

Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
Announcements for July 3, 2022

Happy Fourth of July Eve!

Good morning everyone and welcome to Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ - where we like to say that you are welcome long before you arrive. My name is Connie Kauffman and it is a privilege to serve as your liturgist this morning.

Whether you are joining us in person or online, at this hour or at a later time – we are grateful that you are here at whatever point you may be on your spiritual journey...

This morning, we share sad news of the passing of Martin “Marty” H. Gunkel. Our prayers are with Marty’s family, especially his children Karen, Kristine, Kurt and their families. Visiting hours will be at Raynor & D’Andrea, 425 Montauk Highway, West Sayville on Tuesday from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M..

Marty’s funeral service will take place in our sanctuary on Wednesday, July 5th at 10:00 A.M., followed by his burial at Union Cemetery. You are invited to join us. Thank you for keeping his family in your prayers.

We also begin this morning with prayers for the family of Tracy Adinolfi who passed away over the last few days. Tracy was a close family member and friend of Meghan and Gregor Onorato. Thank you for holding them in your prayers, as well. We are very sorry for your loss.

And a word of thanks this morning to the “Bake Sale Crew” and all the Bakers who made our 2022 Cherry Grove/Sayville Ferry Bake Sale on Friday – a huge and fun success! Many sweetened and happy folk enjoying all the baked goods and love they received from us. We raised over \$_____ from this annual fundraiser. Amazing day! Thank you!

Friends, there are more announcements and updates on our website, Facebook page and in eChimes. Let us know if you need help accessing or signing up for any of these communications.

Lastly, please take a moment to read the brief description below that outlines our continued safe practices as we move into the summer. Thanks for caring for each other in these ways and so many more.

Are there any other announcements?

Worship now continues with the ringing of the bell and this morning's prelude...welcome back, Sean.

On safety in gathering...

1. Masking continues to be optional.
2. We continue to record "attendance" in case we need to notify you.
3. We continue to maintain safe distances in seating.
4. Our offering plates are at either entrance to the sanctuary. We are not passing the plate yet, so please place your offering in the plates as you arrive or leave.
5. We also are refraining from "Passing the Peace" with a handshake or a hug (or both!). We hope that will change soon.
6. We also hope that Communion will soon return to intinction (dipping the bread) as you take a piece from the loaf offered to you. For now, we share in pre-cut cubes of bread and bottled grape juice (thank you, Patricia and Fran!)
7. Windows and fans continue to circulate the air from outside the sanctuary through the halls into the Vestry – and back outside again. This circulation has been an important part of preventing Covid from accumulating in ways that might cause us to become ill. Thanks to Hank, Roger, Jimmy and all those who set this up each week
8. You are encouraged to sing and to pray gently and rise when asked, if it is comfortable for you to do so.

Thank you for all you continue to do to keep each other safe!