

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.



Elder on Call

The Session has introduced an "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 month of April is **Elder Andy Bowe**. Andy can be reached at **732-513-3642** or jabowe126@gmail.com.



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 Steve Buchanan at 732-842-0429 or <mailto:steve@rumsonpresbyterian.org>.



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!

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