

The Church Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

May 2021

PASTOR CHRIS' CORNER

“Not every day of our lives is overflowing with joy and celebration. But there are moments when our hearts nearly burst within us for the sheer joy of being alive.” -- Gwen Ellis

Springtime is definitely a season for indulging in the sheer joy of being alive. Look around you! Everywhere new life is bursting forth in blossoming trees, blooming flowers, growing grass, bird song, sunshine, and warmer weather. Gone are the raw, cold, bleak days of winter. Here are the mild days before summer's intense heat and humidity. People are out and about after being shut in by winter and Covid. Yes, Lord, it is so good to be alive and to see another Spring! Great is Your Faithfulness!

On a personal note, I received my 2nd shot of the Moderna vaccine on March 23rd, which makes visiting my family (whom I haven't seen in over a year) not only possible, but safe for all involved. It will be so wonderful to see them and hug them! In the meanwhile, I leave you in good hands.... Pastor Tamas to tend to Pastoral Care issues and Rev. Ann Shamy to do pulpit supply on May 9th and May 16th. God keep you healthy and safe while I am away.... I will be praying for you as I trust you will be praying for me.

*With love and prayers!
Pastor Chris*

PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION: Pastor Chris will be on vacation from May 4th through May 18th. If you have a Pastoral Emergency, please call Pastor Tamas Devecseri at: 732-690-4853.

PULPIT SUPPLY: The Rev. Ann Shamy (pronounced like "Tammy" only with an "sh") will be preaching two service while Pastor Chris is away. Thank you, Rev. Ann!

ZION'S FOOD BANK Please donate cereal, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, soups, and evaporated milk always needed. MORE THAN EVER!! Gift cards are always welcome.



Kathy Sager, Debbie Beyfuss, and Edith Raimo for planning and setting up for our luncheon.

Edith Raimo, Marianne Wilson, Chris Yesinsky, and Ron Scott for the wonderful music for our Anniversary Service!

To all the Thrift Shop volunteers especially Carole, Stephy, Doris, Kathy, Tony, and Amy.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

April 14, 2021

BOARD OF FINANCE & PROPERTY

Session approved sending Mayor Reiman's Children's Charity a donation of \$100 in the memory of Aziz, the child that died in the tragic dog incident. Our overpayment to Zion has been paid in full. The CD we have at The United Roosevelt Savings Bank has matured and we voted to let it roll over once again. Doris Stefura will count again for May.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Ushers for May are Edith Raimo and Debbie Beyfuss, they will also set up and serve communion. The Confirmation and Sunday School classes will begin soon.

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP

We donated 92 pairs of socks for the Warm Sock Project, collected for the Carteret Boy Scout Troop. Thank you to all who participated.

NEW BUSINESS

Lunch for 20 will be ordered from the Salad Factory for the 128th Anniversary of the Church on Sunday May 2nd after worship service. Pastor Chris is looking into having a one-day retreat in June or July.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Chris will be on vacation from May 4th -18th. We will have pulpit supply while she is gone. Next meeting will be May 19th.

Respectfully submitted by,

Doris Stefura

Session wishes everyone a Blessed Mother's Day!



On a Personal note, I would like to Thank Carole Sullivan and Stephanie Hendricks for their absolutely remarkable dedication to the Thrift Shop. They worked at a minimum of once a week during the pandemic to ready it for an eventual opening. They switched over the season twice. Our thanks also to Tony and Amy for giving freely of their time by opening our shop ever 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4-7. Now that we have opened again, I want to share with you all how heartwarming it is to greet customers and hear how they have missed us and have them greeting each other. Our customers have complimented us on the new clean, organized, and ship-shape look that the ladies have achieved. We are back and grateful for our service to the community once again.



GINNY DROTAR THRIFT SHOP NEWS

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The Thrift Shop has continued to be open by appointment to shop or drop off donations. We are also now open on Saturdays from 10 - 1:00 PM. Along with the second the fourth Wednesday of each month with Amy and Tony working at those times.

There have been customers who have commented on how nice the place looks and they enjoy shopping at our Thrift Shop.

Please spread the word about the Thrift Shop and give Church phone number.

If anyone is available to assist on Saturdays or Wednesdays, please let us know!!! The wall that has been peeling will be scraped and painted.



*God Bless,
Respectfully submitted by,
Carole Sullivan on behalf of the Thrift Shop Staff.*

FINANCE AND PROPERTY REPORT

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There has been no water entering the Thrift Shop since the installation of the new gutters and leaders.

Estimates will be taken for the repair of the chimney on the Thrift Shop building.

The three shrubs in front of the church sign have been transplanted to the Emerson Street side.

Suggestions for new plantings in front of the sign will be discussed at the next Session Meeting.

We need to have flowers and or shrubs that are low to the ground and will not block any part of our sign.

*God Bless,
Respectfully submitted by Carole Sullivan*

Finance and Property Committee

Carole Sullivan

John Michael

Doris Stefura



BIRTHDAYS

Eddie Wawrzynski	May 7
Nancy Kovacs	May 14
Michael Kovacs	May 14
Debbie Beyfuss	May 14
Bruce Elliot	May 17
Jacqueline Nicholson	May 17
Steve Moss Sr.	May 18
Amy Philip	May 22



ANNIVERSARIES

Lawson & Stacey Browne May 10



THE CHURCH STEEPLE

May



Please remember to keep the prayer list up to date!! Please look over the list each Sunday and make any changes and leave in the collection plate for Amy's attention.
Thank you we love hearing that our prayers are working!!! And we love praying for the needs of this church and church family!

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