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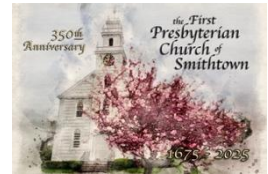
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GLAD TIDINGS FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

Welcome! Come enjoy coffee fellowship in the parish hall after worship, hosted by the Deacons. The congregation is invited to bring refreshments to share. Large print hymnals are available on the bulletin table. Ask an usher if you need our **family comfort room**, with baby changing table and rocking chair. Restrooms are located outside the parish hall doors.

Today, we welcome **Richard Schneider**, who serves as the Clerk of Session at Westhampton Presbyterian Church and the Chair of our Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. I will return to lead worship next Sunday, Aug. 16.

Our Book Group has chosen *One Summer in Savannah* by Terah Shelton Harris and *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi to be discussed on Sept. 16 and Nov. 18 at the manse. All are welcome!

Session has approved the hire of **Jonathan Bliss** in a new staff position. He will be serving as our **Part Time Live Stream Video Producer**, helping us to reach beyond the walls of the church with our worship service. The position is made possible by an Enduring Witness grant from the Presbytery. Jon is father of Scarlett, husband of Liz, and son-in-law of Tom Sartain.

Kathy Seymour invites us to take advantage of the **Back-to-School** sales and buy supplies for our ministry to children in need. The list has changed, and we have a surplus of notebooks due to the generous efforts of so many:

Box of 12 colored pencils

2 pocket folders

Glue sticks

Blunt, rounded tip scissors

30 cm / 12-inch rulers

Handheld pencil sharpeners

Large erasers

Unsharpened pencils with eraser

Box of 24 crayons

Pencil pouch

Maria of Firefly Oasis, meeting in our CE building, will be offering a nurturing, play-based Pre-K/K program for **children ages 3-6 years old** this fall. To support the program, she is seeking a warm, enthusiastic, and dependable **part-time Teacher's Assistant**, working 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Thursday. The ideal candidate will have a genuine love for working with young children; will be patient, reliable, and collaborative; and will have experience working with young children and interest in or familiarity with Waldorf Education. Contact Maria for details: fireflyoasis13@gmail.com. For more about Firefly Oasis visit www.firefly-oasis.com.

God bless us with joy and peace!

Pastor Karen

 Please pray for... 

- Terrell Eichacker, recovering from surgery
- Bill Brenner, Lisa Hubbs' father, suffering with Parkinson's

 **Happy Birthday!** 

August 9 - Melanie Bacarella, Ed Lipinski, and Anne Probish

August 10 - Aiden Albarella

August 12 - Angel Garcia, Jr. and Susan Gensinger

August 13 - Evelyn Saddlemire

August 14 - Caroline Kelleher

August 15 - Marlene Wolke

August 22 - Laurie Wallace

August 23 - Lisa Hubbs

August 26 - Danielle Nocito

August 31 - Joanna Furco



Recent Messages from the Pastor's Blog



David

Amazing Children of the Bible Series

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/26/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-david/>

July 26, 2026

Samuel

Amazing Children of the Bible Series

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July 19, 2026

Miriam

Amazing Children of the Bible Series

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/13/miriam/>

July 12, 2026

Celebrating Our Country's 250th Anniversary

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July 5, 2026