

Announcements and Church Information

Welcome to this gathering of believers. We pray that you may find renewed grace and peace through our time together. We are pleased that you are visiting us today. If there is anything we can do to enhance your time with us, we are here to help. Just ask one of our ushers or anyone in the congregation. We have coffee, tea, and snacks available after the service in Wilson Hall and invite you to join us there and visit with some of our members (except in the summer months). We do ask that you fill out a Visitor Card (yellow card in the pew racks) and put it on our collection plate. If you only fill out the name portion it would be helpful for us. If you give us your address, telephone number and/or your email address we can follow up with you if you so indicate. Go to our website, www.rumsonpresbyterian.org, to find out more about us. We are happy you joined us and look forward to seeing you again.



Today's Preacher : Chris Peet

Chris Peet is a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery of the Coastlands and a member of Tower Hill Presbyterian Church. Chris works for the New York City Department of Education in Information Technology. He lives in Shrewsbury with his partner, Karen. They are the proud parents of Jenna (31), who lives in Brooklyn, NY, and Joshua (26), who lives in Mesa, AZ.



New: "Elder on Call" System

The Session has decided to introduce a new "Elder on Call" system to provide a point of first contact for anyone in need throughout the week. Whether it is a pastoral care concern or a crisis situation, the **Elder on Call** will respond to your call and connect you to the answer or resources that will point you in the right direction.

The Elder on Call for the week starting Sunday, March 17 is **Elder Carrie Eustace**. She can be reached at 732-239-5117 or ceustace99@verizon.net.

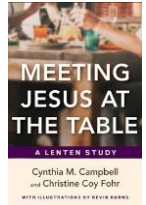
Contact information for the current **Elder on Call** will be updated weekly on the back page of the weekly bulletin, as well as in this announcement insert.





Adult Nurture Book Group

We're beginning another book discussion for Lent on February 21th. We'll be meeting 7-8:30 on Wednesday nights to discuss the book *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Linda Goeddel, 732-778-1115.



(<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/0664267793/meeting-jesus-at-the-table.aspx>).



Holy Week Worship

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday Worship @ 9:45 AM

Join us as we re-enact the waving of palm branches as Jesus entered the gate of Jerusalem. When Jesus processed into the city, he may have been poking fun at the powers of the day — but also demonstrating how a king after God's heart rules — with sacrificial love for the people entrusted to his care.

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship @ 7:30 PM


In this service, we'll be having a solemn remembrance of Jesus' last night with his disciples which will include sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Meditation from 10:30 AM - Noon Good Friday Worship @ Noon

There will be a brief Good Friday worship service beginning at noon. In addition, to allow individual prayer on Good Friday, our sanctuary will be open for from 10:30 AM until noon. Meditative music will be offered, and the candles will be lit. You are invited to come in any time during those hours, and stay as long or short as you wish, as you spend time in meditation and prayer.

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday Worship @ 9:45 AM

Join us for this festive celebration as we joyfully proclaim the news, Jesus Christ is Risen Today!





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

February 14 - March 31

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by our church - One Great Hour of Sharing, 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.

To learn more, pick up a brochure from the literature shelf in the narthex (just outside the sanctuary) or visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/give>

To give, there is an envelope in your Stewardship booklet (March 10th), you can pick up an envelope from the literature shelf in the narthex, or you can visit <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>

A Weekend in Old Monmouth



The annual "A Weekend in Old Monmouth" event returns with historic sites throughout Monmouth County opening their doors to visitors interested in local history. Hours for most sites (including ours) are from 10 AM to 5 PM on SATURDAY, MAY 4th and from NOON to 5 PM on SUNDAY, MAY 5th. Tour visitors can see the places in any order of their own selection. We are still in need of some volunteer

docents for this event! To sign-up, contact Sue Bostic at 732-530-0543 or elaine830@aol.com.



Flower Design Classes

As some of you may know, I created a micro flower farm where I grow flowers that are traditionally difficult to ship, such as heirloom fragrant narcissus, trumpet and parrot tulips, dahlias, cosmos, specialty sunflowers, irises, ranunculus, anemones, peonies, lilies, zinnias, herbs and more. Our blooms are grown sustainably, seasonally, and with nature and



and pollinators in mind. One of the reasons I started growing flowers was seeing the necessity of a healthy environment for pollinators (and to grow more food for us). It started as a desire to get more of a crop from our veggies by interplanting flowers in our vegetable garden, and soon the blooms took over. The gardens (there are 2) are full of bees, moths, worms, birds, and the sounds of life. I aim to foster healthy plants by focusing on the soil health, using compost, beneficial insects when needed to keep pests at bay, as well as planting natives. No pesticides or herbicides are ever used, but rather I seek organic ways to work with nature to create a biodiverse, thriving garden. Everything is grown from seed or bulb, and harvest everything by hand, including hundreds of dahlia tubers. I offer bouquets to our customers, as well as a Spring, Summer and Dahlia subscription CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Recently, I paired up with two other local flower farmers to offer flowers at the Fair Haven Farmers Market; we are named "Crabapple Flower Collective", after the apple farms that once were in our area. Our little farm is growing, and on the daily I feel more and more connected to God's creation, simply by planting a seed and watching it grow, tending to it. It's a source of calm and awe.

I'll be bringing flower design classes to Wilson Hall starting sometime this spring. These will be ticketed events, in order to pay for the blooms and vases offered, and part of the proceeds will go as a donation to the church. I'll keep you posted as we schedule dates. Looking forward to sharing these blooms with you!

Andreea Fegan

