

Steeple News

The Official Newsletter of Setauket Presbyterian Church

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CONNECTING CELEBRATING



*Rebuilding
Remembering*

We Gather Together



VIRTUALLY & IN-PERSON



Throughout this newsletter you will see images and hear stories of people coming together in the most uncertain of circumstances, working together to do God's work in this world. We hope you enjoy reading this robust and heartwarming edition of the Steeple News.

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God." -Ephesians 2:19-22



zoom

From the Pastor

Dear SPC Family,

This newsletter is about celebrating our connectedness: the ways we've been the church, cared for one another, listened for God's Word, and reached out to our neighbors even in a time of physical, social, and political disconnection.

This newsletter is about rebuilding community to go where you're being called as a congregation, both acknowledging where you've been and living into the Spirit's leading.

This newsletter is about remembering that it is Jesus who defines the church's life together—that because of him, and in following him, you have important, joyful, prophetic, challenging, good, Matthew 25 work to do in the world.

Our last printed Steeple News was mailed to you in February 2020, when we'd barely heard about COVID-19. In my letter for that issue, I wrote that we'd be exploring the meaning of wilderness together during Lent and said this:

I hope it will deepen our relationships with one another—to awaken us to the ways we can support each other in times when we find ourselves in the midst of wilderness. I hope it will invite us to embrace the wanderings that lead us to new places and new vocations as the people of God. I hope it will embolden us against those forces that conspire to make us afraid. Please be intentional about finding your way to SPC in the weeks ahead.



This newsletter, in August 2021, is about God's story in this particular time and place—and how you can continue to live it with courage, gratitude, commitment, and joy!

In whatever way you can, whether virtual or in person, please be intentional about finding your way to SPC in the weeks ahead.

Peace and grace,
Kate



Spiritual Formation

I am in disbelief that September is upon us! That means Youth Group, Confirmation Class, and Church School and....Hold up! There are some exciting things going on just now as well. We wrapped up Parking Lot Round Table in July. A week of consultation, floral arranging, exploring some weather related fears and emotions, learning about piles of garbage, and who lives next to them, and some map study. Our youth and children know a lot! Don't worry- it wasn't ALL serious, there was music and laughter and artwork as well. All of which were made more enriched for our children by the gentle counsel of some of our youth. Coming up next at the end of August the Youth Group will have a three night run-up to the new season of regular Youth Group meetings. Speaking of Youth Group, ODE has benefitted from drop-in visits from our Youth Group members to take care of some furniture refurbishing and I know it's been delightful to have them there!

Check out the next page to read about what we have been doing online!

Yours in Christ,

Heidi Parles,

Director of Spiritual Formation



Check out our Virtual Spirituality Webpage & our Facebook Group!

We're stretching our spiritual legs on our SPC website! There is a Spiritual Formation button to click on and explore. Please check it out when you have the opportunity!

<https://www.setauketpresbyterian.org/spiritual-formation>



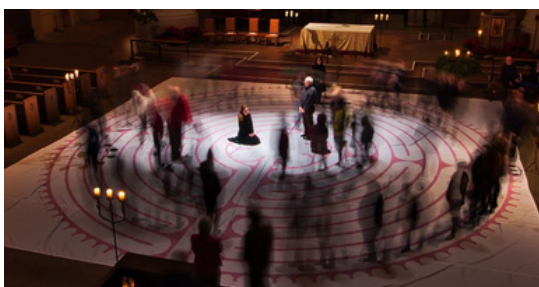
Over the summer, we've been engaging our social media in some thoughtful and funny group input on our feed - "What Do YOU See" Mondays and "Caption That" Tuesdays. You can check it out on our Facebook Page. Stay tuned for more exciting weekly entries! *Search "Setauket Presbyterian Church" in the Facebook Search bar to find our group.*



9/11 Remembrance Walk



"Let the heartsick, let the empty, let the searching come...when sorrow haunts, when the hours stack...come walk the path together, all can allow the noise of the world to recede. Walk inside yourself..." - Katharine Whitcomb



On Saturday, Sept. 11th, there will be a Remembrance Walk happening in Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm. Come to remember loved ones taken without warning. Come to renew the ultimate silent goodbyes. Come to walk a path of catharsis. Come engage the power of the Labyrinth.



Hymn Focus



Have you ever used the lyrics of a hymn for personal devotion? Did you know the *Glory to God Hymnal* contains useful information about each hymn usually found at the bottom. Information may include: reasons why the piece was written, Bible verses or Psalms used to inspire the lyrics, contextual reference and composer details. Check it out! Next time you're singing a hymn try to think about the deeper meaning of it. Is it sung to glorify God, point us to a lesson, provide comfort and joy, or maybe a combination of all of those?

In this special edition of Steeple News we will look further at the hymn titled, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" written by Edward Mote in 1834 and found on page 353.

From the *Glory to God Hymnal*: "This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47:-49) that those who believe in him and act on the belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor."

In this newsletter we have shared about Christ as our cornerstone and about how our faith in Christ will cause us to be built up strong. We have talked about connectivity and togetherness. As we accept Christ into our hearts, we are called to spread light in the world through the good works we do, creating compassion and justice all around. Praise God, Amen!



"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

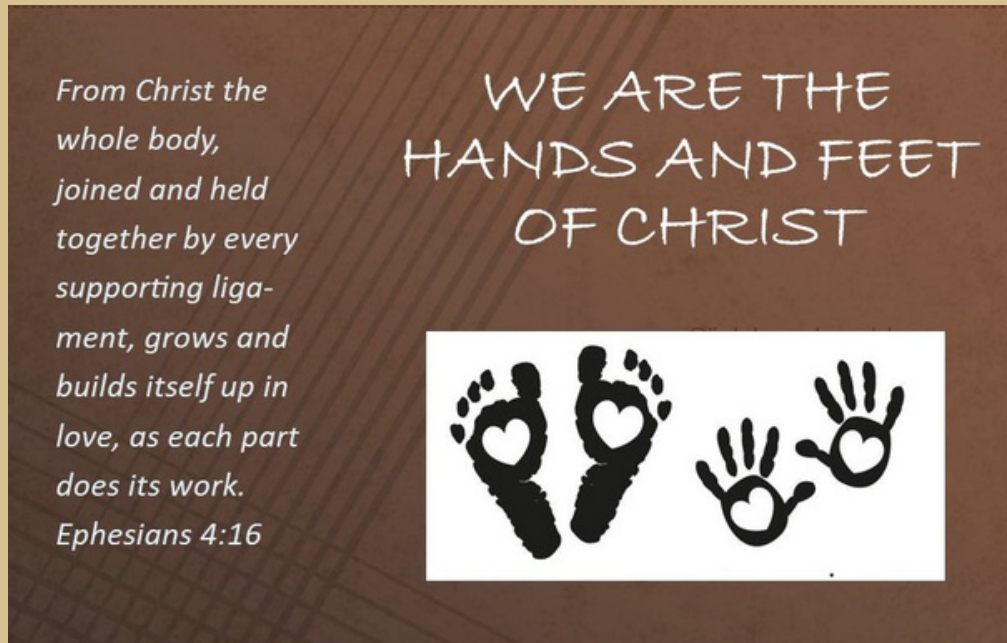
**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

Verses 1 & 2
and Refrain



If you have a hymnal, take some time to read the lyrics of this or other hymns today. You can also search for this hymn on YouTube if you'd like to listen to it performed.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



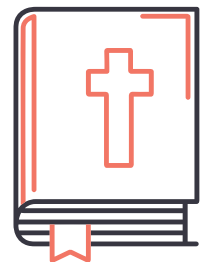
The Stewardship Committee's campaign theme this year is "WE ARE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST."

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body on earth but yours." - Teresa of Avila, Ephesians 4:16

We are a Matthew 25 congregation and we are encouraged to live that out in practice in Ephesians 4:16: "From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Our Committee Fair this year will be an actual fair to celebrate the accomplishments of 2020, made possible by your spirit of generosity last year, and to kick off the Fall of 2021 in a spirit of activity, fellowship, and love. We are planning a time of fellowship that includes food, festivities, and fun. There will be games, prizes, activities, and of course, refreshments with each committee hosting one of the events. Please plan to join the fun along with our reunion in the sanctuary on September 12.

As usual – THANK YOU for your ongoing commitment to making SPC who we are; a congregation that shares our time, talent, and treasures toward a common goal of following Christ's leading.





WORSHIP & MUSIC



Our committee is quite important in the life of our church. The committee members serve to support our pastoral staff to fulfill their duties in leading the congregation. As such we have leeway to perform many supportive activities. The committee oversees the supplies necessary to provide communion and sanctuary enhancement. We coordinate volunteers to be Worship Assistants for our services and many related activities.

Music is coordinated by our Music Director, Noby Ishida. He works with our worship leaders to ensure all logistics, performers, and equipment are prepared for worship services. Currently, we have an active handbell choir, and we anticipate the return of our voice choirs in worship services. Additionally, Noby commissions local and international musical guests to bless our congregation and community beyond.

The most exciting event coming up in the Fall is the inaugural concert for the newly enhanced organ. Noby has worked hard to make the dream come to fruition. The inaugural concert will take place on October 16th at both 4pm and 7:30pm. Additional details will be available as the date approaches.



PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE



The Bonnie and Tom Schulz Fund

A fund has been created to honor this special couple and their commitment to social justice and beyond.

***What can you say about Bonnie and Tom?
Their dedication to helping others and participating in
the functions of SPC went over and above most.***

Bonnie served on the Flower, Fellowship, Nominating, Fair, and Peace and Justice Committees. She loved music and being in the bell choir. She served as both a deacon and an elder. On Wednesday nights, you could find her, at times, filling in at the soup kitchen. She also helped out at the Christmas Eve dinner.

But the Open Door Exchange is a mission that Bonnie held close to her heart. She was there at the very beginning, helping to organize and volunteer whenever she could. She was also on the Steering Committee and helped manage decisions that occurred along the way. And Bonnie was a fierce social justice advocate, using her voice when others could not and supporting many actions and causes along the way.

After Tom retired, he joined the Peace and Justice Committee and helped at Open Door Exchange as well. You could also find Tom on Monday mornings collecting food for the Grace Presbyterian food pantry. During the pandemic, he was ordained a deacon, although he never had the chance to serve.

Both Bonnie and Tom were such an important part of the church and in others' lives. To honor them and remember them, Session authorized the creation of the Bonnie and Tom Schulz Fund. The fund will be used to help others in their social justice projects and/or to help people in the community as the need arises. You can donate to the fund online ([SPC Donation Page](#)) using the SPC Other Section or by check. For either method please put "Schulz Fund" in the notes or memo line.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

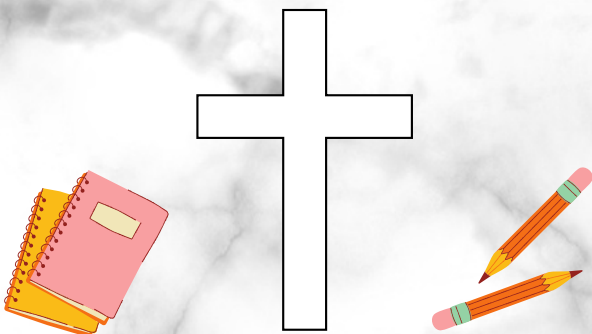
Welcome Back Children of all Ages

**First Day of
Church School!**
SEPTEMBER 12



Youth Group Dates

- August 30th-September 1st, 6-9pm, Feet on Faith: A special "run-up" experience for our Youth Group kids. This will be a chance to grow in our relationships with one another, serve our neighbors, and pray for our community.
- September 20th, 6:30pm: First Youth Group meeting! Parents are invited! Typically the first meeting is a sort of Q&A about Youth Group. We especially welcome first-timers to come gain a general overview of what we do at Youth Group.
<https://www.setauketpresbyterian.org/youth-children>
- October 3rd, 11am: Confirmation Class starts. Again, parents are invited. Location tbd.
<https://www.setauketpresbyterian.org/youth-children>



ADULT EDUCATION

Greetings from Adult Education!

Our committee loves to work (and play!) to help SPC congregants deepen their spiritual lives – both individually and as a community. Adult Ed's programs bring us together to reflect, learn, share and be inspired by ideas and faith practices.

Adult Ed's programs transitioned to Zoom last year. Bible Study led by Martha Porter kept us engaged every Tuesday morning. The monthly Book Group had meaningful discussions around titles such as Hamnet and The Vanishing Half. Small Groups continued to foster relationships, while Coffee, Tea & Talk gave us a chance for a weekly connection and conversation. Sunday Morning Classes focused on an engaging video-based curriculum, Jesus Redux, as well as special programming around Advent and Lent.

While we usually take a little break during the summer months, this year Adult Ed decided take advantage of being together again in person. Monthly Nature Walks after service give us a special time for fellowship, gentle physical exercise, and an opportunity to connect with the natural beauty of God's earth.

This fall, we look forward to exploring and deepening our faith in person once again.

Bible Study, Small Groups, and Book Group will continue. Sunday Morning classes will focus on a variety of themes including older adult spirituality, the ethics of food production and consumption, as well as a study of Matthew 25. We're always happy to have new members join the committee, hear ideas for programs, and welcome program leaders. And, of course, all our welcome to any of Adult Ed's offerings!

Adult Education begins on September 19th!



Nature Walk

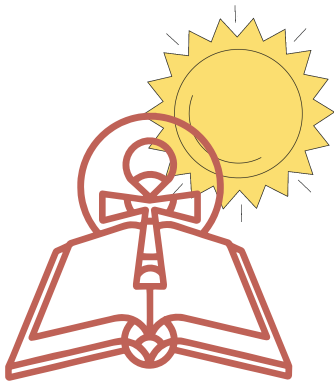


Nature Walk



Leaves Small Group

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS (TMBC)



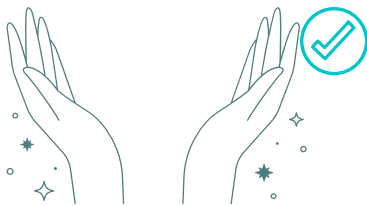
AFFECTIONATELY DUBBED THE "ROOMIES & ZOOMIES"

From Crisis to Acceptance, From Jeremiah to Luke

Our calendar tells us that the crisis for TMBC began in March, 2020. A deadly pandemic - mandating masking and distancing- suddenly isolated us from the Church building, the parlor, The Word, and each other. The Church offered an internet link (Zoom), but what would that offer for our year-round weekly study capabilities? We were right in the middle of Jeremiah's Prophetic ups and downs. Not continuing our study was not an easy option. Thus, we agreed to dedicate one Tuesday to trying this "Zooming", to see if we could make the experience meaningful for our class - really, each from our own little window? Our 20-21 calendar proclaims success! ('Ye of little faith) We have, to date, spent more than 50 consecutive weeks together in our mutual love of Scriptural study, in the joy of overcoming distance and isolation, separation and uncertainty. With Arlene as our cheerfully dedicated link-master, we average 12-15 "little windows" each week. Some of us even regularly log on extra early for some text-free personal time. There is great anticipation: Who's on, who is missing, who is still to come, who may be away, who's next on? From 10-11:30, serious study prevails. We have finished the Book of Jeremiah now, and moved on to the New Testament Gospel of Luke. It was indeed a crisis year of forced lock down and great worries and uncertainties; but as 2020+ enters our TMBC Archives, we have a greater appreciation for our ability to meet the challenge of shaping a whole new way of studying the Word. At the same time, which of the Fruits of the Spirit (Gal.5) did we not embrace - or lean upon for support? Love (most surely), joy (yes!), peace (by all means), patience (most definitely!), kindness, goodness (check, check), faithfulness (most necessary), humility (check), self-control (smiles all around!) One of us nailed our year + together so affectionately as "Roomies and Zoomies". To God be the Glory, Amen. - The Tuesday Morning Bible Class



zoom



Book Group Info

The SPC book group meets monthly at the church at 7:30pm between September and May to discuss books of varying genres selected by the group. All are welcome to attend. The schedule for this fall includes:

Sept. 23 – The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel

Oct. 21 – A Dangerous Crossing by Ausma Zehanat Khan

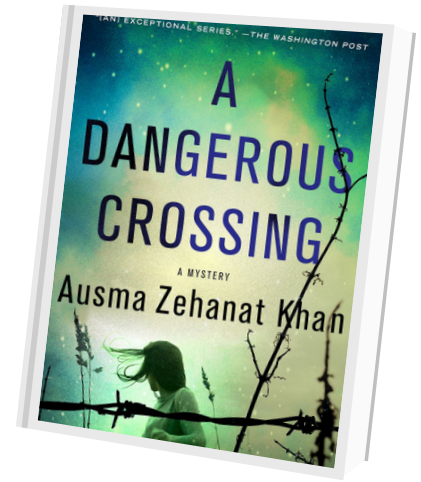
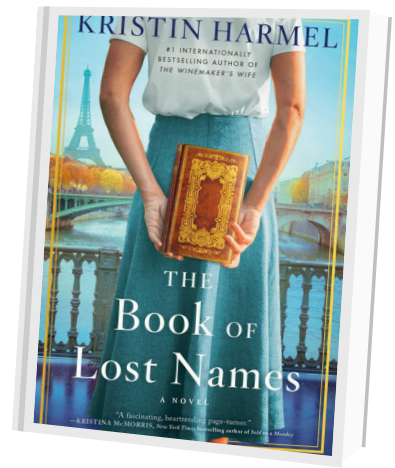
Nov. 18 – The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

UPCOMING BOOKS!

After Long Silence: A
Memoir by Helen
Fremont Dec. 16

I Miss You When I Blink:
Essays by Mary Laura
Philpott Jan. 27

A Woman of No
Importance by Sonia
Purnell Feb. 24



Pastor Nominating Committee

Sherri Aicher, Melanie McDermet,
Frank Marino, Jack Strong &
Lisa Suhadolink



A Note from the Financial Secretary:



A big THANK YOU! To all who have kept up their giving during the pandemic. As the Stewardship Committee gears up for the Fall Campaign, it would be very helpful to me if you would let me know if you would like a box of offering envelopes. Let me know by sending an e-mail to: financial_secretary@setauketpresbyterian.org; if you don't have e-mail, simply call the church office and let Aaron know. I would like to order them in October. Thank you! -Jean Hrbek



OPEN DOOR EXCHANGE



Open Door Exchange reopened its doors to clients and donors in July 2020. From then until July 2021 our awe-inspiring volunteer team has moved 759 pieces of furniture and served 126 families. Our clients, volunteers, donors, community partners, and YOU have made this possible. In a year that brought many challenges ODE continued to furnish homes and furnish hope.

One organization we have worked with several times this year is Hope For Youth.

"For more than 50 years, Hope For Youth has provided services for children, youth and families, spanning a continuum of care from out-patient, clinical and preventive services, to foster care, diagnostic and emergency residential services."

We have provided furniture for young people coming out of their emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth. One of the youth who came to choose her furniture was sharing all the ways she was going to design her new room and even customize the furniture she was choosing. It was clear that the furniture she took with her that day symbolized a new start for her as she set up her own home for the first time.

Thank you for all your continued support!
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SEPTEMBER 14TH 2021



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EARTH CARE



Welcome to the New Kid on the Block!! The EarthCare Committee is off to a great start and invites you to join us as we work to make our church and our community more environmentally friendly. Our first official meeting was in January. We became involved with Brookhaven Landfill Action & Remedial Group (BLARG) and addressed hundreds of postcards for them. We are selling SPC water bottles. We have discussed a composting bin, rain cistern, meditation area, ways to increase recycling and Tips of the Week. We are interested in environmentally related State legislation such as CCIA. We have attended meetings of GreenFaith with other religious groups to work together for climate and environmental justice. Please let us know of any ideas you might have and join us to become better stewards of the Earth.



"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work and keep it."
Genesis 2:15



Update-to-date information on BLARG can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/BrookhavenLandfillAction/>

Visit GreenFaith to learn more:
<https://greenfaith.org/>

Read about the CCIA:
<https://www.nyrenews.org/ccia>

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



The Fellowship Committee provides both Faith and Fellowship:

- Within the challenges of the Pandemic we organized “A Good n Safe Fellows” outside chat gathering, following the NYS AND CDC GUIDELINES.
- We started the year with a Sunday High Tea, ZOOM, weekly on Sundays at 3:30. We had some great conversations and learned a lot about each other!
- We created a Fellowship Rock Garden (thank you for assistance Ali Niklas!) where you can decorate a rock with an inspirational word or message (there is a plastic bin under the bench with rocks and markers).
- In the beginning of the Fall, in collaboration with the youth group, we assembled backpacks with supplies (socks, gloves, hand sanitizers, snacks, etc.) for the Pax Christies Hospitality Center.
- During Advent we purchased a Nativity scene and a Live Christmas tree for the center circle. The congregation was encouraged to add any ornament they chose and we topped it off with a Tree Lighting ceremony.
- We provided fabulous homemade cupcakes (thanks to Good Twin Confectionery!) and waters for Ashley’s Ordination and lovely Pentecost decorations.
- Most recently we have been hosting an outside family friendly Movie Night on the theme of awareness of the effects of racial inequality and segregation. Keep an eye out on the weekly e-blast to see what’s next!
- Please join us for a great night of Baseball and Fireworks at the Ducks game on September 17, 2021! (Thank you for organizing this Alice Dawes!)

We did/do these things to continue the spirit of community and camaraderie that we have always held in such high regard at SPC. The pandemic made it challenging but with God’s Love and guidance we did our best to help people be together safely.

If you have any ideas or want to be part of our committee please email Mary or Sheila to find out about the next meeting date. We are not yet meeting in person. We are still Zooming it for now and would love to see your face!

Respectfully submitted by The Fellowship Committee

Yours in Christ,

Mary Sansone, Sheila Towers, Carol Ullo, Alice Leser, Sandy Roth, Pam Crum, Pat McCumber, Ruth Nicklas,
Arlene Rogers, Barbara Ariola



FOUNDERS CIRCLE

Founders Circle's overall purpose is to nurture our faith, support mission, work on peace and justice, and build an inclusive, caring community. We provide a place where members can freely explore their opinions and share their joys and sorrows. Our circle has no beginning, no end, no top, no bottom, only a center where we all come together. We usually meet on the second Thursday of the month at 11 AM in the church parlor. Newcomers are always warmly welcomed.

This year, our first meeting will be on **September 16 at 11 o'clock** in the church parlor. The Reverend Kate Jones Calone will be our study leader. Please come and join us!



FLOWER COMMITTEE REPORT

In the hallway next to the indoor entry into the Sanctuary there is a silver vase filled with pussy willows. That arrangement was for a Sunday Service in March 2020 which was canceled due to COVID. I realize as I write this that this arrangement may be tossed during our August cleanup - I hope not. Although a little dusty those pussy willows still look perky enough to leave to remind us of the time past without in-church services. How fortunate we were to have a talented church staff to continue our worship overcoming so many obstacles. The Flower Committee is just a very small part of our worship services but we tried to offer our help. Here are some of our contributions: The Sunday School teachers in June 2020 received delivered thank you plants. For the Pastor Parade for Kate and Ashley, there were bouquets for our Pastors. For Advent, our wreath was decorated and traveled to different members' homes for the weekly candle lighting. We decorated sets for Christmas filming. The consensus was that for Christmas 2020 the angel tree was a must to set up! The parking lot Christmas tree was from the Flower Committee with decorations from the Membership Committee. There were Easter lilies for the 2020 and 2021 Easter videos. Once the parking lot services started our weekly flowers began with Ashley's Installation service an opportunity to go all out! September will bring us back to Sanctuary with flowers to celebrate! Please know that volunteers are always welcome to join the Flower Committee. -Kathy Coen

SPC PRE-SCHOOL

BLESSED IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.

Although the year didn't look like others, the staff of SPP couldn't be more grateful to have safely opened for the 2021-2022 school year. We thank the amazing families and the members of the church who helped support us this year and always. In a chaotic world, God's graciousness was abundantly evident in our students. Our classes were still able to learn and grow in SPP and enjoyed Music Together sessions, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) programs, a Soccer Shots clinic, summer camp and so much more.

We look forward to another safe and wonderful year and are currently enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. A few spots are still available; please check out our website for more information. <https://www.setauketpreschool.org/>



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REPORT FROM SESSION

Actions from the Elders June Session meeting:

- worship and building use post-state-of-emergency plans (update on web site), appreciating the staff's efforts and members' feedback
- calendars and communion duty, special offerings
- Stewardship theme and dates
- Choir rehearsals, Guitar Festival, Guitar concert, Organ inauguration
- Katie O'Connor is new co-chair of the Preschool Committee
- donations to Memorial Presbyterian Church's 100th Anniversary, from the refreshments served at movie night to scholarship funds (Bethel AME), and double the matching Mothers Day contributions to KO Cares
- expenses for the balcony railing, network installation, manse porch, and replacement AC units

Save the Date

August 30 - Sept 1 from 6-9pm Youth Group
September 11 Remembrance Walk at 5:30pm
September 12 Kick-off Sunday & First Day of Church School
September 14 from 10am-1pm & 4-7pm ODE Open House
September 16 First Founders Circle Meeting at 11am
September 17 Duck's Game at 6:30pm
September 19 Adult Ed Begins After Worship
September 20 at 6:30pm Youth Group
October 3 at 11am First Confirmation Class
October 3, 17 & 20 New Member Classes at 11am
October 16 at 4 & 7:30pm Organ Inauguration
October 31 Stewardship Brunch after Worship
November 7 Gratitude Sunday

DON'T FORGET



IMPORTANT!

Please check the church calendar or the weekly e-blast for the most up-to-date information on events, activities and meetings!

Staff Highlight

Interview Questions ???

Did you know SPC's staff has been growing? We asked each staff member three interview questions. Read on for their unique responses!

1. If you were competing in an Olympic event, what would it be?
2. If you could personify an inanimate object of the church, what would you be and why?
3. Tell us a fun fact about you!

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Interim Pastor



1. Short track speed skating!
2. A hymnal, because then I'd get to hear someone sing every time I was opened!
3. I got to introduce "The Fonz" (actor Henry Winkler) as the speaker at my college graduation.

Rev. Ashley McFaul-Erwin, Community Outreach Pastor

1. It would have to be one of my two favorite sports: field hockey or rugby.
2. I think it would have to be the kitchen. A place where (pre-covid) there is often a hustle and bustle of activity and people working together, all leading up to a shared community experience of a meal. In my life and work I find joy in those shared community moments of creativity and service.
3. I had my first tattoo done in 2015 and it was my wedding ring. Since then, I have added 15 more!



Aaron Watkins-Lopez, Office Administrator



1. Torch Bearer
2. The front door of the sanctuary because it is welcoming and a pretty facade.
3. Fun fact: I had open heart surgery at 18 hours old.

Heidi Parles, Director of Spiritual Formation

1. Archery. There's something meditative about keeping one's mind focused on the present moment.
2. The windows. What a continuous, textural, learning experience to be that permeable and transparent membrane that faces both the goings-on inside SPC simultaneously with the goings-on outside.
3. Fun fact: I shepherd glass jars and metal cans and upcycle them into clever and sometimes themed, floral arrangements.



Staff Highlight

Elizabeth Smith, Communications Director



1. Swimming - I used to swim on my High School Swim Team.
2. The part of the church I would be is the light switch. I like to bring light to places/situations.
3. A fun fact... I used to be terrified of horses but through a providential family vacation I got to really meet them and now they are one of my favorite animals. You can learn a lot from a horse.

Eva Stanganelli, Outreach Operations Manager

1. I've always dreamed of being able to do gymnastics because I love the grace, beauty, and sheer power of it.
2. I would want to be one of Heidi's painted eggs! They always seem to have such fun adventures around the church.
3. I used to compete in the National Shakespeare competition when I was younger. We would perform monologues from some of the Bard's greatest works and recite soliloquies in front of a panel of judges. It was really intimidating at first, but soon became very fun! It helped me overcome a lot of fear and anxiety that I had around public speaking.



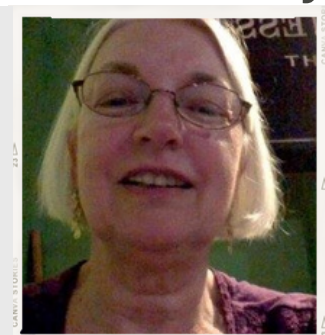
Noby Ishida, Director of Music & Organist



1. Table Tennis
2. The Fellowship Hall because it has the best acoustics - better than Carnegie Hall!
3. I play four instruments!

Jean Hrbeck, Financial Secretary

1. Cat Herding
2. My favorite part of the church, the organ. Though for me, it is a living, breathing thing when it is played. The new organ fills the whole church with music.
3. My grandmother's grandmother (thus my great-great grandmother) was a member of a royal family. She renounced her title, however, to marry a commoner. So, theoretically, I have royal blood.



Staff Highlight

Yvonne Chase, Co-Director & Teacher SPC Pre-School



1. If I were competing in an Olympic Event it would be as a synchronized swimmer.
2. If I were an inanimate object in the church, I would be the small memorialized wooden stool in the upper classroom, the reason being I have spent many enjoyable moments sharing sentimental stories and a bit of wisdom with our littlest ones sitting in that particularly “comfy” stool.
3. A fun fact about me: I was a homeschooling mom for 16 years by choice... pre-pandemic;

Heather Klein, Co-Director & Teacher SPC Pre-School

1. If I could compete in the Olympics I would be a figure skater.
2. I would want to personify the organ. I love how music can tell a story and it is such an integral part of service.
3. A random fact : I have struck one animal with my car - an emu! I was student teaching outside of Ithaca and apparently 2 emus escaped from a nearby farm. Unfortunately, I didn't see it in time.



Elizabeth (Betty) Stein, Sexton



1. Olympic event Walking and/or running
2. I would be the candles because I like to light up peoples lives
3. Fun fact: In High School I was on the cheerleading team

Richard Holroyd, Church Treasurer

1. Olympic Sport - Golf
2. Kitchen - because I enjoy cooking for others
3. "I do have a name."



Before You Go



Daily Prayer App



The PCUSA has suggested the Daily Prayer App for morning, afternoon and evening devotions. Below is an Opening Prayer for a mid-day devotion from the app. To the left, are corresponding Psalms. If you are interested in an easy way to access Scripture electronically, visit the Google Play or App Store to download the Daily Prayer App. You can also go to the SPC App and you will find a button to link you to the correct Daily Prayer App.

"Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

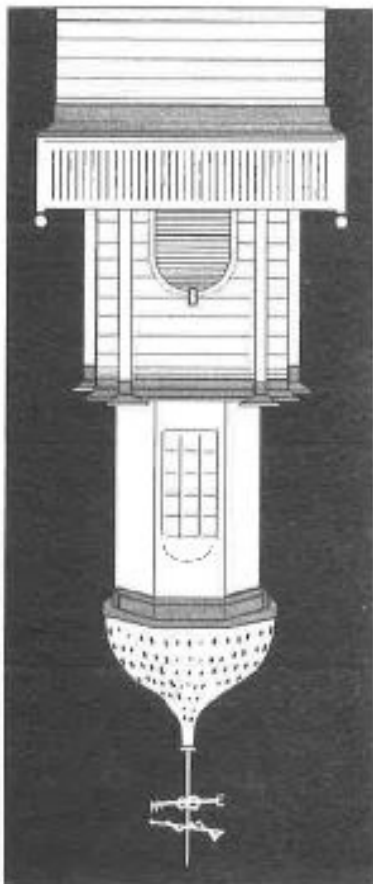
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27



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