

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 in 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. If you are interested in highlights about our historic sanctuary, please feel free to take the small brochure found on the counter in the foyer.

Meeting of the Congregation: Today

There shall be a meeting of the congregation in the sanctuary immediately following today's service to receive the report of the nominating committee for church officers, elect new elders, and receive the financial report for the preceding year.

Church Picnic: Next Sunday, June 9th

This year our church picnic will take place on Sunday, June 9th immediately following the service. Congregational Life will be catering this year's picnic, so Mary Kiningham has asked that you let her know if you will be attending. You can reach her at mkingham@gmail.com to RSVP or if you have any questions.



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A Brief Introduction to Rev. E. Nicholas (Nick) Van Gombos

Our Part Time Bridge/Interim Pastor to Lead in this Transitional Season

Pastor Nick, with roots in So. California and So. New York, and degrees in Religious Studies from St. Lawrence Univ., and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Seminary, brings a variety of experiences to his time as our Interim Minister for this Transitional time. He has served in five prior parish settings in the mid-west, New Hampshire, Millburn, NJ and as Interim Pastor for First PC, Hamilton NJ. In addition, he held a unique role as Director of the Kerygma Program of Adult Bible Study in Pittsburgh, PA.

In his introductory papers Nick said, “Throughout my ministry, the congregational characteristics which have called forth my best pastoral energies are conveyed in key words: Spiritually charged, open and inclusive; inviting, energetic, forward looking, a “church alive” now and into a changing future.

At this time I sense God calling me again to be with another congregation in its transitional season in the role of Interim Pastor. I eagerly anticipate bringing my years of practice in preaching/teaching, pastoral care and congregational leadership to a parish. I look forward to sharing proactive work to help prepare the way for the next Installed Pastor.”

With a certification in The Art of Transitional Ministry, Nick will be among us in this part time role to support us in our continued Transitional time. He and wife Franny have three grown sons, lovely daughters in law, and enjoy spoiling three precious grandchildren. His email address is nicholasvg@comcast.net.



Rumson Presbyterian Peacemaking Awards

This year we have two recipients of the Peacemaking Award. These students have shown commitment to promoting the ideals of and goals put forth in our mission statement. These goals include, but are not limited to, tolerance of diversity, empathy for others, social justice for all, and protection of the earth.

Zachary Levy is our first recipient. He will be graduating from High Technology High School. In the fall, he will attend Princeton University. Zac is the founder of Project Unhoused. This project looks at homelessness and particularly at the stories of the homeless. He wrote a book, Project Unhoused, that looks to dispel misconceptions about homelessness and encourages the reader to treat the homeless with dignity and respect. Zac held a winter clothing drive and collected bags of clothing which were distributed in

Asbury Park. From the sale of the book and donations, he has set up monthly stipends for some of those he interviewed. His latest initiative is the Project Unhoused Change a Life Fund which will support education, securing jobs and offering monetary assistance in tough times for those in need.

The second recipient is **Sophia "Sophie" Ramos**. She will be graduating from Trinity Hall. In the fall, she will attend The University of Notre Dame. Sophie has volunteered for Horizons at the Jersey Shore for the past four years. Horizons is an academic and enrichment program for low-income public school students from the Jersey Shore community. Other community service activities have included volunteering for i Can Bike- a program helping "differently-abled" kids and adults ride a bike, Clean Ocean Action, and tutoring at Red Bank Middle School. This past summer she went with her school to Costa Rica, where she volunteered at a school and nursing home.

Congratulations to both of these students. We wish them well as they set out on the next leg of their life's journey.

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