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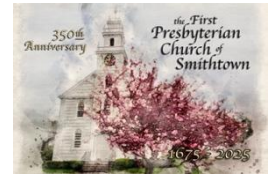
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GLAD TIDINGS FROM PASTOR KAREN FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Welcome! 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 or me if you need our **family comfort room**, with baby changing table and rocking chair. Restrooms are located outside the parish hall doors.



Today, I continue my *Amazing Children of the Bible* message series with "Timothy," and we will have the joy of baptizing **Valentina Bella McMaster-Castro**, daughter of Jahn and Savannah Castro and great granddaughter of Roy McMaster.

We will welcome the **Albarella family** into the fold next Sunday, Sept. 27, during worship and **commission our choirs**.

We will celebrate **World Communion Sunday** on Oct. 4 with Family Communion during worship and an invitation to give to the PCUSA **Peace and Global Witness Offering**; 25% of the offering will be given to the **New Jerusalem Food Pantry** in

St. James. Then, at 4 p.m., in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis, I will be presiding over a **Blessing of the Animals** on the church lawn. Pets on leashes or in carriers are invited with their owners. If you can help with set up, welcoming, certificate writing, or treating, please reach out to me.

Our Book Group is reading Allen Levi's *Theo of Golden*, to be discussed on Nov. 18 at the manse. Our church will be the host site for the **Nov. 14 meeting of Long Island Presbytery** from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with welcoming, registration, serving breakfast and lunch, and directing visitors.

The **Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry** received a \$6,000 check on Sept. 16 from the Charlotte Cheatham Hunger Relief Fund. Watch for more grants to Long Island hunger relief organizations to be awarded in the weeks to come! OOMPA is hosting a **coat drive** in the parish hall on Oct. 24.

Kathy Seymour invites us to buy school supplies for children in need. Here is the list:

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

Please pray for...

- Carol Miller's daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Armando Crecco, cancer
- Valentino Olivera, great-grandchild of Tom and Marci Deakins, brain surgery
- Cathy Kelleher, cancer
- Kathy Seymour, cancer
- Sienna, a young child with cancer spreading, not responding to trial meds
- Bill Brenner, Lisa Hubbs' father, suffering from Parkinson's and other health challenges

Happy Birthday!

September 15 - Stella Arnold
September 16 - Peg Holthusen, Janet Lipinsky, Melanie Smith
September 17 - Daniel Davidsen
September 19 - Debbie Rosenberg
September 20 - Giuliana Prianti
September 27 - Tom Deakins
September 30 - John Canning



Recent Messages from the Pastor's Blog



The Boy with Loaves and Fish

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/09/14/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-the-boy-with-loaves-and-fish/>
Sept. 13, 2026

Daniel

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/09/08/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-daniel/>
Sept. 6, 2026

Little Maid of Israel

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/09/01/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-little-maid-of-israel/>
Aug. 30, 2026

Josiah

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/08/25/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-josiah/>
Aug. 23, 2026

Solomon

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/08/18/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-solomon/>
Aug. 16, 2026

David

<https://pastorkaren.org/2026/07/26/amazing-children-of-the-bible-series-david/>
July 25, 2026