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## WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

*Succasunna United Methodist Church is a caring fellowship called to love and serve according to Jesus' example, welcome all people, worship God and grow as Christian disciples.*

**LOVE. SERVE. GROW.**

**AUGUST 14, 2022 - 10:00 AM**  
**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### THEME 2022

“And Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and  
proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”  
(Mark 16:15)



*Please stand during the places marked by an asterisk (\*) if you are able.  
Words in bold type are spoken by the people together.*

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| PRELUDE       | Audrey Schultz |
| WELCOME       | Pastor Stephen |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Marge Peletier |
| *PRAISE SONGS | Praise Band    |

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| UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION | Together |
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**Gracious and Merciful Lord, you have offered to us food for the journey. You remind us that your very life will sustain us as we witness to your love. But sometimes we let those reminders slip from our consciousness. We wallow in our difficulty; make excuses for not living the kind of life that you would have us live; treat others in ways that are not healthy or loving. Please forgive us, Lord. Stop us in our tracks and help us to examine the many ways in which we have not served you well and the callous things we have done to others. Cleanse our spirits and our souls from these unrighteous acts, and cause us to follow you more closely. Remind us again that you are the Bread of Life, having given yourself for us. Sustain us and encourage us in our service. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

*Adapted from ministrymatter.com*

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| SILENT CONFESSION & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE | Marge Peletier |
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Let us prayerfully offer our silent confessions to God, trusting in God's grace and mercy to forgive and heal.

\*RESPONSIVE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though you doubt and question, God's love is poured on you, in you, and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you: "The peace of Christ be with you." **And also be with you.**

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| COMMUNITY MOMENT | Gloria Anderle |
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 3:29-30

Marge Peletier

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:12-19

Marge Peletier

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SERMON

“Deep Questions I”

Pastor Stephen

“What makes United Methodist Church unique & different?”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

“And Are We Yet Alive” (v.1-3)

UMH # 553

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Stephen

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*SENDING SONG

Praise Band

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Stephen

***The flowers today are given by the Antoncich Family  
in celebration of Rudy and Jennifer’s Anniversary.***



# *Scripture Readings*

## **Proverbs 3:29-30 (NRSV)**

<sup>29</sup>Do not plan harm against your neighbor. who lives trustingly beside you.

<sup>30</sup> Do not quarrel with anyone without cause, when no harm has been done to you.

## **Acts 1:12-19 (CEV)**

<sup>12-13</sup> The Mount of Olives was about a kilometer from Jerusalem. The apostles who had gone there were Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon, known as the Eager One, and Judas the son of James.

After the apostles returned to the city, they went upstairs to the room where they had been staying.

<sup>14</sup> The apostles often met together and prayed with a single purpose in mind. The women and Mary the mother of Jesus would meet with them, and so would his brothers. <sup>15</sup> One day there were about 120 of the Lord's followers meeting together, and Peter stood up to speak to them. <sup>16-17</sup> He said:

My friends, long ago by the power of the Holy Spirit, David said something about Judas, and what he said has now happened. Judas was one of us and had worked with us, but he brought the mob to arrest Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Then Judas bought some land with the money he was given for doing that evil thing. He fell headfirst into the field. His body burst open, and all his insides came out. <sup>19</sup> When the people of Jerusalem found out about this, they called the place Akeldama, which in the local language means "Field of Blood."

# DEEP QUESTIONS

Summer Bible Reading  
Challenge

*Book of Acts*

WEEK 1

Mon ☐ **Acts** 1  
Tue ☐ **Acts** 2  
Wed ☐ **Acts** 3  
Thur ☐ **Acts** 4  
Fri ☐ **Acts** 5  
Sat ☐ **Acts** 6

WEEK 3

☐ **Acts** 13 Mon  
☐ **Acts** 14 Tue  
☐ **Acts** 15 Wed  
☐ **Acts** 16 Thur  
☐ **Acts** 17 Fri  
☐ **Acts** 18 Sat

WEEK 2

Mon ☐ **Acts** 7  
Tue ☐ **Acts** 8  
Wed ☐ **Acts** 9  
Thur ☐ **Acts** 10  
Fri ☐ **Acts** 11  
Sat ☐ **Acts** 12

WEEK 4

☐ **Acts** 19 Mon  
☐ **Acts** 20 Tue  
☐ **Acts** 21 Wed  
☐ **Acts** 22 Thur  
☐ **Acts** 23 Fri  
☐ **Acts** 24 Sat

## This Week at Church

|                | 8/14/2022  | 8/21/2022                    |
|----------------|--|------------------------------|
| Liturgist      | Marge Peletier   | Liz Kihm                     |
| Hospitality    | Hospitality Team   | Hospitality Team             |
| Fellowship     | Linda Diffley - Lay Leader   | TBD                          |
|                | Meetings & Events  | Times                        |
| Monday 8/15    | Office Closed<br>Prayer Shawl<br>NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall                                    | 2:00pm<br>7:00pm             |
| Tuesday 8/16   | Thrift Shop Open for donations<br>Social Justice Ministry Meeting                                | 8:00 am - 11:00 am<br>7:00pm |
| Wednesday 8/17 | Thrift Shop open for shopping<br>Nominations & Leadership Committee<br>Meeting - Fellowship Hall | 9:30am - 11:45am<br>7:00pm   |
| Thursday 8/18  | Digital Ministry Meeting<br>Stewardship Meeting  | 1:30pm<br>7:00pm             |
| Friday 8/19    |  |                              |
| Saturday 8/20  | Men's Study  | 7:00am - 9:00am              |

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### Scriptures for Daily Reflection

Monday, August 15: Acts 1

Tuesday, August 16: Acts 2

Wednesday, August 17: Acts 3

Thursday, August 18: Acts 4

Friday, August 19: Acts 5

Saturday, August 20: Acts 6

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### Sunday Schedule:

10am Blended Worship Service

11am Friendship & Fellowship outside

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## **WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP TIMES**

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We will have one blended worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary until August 28. Please join us for Fellowship Hour outside after the service. Effective September 4, we will offer a contemporary 9am and a traditional 11am service with Fellowship Hour between services.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING – Sunday August 28 during service**

Our students and educators are returning to school. We encourage you to bring your backpacks and briefcases to the Sunday, August 28 service to be blessed.

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY “God’s Recipe for Spiritual Nourishment” Weds. at 7pm, Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct.**

5 - The Bible is peppered with stories of meals, which range from simple meals to great feasts. God's focus on food in the Bible is meant to do more than satisfy our stomach. It is meant to heal and nurture our soul and draw us closer to Him. In conjunction with a Sep sermon series, this 4-week long study will explore spiritual lessons from the stories of feasts in the Scriptures, with emphasis on their theological, historical, and cultural significance. Each session begins in Fellowship Hall with a delicious recipe you can try at home (possibly taste some of the dishes enjoyed by the people of biblical times) and then transitions into a rich discussion. Whether you’re a new believer, a long-time follower of Christ, or just curious to learn more, join us! Let's taste and see God's goodness as we learn and grow together. See the bulletin insert and Friday’s weekly email for sign-up

### **NEW PROMOTIONAL VIDEO FOR SUMC**

What do you love about SUMC? Please help us to create a new church promotional video by submitting a short video and tell us what you love about our church. Contact Sarah Waldron at waldronsa122@gmail.com if you have any questions or need help with recording.

### **OLDE SUCKASUNNY DAY – Saturday, September 10 from 10am – 3pm**

Olde Suckasunny Day is almost here! We really need volunteers for this very special day. Please see constant contact emails sent earlier this week for tasks & time slots for volunteering. Contact Roger Hendrickson for information or volunteering.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES – Coming Soon!**

Interested in becoming a member of Succasunna UMC? Please contact Pastor Stephen at [pastorstephen@sumcnj.org](mailto:pastorstephen@sumcnj.org) or the office at [office@sumcnj.org](mailto:office@sumcnj.org) if interested.

### **SUMMER MISSION PROJECT – until August 21 -**

Please join us as we participate in a backpack drive for children in the surrounding community. Please note we are not collecting school supplies, just backpacks. Please contact Linda Diffley or Peggy Groh with any questions.

### **ROXBURY SOCIAL SERVICES DRIVE THRU DONATIONS –Mon. 8/15, 10am-12pm at Horseshoe Lake**

Due to being short on food donations this summer, The First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna is organizing a drive-by food drive to support Roxbury Social Services. All you need to do is drive up to the circle and the food will be unloaded and brought directly into the building. Please see Friday’s weekly email for a list of items needed.

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