

FPC – Session Meeting Highlights – March 21, 2023

- Sue Russell led the opening devotion and prayer.
- The Session re-elected Liz Burns as Clerk and Jan Falkowski as Treasurer.
- Liz Burns gave the Clerk's Report. She put together a Session Duty Roster for the upcoming year. Average attendance at Worship has been 73. There were several funerals in the past month, including for Annette Ray, Joann Tamin, Jane Reilly, Dot Martin and Amelia Andruski. New Elders and Deacons were welcomed. The Session approved a building use request from North Fork Reform Synagogue for a Holocaust Remembrance service on April 16. A baptism request was approved for the son of Tara Campbell Bolletieri, sister of Ashley Campbell Loreto, also on April 16.
- Jan Falkowski presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2023. Her detailed reports, including balance sheet, revenues and expenses, are very helpful to the Session in understanding the finances of the Church. She prepared an updated counting schedule, so that each week's collection is counted by one Elder and one Deacon, per the recommendation of our auditor.
- The next meeting of the Presbytery of Long Island will be April 22 in West Islip, and an Elder is needed to attend.
- Peter Kelley continued his leadership development on Emotional Processes and Family Systems Theory with a discussion about Functioning Position within groups and families.
- Mike Mraz reported for the Deacons. This month, they put together three baskets for the Sober House. They made a donation to East End Hospice in Annette Ray's memory. There was one Person In Need (PIN) request this month. The Casserole Club is serving five people on Thursdays. The Deacons provided several funeral receptions this month. And they made a donation to help with earthquake relief in Turkey.
- The Cemetery Committee reported that Chair Jane Andrews and her husband Fred will be moving to South Carolina to be closer to their son and his family. David Kilbride will become the new Committee Chair. The Committee is helping to sponsor a talk called "Slavery on the North Fork" at FPC on April 11 at 7 pm.
- Mary Mraz reported for Faith Formation that all of the programs are growing. Faithful Friends for preschoolers attracts roughly five children each week. S.A.L.T. for elementary schoolers has 40-47 attendees each week – volunteers are very much needed! There may be a Summer S.A.L.T. program. Kids' Church is growing, and participating in the beginning of worship each week. Youth Group is meeting on

Sundays, without about seven students. The adult Bible study has been completed. Important upcoming dates for Faith Formation include:

- Youth Group Mission Trip to Deep Roots at Clairvaux Farm, July 31 to August 5
 - Vacation Bible School, August 14 to 18
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- Karen Murray reported for the Hospitality and Fellowship Committee. FPC hosted a Lenten worship service for Greenport Ecumenical Ministries on March 15. More than 55 people attended. We are grateful for the volunteers – John Ross, Bonnie Hoffner, Muffie Baker, Faith Finne, Bonnie Zellner, Jan Falkowski and Debbie Guha – who prepared soup, salad and dessert, set up, served the guests, and cleaned up.
 - Colleen Clark reported for the Mission Committee that the build for Habitat for Humanity continues. Volunteers are welcome. Visit the Habitat [page](#) of the FPC website to sign up for a shift – weekdays and Saturdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. You don't need to go as part of a group. Colleen sent out a mailing for the One Great Hour of Sharing collection.
 - The work of the Nominating Committee continues, as Jane Reilly's spot for the Class of 2025 needs to be filled. Please let Sue Russell know if you would like to nominate someone – or yourself – to serve as an Elder.
 - John Touhey reported as the new Chair of the Personnel Committee. The Committee has made an offer to Daniel Koontz to serve as organist and Music Director. It is a part-time position, beginning in April.
 - Ralph Edwards joined the Session in order to serve as Chair of the Finance & Stewardship Committee. The Committee is looking for new insurance that can improve our coverage and save money. They will be reaching out to people to clarify their Estimates of Giving, so that the Committee has a better understanding of our financial position for 2023. They are working on improving outreach to the congregation, as well as how people's giving is acknowledged.
 - Patty Shuford reported for the Worship Committee that the Good Friday service will be at noon instead of 7 pm. The organ will be serviced on Friday, March 24. And the Sanctuary will be decorated with Easter flowers on April 8.
 - Colleen Clark led the closing prayer.