

THE OPEN DOOR

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“Feed my sheep.” (John 21:17)

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

This Lenten season, we will hear, learn and reflect on stories of the OGHS programs during the Minute for Missions shared in worship. Take a moment to learn more about OGHS at work by visiting: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs>

We will receive the offering on Palm Sunday, April 12, but your gift is welcome at any time. Please consider increasing your gift to this year’s offering — you’ll see how giving opens your heart to God’s work in your own life. Last year our congregation gave a little (Continued on Page 4)

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LECTIONARY

March 5

- **First Reading** Genesis 12:1-4a
- **Psalm** 121
- **Second Reading** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- **Gospel** John 3:1-17

March 12

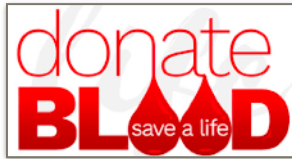
- **First Reading** Exodus 17:1-7
- **Psalm** 95
- **Second Reading** Romans 5:1-11
- **Gospel** John 4:5-42

March 19

- **First Reading** 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- **Psalm** 23
- **Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14
- **Gospel** John 9:1-41

March 26

- **First Reading** Ezekiel 37:1-14
- **Psalm** 130
- **Second Reading** Romans 8:6-11
- **Gospel** John 11:1-45



DONATE BLOOD AT FPCS Sunday, March 5th 9am-3pm

The Deacons will be hosting their next blood drive on March 5th from 9-3. Please consider donating if you can, or spread the word. Believe it or not, the Deacons are entering their 17th year of hosting blood drives.

After worship on March 26th, the Deacons will be hosting a casual soup luncheon. Please join us for soup and conversation. All are welcome.



Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, March 12th

The theme this year is Mary, the mother of Jesus.

All women of the church are invited to help lead worship this Sunday. Please contact Pastor Carie if you are interested at pastorcarie25@gmail.com.

2023 LENTEN SERIES:

Listen

Hearing That Still, Small Voice
and Finding Your Own



Spring Youth Retreat March 24-26, 2023 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

This Spring, join us for a big, energetic youth retreat! We're welcoming youth in grades 6th-12th to join us for a weekend of self-discovery, spiritual growth, and fun. This is primarily an event for youth groups; space for individuals limited.

All-inclusive rate (same for youth and adult chaperones): Tier 1: \$165; Tier 2: \$150; Tier 3: \$125

Rev. Colleen Earp will be leading us for this combined Jr./Sr. High Retreat. We'll focus on the abundance of God's creation, and how our own food choices can be a statement of faith.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS:

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| Georganne & Fred | Dolores & Dave | Bruce |
| June | Geraldine | Harry |
| Bernadette | Sue B. | Isabel |
| Nelda | Phyllis | Steve |
| Richard | Glenn | Lauren |
| Mellissa | baby Luciano | Laura |
| Chuck | Dave | Pat |
| Jay | Mike | Mary |

For the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.



Please pray for the families of:

Rev. Charles Thompson, Kayoko Klotz, and Marilyn Davis Harvey.

SESSION SNIPPETS:

From the February Session meeting:

Clerk's Report:

- Motion approved to accept the 2022 Statistical report and submit to Presbytery
- Motion approved for the transfer of Ruthann and Bill Wilkins to Grace Church in Bethlehem

Membership: 153

Action/Discussion Items:

- Approved the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Session meeting
- Motion approved for the review of the Child Protection Policy
- Finance report and budget was received, discussed and approved
- The First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna's cemetery is a Religious Cemetery. The committee is composed of church members and the President of the Corporation. The Cemetery committed has: a Treasury – Linda Smith, a Secretary – Adrien Roman, and a General Manager – Sue Anderson. The President – Kathy Ritchey – signs the deeds
- Motion was approved for the 2023 Workers Compensation payment for the church to be paid through the cemetery fund.
- Discussion on Earth Care. It was suggested that all worship and service personnel not use disposable water bottles. Jean Acken to talk to worship committee on how to communicate this

Informational Items:

- Mission Committee collection: milk and eggs
- 2023 Per Capital is \$42.50 per member
- SouperBowl of Caring - February 11-12
- Ash Wednesday – February 22
- Celebrate the Gifts of Women – March 12
- Faith Kitchen – March 30 – in need of volunteers

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Soil remediation completed – waiting for barrel of contaminated soil to be removed
- Organ repairs – slowly moving ahead



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over \$500 to OGHS, significantly less than in previous years. This year our goal is \$800. Please prayerfully consider your gift. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Make a Difference this Lent - thoughtful practices for the Lenten season



One Great Hour of Sharing also promotes environmental stewardship. "Make a Difference this Lent" is a resource and guide to the practice of environmental stewardship. The guides and fish banks will be distributed to the Sunday School, or you may pick them up from the display in Fellowship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA): Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. Provides support for refugees. PDA receives 32% of funds raised.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP): Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty, so all may be fed. PHP received 36% of funds raised.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP): Invests in communities by responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice. Educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. SDOP receives 32% of funds raised.

**From the 2023 PCUSA OGHS Lenten Bible study*



Office Help Wanted

Monday- about 1 hour for mailings

Thursday- about 1 1/2 hours to set up power point for Sunday's Worship

Training available. Please let Pastor Carie know if you are able to help.



I want to thank everyone for ALL your thoughts, prayers, cards and flower's during my sister, Elaine Bearley hospitalizations and passing. She grew up in Succasunna and at our church, First Presbyterian Church. She was a member till she got married in 1967 and moved to the Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania area. Elaine's family and I really appreciate everyone's concern.

With love and thanks, Sue Anderson



Mail 4 Merry Heart

Greeting Card Ministry

Send a Wee Bit of Luck to a Merry Heart Pen Pal!

Why not send a card filled with the Irish blessings to a resident at Merry Heart? Any cards filled with messages of hope and care would be most appreciated!

Here's how it works: • Select or make a card(s). Label your card (s) envelope on the outside simply with "Pen Pal" • Drop your cards in the Greeting Card Ministry mailbox located in Fellowship Hall (open Monday mornings, 9:30 -12 noon) on or before March 17.

You may also mail your greeting card labeled "Pen Pal" to either Merry Heart Assisted Living, 118 Main St., Succasunna, NJ 07876 or Merry Heart Nursing Home, 200 Route 10 West, Succasunna, NJ 07876



ROXBURY SOCIAL SERVICES

Milk and Eggs to Feed Hungry Families

We continue to deliver 12 dozen eggs and containers of milk twice a month to Roxbury Social Services. That's an average of 288 eggs a month! In lieu of acquiring a few hens and a cow, we need your donations of eggs, milk or monetary donations to supplement our mission outreach. (Please make checks out to FPC Succasunna and indicate Roxbury Social Services in memo.) Anyway, who really needs the extra calories?



Our delivery dates for March are Wednesdays, March 8 and 22.



SERVE AT FAITH KITCHEN

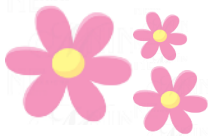
**Thursday, March 30th
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Your help is needed to prepare and serve a meal for 115 guests who frequent the Faith Kitchen in Dover. There are many ways you can lend a hand!

- Before Sunday, March 26 – Donate needed ingredients for the meal, oranges or bananas, water bottles or pre-packaged snack/desserts.
- Wednesday, March 29 @ 5:30 in Fellowship Hall kitchen. Cooks are needed to prepare Chicken Divan casseroles.
- Thursday, March 30, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. Serve the meal at the Faith Kitchen, 123 Blackwell Street, Dover. (Located in the Trinity Lutheran Church building.)

Join our FPC mission team in this effort! Faith Kitchen servers must be age 16 or over. More information to come. Look for our Sign-up Genius or FPC Facebook page for more information. Or you may contact Cindy Medici or Kathy Ritchey.

From the Worship Committee-



EASTER FLOWERS



It's time again to place your order your Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Easter is April 9, but we will need the orders by March 21 so the florist can place the order. The cost is \$12 for tulips and daffodils (6 bulbs per pot) and \$16 for lilies (4-7 blooms per plant). Also available are mini daffodils, at a cost of \$7 per plant. Please use the form below and put it in the offering box on Sunday or return to the church office. Please write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line of your check.

Please use this form to make your order and drop it in the offering plate or Church Office or call the Church Office at (973) 584-5238. **Please make your check out to: FPC Succasunna and write FLOWERS on the memo line.** The cost of each plant is listed below. The last day to order plants is **March 21st**. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday.



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!!

Number of Lilies (\$16 ea.) _____

Number of Tulips (\$12 ea.) _____

Number of Daffodils (\$12 ea.) _____

Mini daffodils (\$7 ea.) _____

Total Enclosed _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

From _____

Telephone _____

FLOWER COORDINATOR NEEDED



We are still looking for someone to serve as flower coordinator. This would involve checking the poster to see if anyone has signed up for flowers for the coming weekend and calling the order in to Lakeland Florist. We do need to pick up the flowers on Saturday from the florist (located in Landing) – if you are not available on the given Saturday, you can let us know and someone from the Worship Committee can pick them up.

Please call the Church Office if you can volunteer for this position.



Summer Mission Adventure

**SUNDAY, JULY 9 TO
THURSDAY, JULY 13,
2023**

**Get creative! Care for our planet!
Feed the hungry! Practice hospitality!
Have fun and fellowship! Youth and adults welcome!**

Save the dates and spread the word!

The Summer Mission Adventure is back again this year! It's our annual "staycation" mission week with community outreach events and activities designed for ages 12 and up. Some of the organizations we have volunteered with in the past include, Morris Habitat for Humanity, Homeless Solutions, Roxbury Social Services and Table of Hope. There's lots more information to come. Have questions or want to help coordinate? Please contact Kathy Ritchey:

kritchey@optonline.net or Pastor Carie: fpcsrev@optonline.net



SUCCASUNNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Week of July 17-21, 2023
VBS Registration is OPEN!**

SUMC is so excited to invite you to Vacation Bible School this Summer.

Our VBS program is the week of 7/17-7/21 from 9:30 am-12:00 pm!

Our 2023 Vacation Bible School program is Hero Hotline!

Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Join the Professor and Super Meer as young Heroes learn to strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up as we are taught in Romans 14:19.

To register your children or sign up to volunteer please visit our [VBS website](#).

Please contact [Jennifer Antoncich](#) if you have any questions.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2023

Souper Bowl of Caring & Drive-by Community Food Drive A Super Success

Led by our youth and young adults, with support from the community, the Souper Bowl of Caring and our 3rd annual Drive-by Food Drive was a super success! Held on chilly the weekend of February 11 and 1400 non-perishables, personal care and household items were collected for Roxbury Social Services. Donations to the Faith Kitchen totaled \$185.



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