

# THE STEEPLE VIEW

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OLD STEEPLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2022

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It feels surreal when I think that this will be my last article for the newsletter. Six years have sped by so fast, and it is with deep gratitude that Henza and I can say, we have been among our own people. You welcomed us six years ago, embraced us and took care of us in every way possible. It has been the highlight of our time in ministry. Thank you. Thank you.

As we pack the last of our belongings and prepare for the loading and transport of our household goods to Florida, we experience the Fall as a symbol of life. We are all part of a cycle. Our time here comes to an end but the work of the church continues as you begin to prepare for a new adventure with a new minister. Your Search Committee will need your support and input if they are to make this a meaningful transition. Please remember them in your prayers and help them when they ask for feedback from you. It gives you a say in who will be called.

To our homebound folks who I might not see before we leave, please know that you have always been a part of my consciousness. Thank you for your contribution to the work of the church in your active days and may peace and comfort accompany you on your continuing journeys.

May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the comforting presence of God's loving Spirit be with you.

Much love from both myself and Henza.



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Keith Young

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# OUTREACH

Warm Greetings from Outreach - we are wrapping up October and our special collection for Church World Services ... contributions for CWS are still welcome.

As November arrives we will turn our attention to Habitat for Humanity, as we have for the last few years. Let's try and set a goal of \$1,000 for this worthy organization. We can do it!!

It isn't too early to think about December and our popular collection of warm items for the Angel Tree. We are collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, and this year including blankets and throws (not larger than twin size please). Really anything to bring comfort to those in need. An early start is necessary as delivery must be before mid-December. Many thanks to all you generous people who care for our neighbors with these monthly special collections and also the ongoing food collection for St. John's food pantry.

Andrea for Outreach.

## RETIREMENT PARTY

in Luce Fellowship Hall  
Old Steeple Community Church  
656 Main Road, Aquebogue



Saturday  
November 19  
at 4 pm

**Please join us for a celebration and dinner  
to honor the retirement and devoted service  
of Rev. Dr. Anton and Henza DeWet**

**RSVP required to the church office at 631-722-3070,  
or email [oldsteeplecc@gmail.com](mailto:oldsteeplecc@gmail.com) by Wednesday, November 2nd.**



We would like to gift the DeWets an American Express gift card as a parting thank you.  
We are requesting donations by Sunday, November 13th by cash or check  
(payable to Old Steeple Church) marked "Retirement Gift" which can be placed in the  
Sunday collection plate, mailed to Old Steeple Church, PO Box 154, Aquebogue, NY 11931,  
or dropped off at the church office between 9-2 on Tuesdays - Thursdays.

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## October 18, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Moderator Keith Young called the meeting to order and Rev. Anton led us in prayer. Members present were Amy Cosgrove, Edgar Goodale, Andrea Hanulec, Ann Priapi, Kathy Stapon, Rev. Anton DeWet, Liz Wines and Keith Young. The minutes of the September meeting were published in the last newsletter, Amy made a motion to accept them with no additions or corrections and Kathy seconded it.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Edgar went over the monthly report which reflected the church's finances through 9/30/22. We have continued to run behind on pledges, \$51,411.00 of the \$75,000 budgeted has been collected. The new 2023 budget, approved on 10/16/22, includes \$70,000 for pledges. Edgar let the council know that a new (leased) photocopier for the office will arrive soon and that the per page cost will be substantially lower going forward.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Anton informed us that the pastor and members from First Congregational Church in Riverhead will join us on 11/20/22 for his last worship service. Janet Wright will preach on 11/13, when he and Henza will be packing.

### MINISTRY REPORTS

#### ***Buildings and Grounds***

Anton prepared a list of things at the parsonage that will need attention after he and Henza have left. Keith will ask Jessica DeVera Wells to give her schedule of classes to Gail. Dead birds have been found inside the narthex.

#### ***Outreach***

Andrea advised that for this month's outreach project, Church World Service, we have taken in \$115. November will be Habitat for Humanity and December the Angel Tree collection of warm things (socks, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, throws, twin sized blankets). The St. John's food pantry has been receiving more items from our Church, purchased with extra Chicken Barbeque funds, but it is still chronically understocked.

#### ***Worship***

Kathy told us that Rev. Lorraine DeArmitt, who will be our pastoral supply from 11/27/22 to 1/29/23, has requested a letter of agreement that spells out terms and responsibilities. Anton met with Kathy today and they drafted a preliminary version. Kathy intends to meet with Rev. DeArmitt to go over it. The council gave Kathy authorization to amend the agreement. We had a discussion as to who will be responsible for pastoral care after 11/20. Kathy will look into finding someone to hire on a part time basis for this, until we have hired a settled pastor.

The council decided there will be a Christmas Eve Service at 8 pm. We talked about and agreed that there will not be morning service on Sunday 12/25/22 because the last time Christmas fell on a Sunday, only three people showed up. Gail will be asked to publicize the Christmas Eve Service by taking out an ad in The News Review and put the information about no service Christmas day in the bulletin and newsletter.

#### ***Welcoming / Advertising***

No report.

#### ***Caring***

Liz Wines has been phoning members and friends who have been ill or unable to attend.



## SEARCH PROCESS

Ann reported that the UCC conference has received 37 responses to the Welcoming and Diversity Inventory that was sent out by the search committee. Since this is about 50% of the number who participate in weekly worship, the committee can now schedule a 'results meeting' with our associate conference ministers involved in our transition.

## CONTINUING and NEW BUSINESS

- Potluck luncheon for fellowship and fun will be 10/23 following worship.
- Edgar brought the time capsule back to church. Keith will talk with Lisa Drozd about making a plaque for it.
- Plans are underway for Anton's 11/19/22 retirement dinner.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Priapi, Clerk



## *Combined Thanksgiving Service*

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 4 pm**

at St. John's RC Church  
546 St. John's Place, Riverhead

## **Old Steeple Community Church ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING October 16, 2022**

The meeting was held after worship at 10:45 am. Moderator Keith Young called the meeting to order and asked if there were any questions about the proposed 2023 budget. There were none. He proceeded to vote by a show of hands. 21 members were in favor, 0 against. The budget was adopted as presented.

### Attendance:

Keith Young  
Fay Young  
Carol Lee  
Maria Heagy  
Gail Evans  
Guy Fein  
Rev. Anton DeWet  
Henza DeWet  
Barbara Crowley  
Jack Kratoville  
Ginny Taylor  
Elizabeth Wines  
Amy Cosgrove  
Donna Doroszka

Joe Doroszka  
Paulette Sherman  
Robert Hanulec  
Andrea Hanulec  
Mignon Osmer  
Jeannine Martin  
Virginia Trandahl  
Nancy Goodale  
Edgar Goodale  
George Reeve  
Courtney Thompson  
Linda Sabatella  
Jim Sabatella  
Ann Priapi

Respectfully submitted, Ann Priapi, Clerk



Would you like to order any of these items for holiday gifts? Please contact Gail in the church office to place an order. You can come to the office during office hours to see any of these items, and to also see sever items that are not shown below – 'leftover' items that are being sold at a very low price.

## Knives & Utensils for Order

All proceeds go to **Old Steeple Community Church** in Aquebogue  
To place your order, please email Gail at [oldsteeplecc@gmail.com](mailto:oldsteeplecc@gmail.com)



**Regular Paring W201 • \$7.00**

3-1/4" blade  
6-3/4" total length



**Serrated Steak W205 • \$8.00**

3-7/8" blade  
7-3/4" total length



**Slicer W207 • \$11.00**

7" blade  
11-3/8" total length



**Serrated Pie Server W220 • \$11.00**

triangle face: 4-1/8" x 3-3/4"  
9-1/4" total length



**Tomato Slicer W226 • \$11.00**

5" blade  
8-7/8" total length



**Veggie Peelers W232 • \$8.00**

1-3/4" blade  
7-1/4" total length



**Mini Server W233 • \$10.00**

spatula dimensions: 2" x 1-7/8"  
7-1/2" total length



**Cook's Utility W240 • \$11.00**

4-3/4" blade  
8-5/6" total length

***Each blade/face material is high quality stainless steel;  
the handles are available in stainless steel resin or solid brushed aluminum.***

Large orders of about eight items will be placed right away. Fewer items will wait for enough items to place an order.

For more items, go to [radakitchenstore.com](http://radakitchenstore.com). Email your order information to [oldsteeplecc@gmail.com](mailto:oldsteeplecc@gmail.com). When you order through Old Steeple Church, the prices are lower. Prices good to July 31, 2023.



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## **Search and Call Basics for Churches in Transition (Part One)**

By Rev. Gary Ferner, Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call

When a congregation discovers that it is about to be in transition, the most important thing they can do at that moment (or shortly thereafter) is to notify the Associate Conference Minister (ACM) serving their Association.

This allows the ACM a chance to gather the necessary resources that will support the congregation through their transition time.

This is especially important if the pastor has given 90 days' notice, which is standard for Call Agreements that meet NY Conference Compensation Guidelines.

Once notified, the ACM will work with the congregation's leadership to secure either pulpit supply, a designated pastor, or an intentional interim pastor, depending on the congregation's needs.

When transitional pastoral leadership is secured, the congregation is introduced to the Congregational Welcoming Diversity Inventory, a survey designed to help a congregation identify areas where they welcome diversity, and areas where they may wish to grow in welcoming diversity.

The work done here assists in the building of the congregation's Local Church Profile, which is posted on the United Church of Christ's Opportunities webpage. The only way to post a Local Church Profile is through the ACM.

Search Committees will learn from the ACM how to read a Ministerial Profile, and will begin interviewing candidates who express interest in the position.

Very often, there is a lag time between the posting of a Local Church Profile and a congregation receiving Ministerial Profiles.

It is a difficult truth that the larger and more resourced a congregation is, the more Ministerial Profiles they receive.

Even as a congregation waits to see if prospective candidates show interest in their posted Local Church Profile, there are alternatives to pastoral leadership that can be explored.

Identifying local pastors of other denominations is one way. Another is educating and authorizing a member of the congregation for leadership.

Churches in transition may wish to consider partnering with other congregations, nearby UCC congregations, or local congregations of other denominations to share pastoral leadership.





Rev. Lorraine DeArmitt will be our  
pulpit supply from November 27, 2022  
through the end of January, 2023.

## NOVEMBER 2022

Outreach for November is **Habitat for Humanity**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 AA 6 pm NA 8 pm	2	3 Choir rehearsal 10:15	4 AA 6 pm	5 hall rental 9-4
6	7 AA 7 pm	8 AA 6 pm NA 8 pm	9 Council mtg. 7 pm	10 Choir rehearsal 10:15	11 AA 6 pm	12
13 Anton busy packing so he won't be officiating. Janet will be filling in today.	14 AA 7 pm	15 AA 6 pm NA 8 pm	16	17 Choir rehearsal 10:15	18 AA 6 pm	19 Anton's retirement dinner in Luce Fellowship Hall at 4 pm
20 Anton's final Sunday service	21 AA 7 pm	22 Combined Thanksgiving service St. John's RCC 4 pm  AA 6 pm NA 8 pm	23 SV articles due	24 Choir rehearsal 10:15	25 AA 6 pm	26 sanctuary decorating 10 am
27	28 AA 7 pm	29 AA 6 pm NA 8 pm	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

If you would like a copy of our Friends & Family list,  
please contact Gail in the church office.

# PRAYER LIST

## Prayers & Concerns:

Those in harm's way who serve our country including Christopher Mascia, Ben Pileski, William Gilmore Jr., and Justin Kruel.

## Our Prayer List includes those in hospital, at home recovering or taking extra COVID precautions:

Grace De Friest  
Robin Duvall  
Barbara Fein  
Guy Fein  
Hannah Galinski  
Gene Goodale  
Geraldine Hulse  
Lucas Mascia  
Arthur Miller & Rev. Bonnie  
Patricia Overs  
Scotty Robertson  
Arthur Schnell  
Fred Sherman  
Beverly Sherman  
Rachel Sirel  
Walter and Betty Stewart  
Michael Taylor

Please let us know of any additions or changes. Contact the church office at 631-722-3070; or e-mail [oldsteeplecc@gmail.com](mailto:oldsteeplecc@gmail.com). Include your name, and let that person know that those at Old Steeple will be praying for them.

