contact myself, Carol Keil, Maureen Sansone, Melissa D'Angelo or William Walter with any thoughts. Sweet Hollow belongs to all of us, and "together" it is all of us who will shape the future of our beautiful church.

Thank you.

Personnel Committee

by Charlotte DeSanti

The Personnel Committee has been seeking to hire a full time Nursery Supervisor/Caregiver for our little ones. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please contact me, Charlotte DeSanti at lopus71@aol.com or 516-848-8349 for information.

Thank you.

Christian Education

by Lynn Burke

Our Fall season is off to a great start beginning with our Homecoming Picnic which was held on September 11. Thanks to all who participated and brought such delicious food to share! We are in the midst of our first lessons and are happy to see the children participating. Our next unit will start towards the end of the month and that will be "Moses and the Burning Bush."

Confirmation classes are underway with four students. There are lots of plans and activities planned for them and we will give you an update as they occur.

Our adult section of "Dinner and Discussion" at the Sweet Hollow Diner will begin on Wednesday, October 5. We look forward to seeing you there.

As always, we are in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School, lead in the Nursery and room shepherds for both. If you can help from time to time, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. It would be greatly appreciated.

Mission Team

by Charlotte DeSanti

As I write this article, our pumpkins will be on their way to Sweet Hollow arriving on Friday the 30th or Saturday, October 1. For those of you who came out to unload — thank you immensely! It's a big job with help needed by many.

Sign-ups will be out at coffee hour throughout October. Please find a slot where you are available to help sell our beautiful pumpkins. This is Sweet Hollow's major fundraiser and we need your time to make it a success. We especially need help on the weekends — from our youth, to our leadership and everyone in between. We also need and welcome baked goods to sell over the weekends. Your delicious goods over the last several years have been very big sellers. We hope and need to see you all out in the Pumpkin Patch this month. Aside from the fundraising aspect, our beautiful great lawn adorned with our pumpkins is a great way to spend a few hours enjoying the fall, meeting folks in the community, and welcoming them to our church. See you in the Pumpkin Patch!

Thank you for your generous gifts of healthy snacks and school supplies for the children of TriCYA! As always, these are very much appreciated. Thank you for continuing to keep the Box of Giving full in the breezeway. As we enter the cooler months, gifts of soup, vegetables, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and hot cereals are needed. Health and beauty aides, baby wipes, diapers, etc. are also needed. There will be sharing bags at the back of the church in November as well if you wish to grab a bag and fill it. The items don't always have to be what we ask. If it's something you purchase and use, then you know someone less fortunate does as well.

Looking forward to November, we will also be collecting clothing, linens, blankets, etc. for the men and women and their families of all The Armed Forces through United Veterans Beacon House.

Thank you again for your continuous support and see you in the Pumpkin Patch!!

Women for Women (W4W)

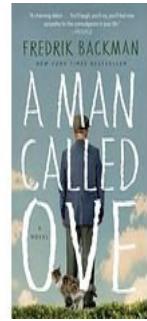
Women for Women (W4W), which is open to all women over the age of 21, resumes its monthly meetings on **Monday, October 3**.

Please join us for a potluck dinner/snack at **7:00 p.m.** Bring a dish to share and program ideas for the year. Bring friends, make friends, be friends!

Book Discussion

by Sukey Walter

The book we have chosen is called A Man Called Ove. It is an irresistible novel by Fredrik Backman about the angry man next door and an uplifting exploration of the unreliability of first impressions.



Come and join us on October 20 at 1:30 pm in the parlor for an interesting discussion.

The Coming Collapse of The Middle Class Will Be the Topic For Our Next Church Brunch on Tuesday, October 11

by Bill Walter

In 2007 Elizabeth Warren was invited to give the Jefferson Lecture at the University of California as part of a series of UC Graduate Council Lectures. At the time Professor Warren was a distinguished law scholar teaching contract law, bankruptcy and commercial law at Harvard Law School. She chose as her topic "The Coming Collapse of the Middle Class: Higher Risks, Lower Rewards and a Shrinking Safety Net." This is not a political talk.



As one of her examples, Professor Warren has taken a hypothetical middle class family of a couple with two children and compared their financial situation in 1970 with that of a similar family in 2003. In 1970 the wife was a homemaker while in 2003 both husband and wife had to work outside the home. Using data from the Departments of Commerce and Labor, Professor Warren was able to compare incomes and expenses including breakdowns for housing, food, clothing, medical, cars, electronics, saving, education etc. Professor Warren also examined families consisting of a single parent with children.

The change in the financial picture after a time change of only a single generation is quite remarkable. Not only does the family financial change affect the group we categorize as "middle class," but we see the effects on our parents and our children and also need to be aware of the changes as we seek to increase the Sweet Hollow membership.

Join us on Tuesday, October 11. We'll have freshly-brewed decaf coffee to accompany some delicious goodies. Join us at 10:00 a.m. or whenever your schedule permits. We'll be in the Church Parlor until 12:30 p.m.

Dinner & Discussion Resumes In October

by Maureen Sansone

The Dinner & Discussion will take place at the Sweet Hollow Diner in Melville on Wednesdays during October: October 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 or 8:30 pm.

These informal, intergenerational, faith-based conversations are moderated by Pastor Meg and are accompanied by delicious fare. Some thought-provoking past topics have been Grace, Sin and Salvation.

Save The Date For The Fall Harvest Dinner

by Maureen Sansone

The Annual Fall Harvest Dinner will be held on **Sunday, November 6**.

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship, food, games and raffle baskets. Our "Potluck" theme always brings a wonderful array of scrumptious delicacies and yummy desserts.

As is our tradition, there will be a selection of gift baskets which will be raffled off, the proceeds from which will be donated to a charitable cause. Anyone who would like to donate items or baskets, please contact either Melissa Beyer at mcbeyer24@gmail.com or Maureen Sansone at msansone@optonline.net.

Additionally, assistance is needed with setting up, cleaning up, etc. Please contact Maureen Sansone if you're able to lend a much needed hand.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Welcome Home BBQ/Picnic

by Maureen Sansone

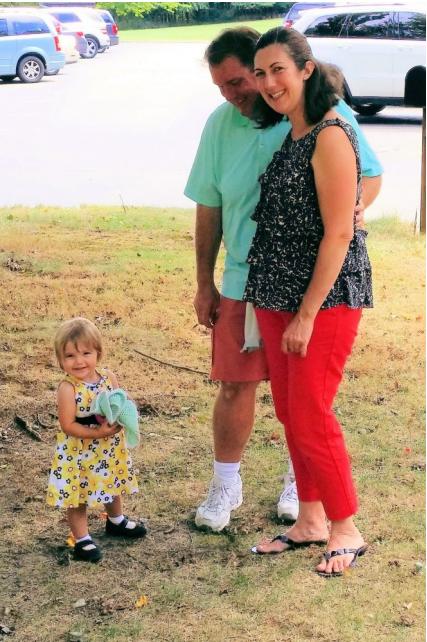
This year's Welcome Home BBQ/Picnic was held on Sunday, September 11.

Following a pew-filled, vibrant, worship service, fun and fellowship abounded as everyone enjoyed burgers and hot dogs prepared by our "Grillmeisters," as well as delicious salads, side dishes and desserts brought by those attending.

Thanks to all who assisted with the set up, BBQ duties and clean up.

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Welcome Home BBQ/Picnic — *Continued*





ROOF-RAISING SQUARE DANCE!

A Rootin' Hootin' Tootin' Night to benefit our roof repair project

Grab your boots and cowboy hat and come out for a fun night of dancing,
food, and fellowship!

No square dancing experience necessary. All types of music will be played.

Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00pm—9:30pm

The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow

95 Old Country Road (Melville)

www.sweethollowpresby.org 631-367-9249

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door:

\$10/adult; children under age 10 are free

\$25 per family of 3; \$35 per family of 4

Snacks, pumpkins, fall plants, and RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold at the event!

Childcare available for babies and toddlers.

Square Dance Caller: Mickey Rogers

October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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BELL RINGER DEADLINE

For November Issue

Sunday, October 23

All Ages are Welcome at Our Roof Raising Square Dance

Our **Roof-Raising Square Dance** will be held on Saturday, October 8, from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm.

Grab your boots and cowboy hat and join us for a night of dancing, food, and fun! All types of music will be played. Tickets are \$10 for adults; children under age 10 are free. Discounts are available for families. All proceeds will go towards the roof repair project.

Volunteers are needed to host, set up, and clean up the event. Please contact Jean Cavanagh or the church office if you are willing to help.

ATTENTION VISITORS: Want to know more?

All visitors are **invited to an informal** lunch on Sunday, October 23. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to discuss what it means to be Presbyterian and what that looks like at Sweet Hollow. All are welcome.

Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.