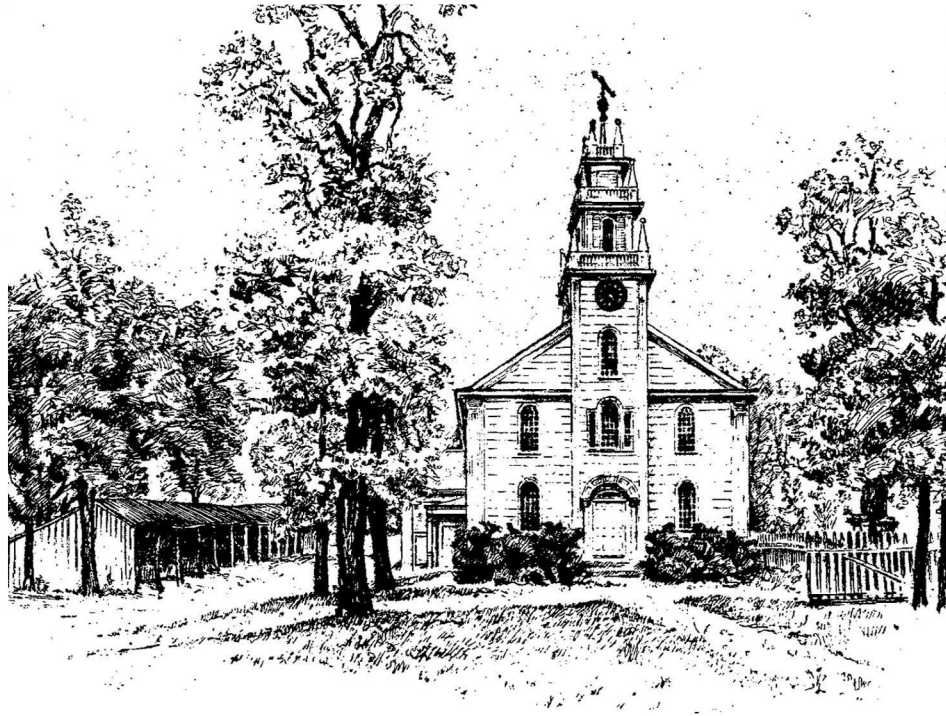


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Dear Friends,

Excited as I am by our congregation's prospects for the fall, I want to tell you about a wonderful day. On Sunday, September 26, the Session invites everyone who considers him or herself a member of this congregation and their children to be in worship. If all of us showed up at once, how joyful would that be?

This is simply a reminder that regular worship nourishes faith. The presence of each of us at our church on a Saturday or a Sunday encourages others. September can be a time of renewal for us. Check out your church to see what is going on.

During our Fellowship Hour between the services, we are planning an array of venues by the different organizations in the church. What is our congregation doing in Church School or for youth? What's happening with the music program? What about outreach to the community or mission in the larger world? What adult studies, Bible studies, book groups and retreats are available? If you have admired the extraordinary flower arrangements at our services, how might you become involved in the Flower Guild? I brag that our congregation has the best Presbyterian Women's group in the Presbytery of Long Island. What are they doing, and how might you get involved? What are the current projects and missions of Trustees, Deacons and the Session? How does our congregation relate to the Presbytery of Long Island and the Long Island Council of Churches?

No doubt, there will be food, coffee, tea and the like as you browse the Parish Hall to learn and to be reminded of what a great congregation this is. Some of you may not have met the staff of the church. Get to know us and ask about our work.

For your information, our September schedule of worship looks like this: September 5 is still one service; September 11, our Second Saturday Service starts again; September 12, we go back to our two services on Sunday morning at 9 and 11a.m.; September 19, our church school starts at the nine o'clock hour, followed by our eleven o'clock service; September 26 is our All Present/Open House Sunday with a wonderful array of venues in the Parish Hall between the services.

If you have already made plans to be away on September 26 or work on Sundays, attend one or more of our other services in September. The Second Saturday Service at 5 p.m. is an opportunity for those of us who can't make Sundays that week, and it has its own special worship flavor plus the flavors of a shared meal immediately following worship that is open to all.

There used to be a bumper sticker by Presbyterians that I liked very much. "Tough Week? We're Open on Sunday." It's a reminder to all of us that as life has hard edges, a worshiping community is a ministry of Christ to encourage life through its whole range of joys and sorrows. Whether you are in church most every weekend or haven't been around in a while, join us in September.

Come, experience the Spirit at work at First Presbyterian Church. See you in September.

Grace and peace,

Jimmy

“WE THANK YOU all for your outpouring of kindness and caring in the loss of our mother/grandmother/mother-in-law. We have received many cards, many phone calls and many words of comfort and compassion. It is, indeed, a joy and a blessing to be surrounded by such a wonderful community.” With love from *Joanna, Jimmy, Emily and Robert*

THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE announces the timeline of scheduled events for 2010/2011 at Fellowship Hour on September 26th. To get a jumpstart, the first selection for discussion on Sunday, October 3rd, is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Set in the 1950's, it is a story of the early civil rights movement and relations between Southern white women and the black women who worked for them. As this book is still on the best seller list we are unable to put aside a large quantity at the library, so you may want to reserve one for yourself, purchase or borrow a copy. Audio book and large print editions are available. A year-long **Bible Study** will focus on First Corinthians: One in Christ. Meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Narthex beginning on Thursday, October 7th. Sign-up is in the hall outside the Narthex so study books can be ordered. Cost of the book is \$22 and will be used again in the spring.

BRIDGE PLAYERS, veterans and beginners, are invited to our kick-off meeting on Saturday, September 18th, at 7 p.m., in the Narthex. We will get organized for the coming year and begin play. Please RSVP so we know how many to expect and can plan accordingly. For more information, please call Carol Link at 979-3946.

PRESBYTERY DAY IS COMING... “God’s People...God’s World”
Growing Disciples – Building Community – Reaching out in mission and evangelism
When: Saturday, September 25th
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Setauket Presbyterian Church

Worship – Workshops – Music – Food
Plan to join us!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!! Tell your neighbors, family, friends who enjoy art! Our church is holding an Art Auction on Saturday evening, October 16th. Preview time is 6 p.m.; auction time is 7 p.m. We will also enjoy tasty appetizers from our local restaurants, listen to special music and participate in a silent auction in preparation for the main event of the evening. Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available beginning Sunday, September 12th, between services. Save the date now, invite your friends and join us for a fabulous evening – October 16th!!!

YOU WOULDN'T GO ON VACATION without making sure that your plants will be watered and your pets cared for, would you? Of course not! We always want to arrange for those things we value to receive care and attention, even when we're away. Here's a friendly but important reminder from the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee: our church needs our care and attention, even when we are on summer vacation. Just as with plants and pets, it's hard to simply play catch-up after several weeks. The church needs your commitment all summer long! Please arrange for the care and feeding of your church, all through the summer months. Pledges can be prepaid, mailed or dropped off at the church office. Thanks!

Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8th **The Early Bird Circle** meets in the Narthex at 10:30; bring your lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided. **Circle Leaders: Loraine Bird 864-6244 or June Auer 234-8991.**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th **The New Horizons Circle** meets at 11 a.m.; bring your lunch, dessert and beverage will be provided. **Circle Leader: Trudy Engel (724-6165).** Please call her for location.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th **NEW BEGININGS CIRCLE** meets at 7:45 **Circle Leader: Karen Schilling (265-1463).** Please call Karen for location.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th **FRESH START CIRCLE** meets in the Narthex at 7:45. Call **Circle Leader Lori Scarlatos (584-6457)** for information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S ANNUAL COMMUNION BRUNCH is almost here. Saturday, September 18th, 10 a.m. to noon, marks the first gathering for the new year. Come and bring a friend for a wonderful time of fellowship and exploring the new Horizon Bible Study, *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. Our speaker is Janice Moore-Caputo. All women of our church are part of PW and are invited to come and share this time of fellowship, food and new beginnings as we start anew – together!!!

FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Join us during Fellowship Hour on the first Sunday of each month as the Deacons gather all those celebrating their birthdays and honor them by singing “Happy Birthday”. The following who have signed up have recently celebrated their birthday or will soon be celebrating. Please add your name on the sign-up Birthday List outside the Narthex if it is not already on the list.

<u>July</u>		<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>	
3 rd	Gary Pedersen	2 nd	Bill Brenner	2 nd	Glenn Femminella
5 th	Bill Countryman	7 th	Dolores Kern		Robert Langella
	Travis DiGiacomo	8 th	Elizabeth H. Burton	5 th	Kathy Seymour
	Nicole Kenney		Brenda Faverio	8 th	Tony Scarlatos
8 th	Robin Pedersen	9 th	Ed Lipinsky		Adele Carson
	Ashlie Heath		Corley Miller	11 th	Brittany Schneider
13 th	Rose Chibbaro	12 th	Sue Gensinger		Janet Spates
14 th	Alessia Faverio		Alex Scarlatos		Chris Veech
16 th	Arielle Leftenant	13 th	Thomas M. Sartain	12 th	David Faverio
	Jenna Goodwin	14 th	Erin Ednie		Zachery Schneider
	Ora Heath	15 th	Caroline Kelleher	13 th	Joseph Perri
18 th	Ken Gehlbach		Roy Kern	16 th	Janet Lipinsky
19 th	James Hulsey	18 th	Gregory Crecco		Cheryl Sanford
23 rd	Kevin Henchey		Sharon Kuntz	17 th	Ariana Franz
25 th	Amanda Kohn	19 th	Gabrielle Gerber	21 st	Brian Rosengrant
27 th	Sue Henchey	20 th	Lynrenee Riley	22 nd	Laura Mangino
	Tom Sartain	20 th	Emily Reinhard		Bertha Roos
29 th	Nicole Kohn	23 rd	Lisa Hubbs	23 rd	Laurie Mansfield
	MaryJane Schraner		Walter Morozowski	24 th	Nancy Meszaros
		24 th	John Weisman	26 th	Guido Agostini
		27 th	Hamish A. Cowie		Robert Hulsey
		30 th	Helen Bublitz		
			Karen Kenney		

