Summer Issue 2022



First Presbyterian Church of Verona

Come and Worship With Us

10:15 a.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a caring and welcoming church fully engaged in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we live and worship in joyful fellowship with God, proclaiming the Good News through an active program of Christian education and music for children, families, and individuals of all ages. We are committed to sharing our gifts

and talents to implement God's will and to assume leadership in our community, guided by the principles of Christian love.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: OUR COVID PROTOCOL CONTINUES- DETERMINED BY SESSION

- 1. If you have not been vaccinated, we ask you to wear a mask
- 2. if you have symptoms that could indicate that you have Covid- 19, we ask you worship from home and let us know so we can find meaningful and safe ways to remain connected and support you until you are better.
- 3. In addition:
- The sanctuary balcony will be a zone that seats people who wish to be fully masked. If you don't want to wear a mask, please leave the balcony available for those who do.
- If anyone needs to have a zone downstairs in the sanctuary that is roped off for people who are fully masked because you cannot use the stairs to the balcony, please let one of the ushers know, and we will rope off a section of pews downstairs that are for people who are fully masked.
- We will continue to open windows and socially distance until further notice.

For those who are unable to attend, services will be streamed through the church web site: Veronapreschurch.org.

On our web site it will say: <u>Click here</u> to access livestream 10:15am - 11:15am Sunday mornings, or <u>click here</u> to search for services. Each "click" takes you to a different place on our you tube channel where you can see either live streamed services in real time (the first click) or archived services (the second click).

To streamline use of online services, please subscribe to our You Tube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0czo7NSkhf56Ffx5OpA03Q

How to Find Us ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT AND WORSHIP

On YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0czo7NSkhf56Ffx50pA03Q

and subscribe to our channel.

On Zoom: Click the link you receive in the email from Pastor Lynn. Usually, that is enough. If not, start

the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID and password. To phone in with the meeting ID and

password, call one of the provided numbers.

On Facebook: Go directly to our page at www.facebook.com/First Presbyterian Church of Verona

Our website: veronapreschurch.org

Online giving is now available on our website: veronapreschurch.org

2022 CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION	DEACONS
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Cathy Franco Christopher Kiel Donna Kiel Deborah Michelsen Marilyn O'Neill Nicole Shaw Margaret Whiting Kathy Dougherty Suzanne Fiederer David Haimann Scott Klabenesh Matthew Koroluk Michael McGough Dotty Ostella Willow Pomponio James Shorten

Margaret Whiting, Clerk of the Session Council
Dr. Michael Duhaney, Corporation President
Ken Lauckner- Treasurer
Kathy Dougherty & Donna Lauckner- Financial Secretaries
Dotty Ostella & Michael McGough- Deacon Co-Chairs

FROM THE PASTOR



I am very excited about a collaborative initiative this summer between the Christian Education Committee, Chaequan Anderson and myself: "Family Church."

Beginning July 10, this team will meet with church families and anyone else who would like to attend on Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:00 in the Parlor.

We will make music with Chaequan, review the stories of creation and celebrate the ways that our lives are better because we know the One who made us. And, we will renew our joy in caring for our beautiful world.

Families will then be able to worship in the sanctuary at 10:15 AM and either stay for the entire service, or stay until after the children's sermon.

May God bless you with rest, joy and restoration this summer, Pastor Lynn

A GIFT WE ALL CAN GIVE IS THE "THE GIFT OF THOUGHTFULNESS."



Take some time this Summer to remember those who do not have email and/or are unable to attend Worship with us.

Check the church prayer lists that are provided in the Sunday bulletins and are on the weekly Spirit and choose some friends to remember with a note, visit or phone call. A gift that we all can give is the gift of remembrance.

If you would like some assistance in choosing persons to contact, please contact Pastor Lynn or Patti Beirne by phone or email.

Introducing the new Director of Music at FPCV- Chaequan Anderson



We have wonderful news to share! We have a new choir director, Chaequan Anderson "Chae" (pronounced Shea, like the butter). On May 15th Chaequan directed our choir for the first time and showed us his mastery of both the piano and organ as we listened to the prelude, hymns, anthem and postlude. Many members had the opportunity to speak with Chae during coffee hour, but for those of you who would like to know more about Chae, here is a short synopsis:

Chae is currently the Associate Director, Conductor and Cantores (choir director) for the Princeton Girlchoir and the Founder and Executive Director of a professional vocal group called

the Glassbrook Vocal Ensemble. It is Chae's intention to continue these positions as he pursues his Master of Music in Choral Conducting at Rutgers University which he expects to complete by 2024. Chae holds a BA in Music, Vocal Studies from Westminster Choir College. He is also the Director of the Middle School Choirs at Montclair Kimberly Academy, a position he will be leaving at the close of this semester to allow more time to pursue his master's degree.

On a more personal note, Chae and his wife live in West Orange. Chae describes himself as an extroverted introvert which this author interprets as someone who is outgoing and friendly but inwardly thoughtful. He enjoys conversation with people of all ages and plans on attracting, teaching and engaging our youth (and adults) through playful and fun musical activities. -Dotty Ostella

A NOTE FROM CHAEQUAN ANDERSON

Dear FPCV Family,

It has truly been a joyous start with you all here at First Presbyterian Church of Verona. Your kindness has made my time here thus far very special, and I am feeling very welcomed in this wonderful community. I sincerely thank you all for your warm words of encouragement and fellowship.

I am praying that with your love and support, our music program may grow and improve so that we may continue to serve the Church through the Ministry of Music. I know that for you all, the music ministry is an integral and spiritual part of our worship and fellowship here. Even more, our church has the potential to cultivate a fantastic music program that is open and welcoming to all.

CHOIR IS BACK!! And what and exciting time for us to join together in worship! Over the last few weeks, our Chancel Choir was led worship with beautiful music full of reverence and dedication. It has been a joy getting to know each member of our choir as we work together to the heart and song each Wednesday and Sunday. It is my plan to reach out to old and new members to entice them to join this wonderful community of musicians this fall when choir resumes.

If you're interested in sharing your musical talents via the choir, or offering a musical solo during the summer months, please reach out my email (chaequananderson@qmail.com), stop by my office, or catch me at coffee hour!

Lastly, It is my hope that in in the near future, we can schedule a time with food and beverage to fellowship and chat about all the potential of this great music ministry, and for you to get to know me, and me you.

Thank you again. I am thrilled for the journey ahead!

All my best, Chae Anderson, Director of Music Ministry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



We are thrilled to have had all 5 of our confirmands approved by Session as new members of First Presbyterian Church of Verona. Each of these young members of the church presented their statements of faith to members of Session with their families present. This creative group of individuals incorporated technology into their presentations and these were shared with all members of the church during the coffee hour following their welcoming to the church on May 22nd. Our newest members are:

Julia Hromoko, Jack Hromoko, Trevor Mescia, Luke Narwocki, and Samantha Venner.

In our Sunday School news, our students prepared for Pentecost by wearing red and orange and used chimes and flames to show the Holy Spirit in them. We continued discussing and learning how to use the Holy Spirit in us to do God's work with those around us. We also learned that most of Jesus' disciples were teenagers and that only Paul was an adult! This really empowered the youth to know that youth can do great things.

Our youth and adults are always busy. We celebrated their hard work and accomplishments on Recognition Sunday June 26th. Congratulations on your accomplishments.

- Graduates of Master Degree Programs: Liz Hathaway and Nicole Shaw.
- Baccalaureate Degree Programs: Alana Pomponio and Cianna Winkler.
- High School Diplomas: Ashley Duhaney and Riley Becker.
- Middle to High School advancement: Lea Romer and
- Elementary to Middle School advancement: James Hromoko.
- Also recognized was Cathy Collins, Janice Tierney and Dotty Ostella on their retirements.

Over the summer we will continue our efforts with the Human Resources Committee to search for a new Sunday School teacher by September. The committee has working on some creative ideas to do on Sundays over the summer with our youth.

Family Church: This July and August there will be a different type of program offered for the youth on Sundays. Starting on July 10th, rather than have formal Sunday School, the youth will be meeting on Sunday's at 9:30 am – 10am in the parlor. They will meet with members of the Christian Education Committee, Pastor Lynn and Chaequan for a fun and interactive exploration of some bible stories. It will involve learning the Bible stories, some songs to go with them, and do some acting out of the stories; ending with some God time with Pastor Lynn. The youth can then join their families during the service and stay for the whole service or if needed, leave after the Children's Message.

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

During the Worship Service on June 26th, we celebrated and thanked the following:

James Hromoko - advancing to Middle School Lea Romar - advancing to High School Ashley Duhaney - graduating from High School Riley Becker - graduating from High School Cianna Winkler - graduating from College Allana Pomponio - graduating from College Nicole Shaw - graduating, Master's degree Liz Hathaway - graduating, Master's degree

Retirees

Cathy Collins - retirement from teaching High school Janice Tierney - retirement as Elementary School Principal Dotty Ostella – retirement as Administrative Assistant

Thank you to:

2022 Sunday School Teachers

Liz Hathaway Cathy Franco

Confirmation Class Mentors

Ernie Kiel Dotty Ostella Eric Burgos Pam Osborne

LOOKING AHEAD

Mark your Calendars!!

Hymn Sing in August Come and sing your favorite hymns Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm

Resumes

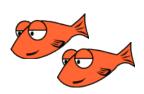
Church Picnic September 11th Needed: A Volunteer to chair this annual event

Blessing of the Animals September 25th
Fish Fry October 21st.

Trunk or Treat October 23rd

Hi Church Members and Friends:

Hope you are all doing well and starting to enjoy your summer. We have to think ahead to Fall to Our Annual Deacon's Fund Raiser- The Fish Fry. It is planned for Friday, October 21st 2022. I will keep you posted.



Take Care Peace and Blessings, Marion Shine

WELCOME PACKAGE



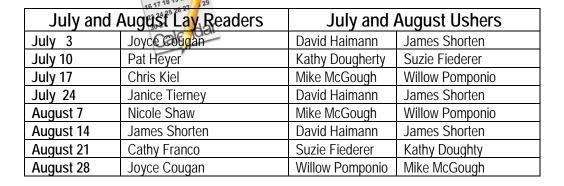
We have a welcome package for our church visitors located in a basket on the table in the Narthex. The welcome "bags" include:

Colorful and cheerful cards about many of our ministries, programs and people in our church

- A "reply" card where our guest can indicate if he/she would like more information about our programs
- Several peppermint Lifesavers (for both literal and metaphorical purposes)
- A lovely wooden cross keepsake

Please stop by the Narthex table and take a look – but leave the Lifesavers!

-Dotty Ostella



BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

- Initial survey and design work continues for the work on the new Chamberlain Hall Doors and ADA ramp (platform).
- A depression on the lawn outside the east-side door was filled by Dick Crawford and Andy Turner. A significant void was also discovered under the sidewalk and was filled. After the depression was leveled, grass was planted.
- Roof work on the entire building was completed in the beginning of June by CAD roofing. Loose roof tiles were secured and the wood box gutters on the sanctuary were sealed where needed.
- Gutter repair and cleaning was done at the manse. Recently there has been a problem of water seeping into the basement, and this work should alleviate that problem.
- The clutch of the walk-behind lawn mower was repaired in May.

-Charles Heyer

UKRAINIAN RELIEF UPDATE

Thank you for your love and generosity.

We are going to continue the medical / food / toiletry collection and \$ donations through the summer. We also have a box out for pet food. The boxes are on the Ukraine table at the churches entrance. Here is an update since the last newsletter

• \$350 from sale of bracelets and donations. This was sent to WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN for Ukraine site hit by a Russian missile. This kitchen is again up and running serving close to 1,000 meals per day. There is a documentary on World Central Kitchen by Ron Howard on Disney Plus and online at wck.org/.

"World Central Kitchen started with a simple idea at home with my wife Patricia: when people are hungry, send in cooks. Not tomorrow, today. Everyone knows that food is central to life and family all over the world. What we learned very quickly was that food is even more essential in a crisis. It all began in 2010 after a huge earthquake devastated Haiti. Cooking alongside displaced Haitians in a camp, I found myself getting schooled in how to cook black beans the way they wanted: mashed and sieved into a creamy sauce. You see, food relief is not just a meal that keeps hunger away. It's a plate of hope. It tells you in your darkest hour that someone, somewhere, cares about you." CHEF JOSE ANDRES

- **68 Cans of Food**, clothing and \$160.00 from sale of bracelets and donations we delivered to Hope For Ukraine for their refugee centers in Ukraine and Poland. This was delivered by Warren Hull on May 24th. Warren meets with Bill when he drops off the items. Warren stated "Bill doesn't speak any American! I don't know any Ukraine! Yet w4 bond with same beat of the heart ".
- Warren brought 3 boxes of clothes and \$61 to Hope For Ukraine on June 9th.

Hope for Ukraine Mission - We are improving life, one breath at a time. You can count on our organization to bring hope to many hopeless situations in the Ukraine. It's with your help that we can make a difference. Hope for Ukraine is on Facebook with daily updates. Their website is hopeforukraine.net. – Christin a Turkington







Ukraine Soldiers delivering donations to people

Bill (Ukraine) and Warren (1st Pres)

Molit'sya za myr (Pray for Peace)

SUNDAY SUPPER CRAFT GROUP

This might band of talented individuals continues to come up with creative crafts to be delivered with the monthly meals provided by the Sunday Supper team. We meet on the Saturday morning typically the day before the delivery on Sunday. It is a fun and relaxed time with great fellowship. All supplies are provided and ideas are always welcome. If you are interested in joining contact Cathy Franco or Isabelle Mercado. *Cathy Franco*

GREETINGS FROM THE SUNDAY SUPPER TEAM

Sunday Supper continues to add new recipients each month; during the month of June, we provided 30 meals. At present, half of our prepared meals are delivered to residents of the senior living facility located on Hillwood Drive in Verona. However, a good percentage is also being distributed to our very own members with the remainder delivered to local residents who we know are in need of TLC due to grief, illness, or financial difficulties.

Each month we create healthy and delicious meals by purchasing ingredients using funds from our generous donors. We then make a trip to Costco and local markets to get the freshest, most appealing and most cost-effective ingredients to prepare our dishes. We spend the Saturday morning before our Sunday Supper distribution prepping vegetables, salad and our main meal. Sharon Newkirk has made our work even easier by providing a home-baked dessert each month. With the help of Andy Turner, our oven is fired up and ready for us to cook before we arrive on Saturday morning. Preparation, cooking and clean-up is usually done by noon on Saturday and Sunday morning after church the meal bags are assembled for delivery along with the beautiful gift crafted by our SS crafters.

To "spice" things up a bit, we will be having a **SUNDAY SUPPER RECIPE CONTEST** during the months of July and August. The recipe can be for a main or side dish. If you have a recipe (does not have to be your own) that meets the following criteria, please submit it to Donna Lauckner or Dotty Ostella:

- Easy conversion to feed 30
- Healthy (low salt and no nuts, please)
- Fresh ingredients
- Cost effective

We will select the recipe that best meets these criteria, and the winner will receive a Sunday Supper in the month of September. If you are already a Sunday Supper recipient, you will win a second dinner to share with a friend! Best of all, the recipe the winner submitted will be used to prepare a Sunday Supper meal in the coming months!

If you would like to help out with shopping, preparation, cooking, clean-up or delivery on a rotating or as-needed basis, please let us know. We would love to build our team to include more members of the congregation.

Blessings to you all as we continue to serve in this worthwhile ministry.

Dotty Ostella and Donna Lauckner

MUSIC IN OCEAN GROVE



On Sunday, July 10th, I will again be representing FPCV at the Annual Ocean Grove Choir Festival. I have been fortunate to be able to be part of this wonderful uplifting experience since 1986. For many years, we had a number of choir members participating. They were fun times. Gratefully, the Koroluks will again share their tent with me so I can change my clothes between rehearsal and the concert and have a place to enjoy my picnic lunch. I am learning my music virtually and will probably only practice in Ocean Grove on the day of the concert. Would appreciate the prayers of my church friends!!! A link to a selection from a previous concert.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NrOMcOtSdw
 Peg Whiting

THRIFT SHOP

This month we are going to share some of the interesting things we have learned working at the Thrift Shop.

- 1. We have learned a "poco" Spanish for our customers who do not speak English. We always have room for a Volunteer that speaks Spanish or Italian. I can cover Spoonerism.
- 2. We look for Brand Marks and Company names on the bottom of china, glassware and pottery. We have gotten pretty good and identifying nice china from really nice china.

- 3. Occupied Japan. We found that a few of our statues, dishes, ect have "Occupied Japan" on the bottom. This signifies the period that the allies occupied Japan between 1946 and April 1952. Collectors of Occupied Japan pieces insist that "Occupied" be found in the mark in order for the piece to be considered a true Occupied Japan collectible. Not all products made in Japan between 1946 and April 1952 are marked "Occupied Japan."
- 4. Wedding Dresses never completely go out of style. We have had some from the 30's that was purchased by a design student. A very cool one from the 70's sold last week. But our favorite was a future bride and groom stopped in and she tried on a gown that fit her as if it were made for her. She saved thousands by buying that dress.

Here's a picture when she tried the gown on.



- 5. We are learning easy sign language. One of the gals that comes with her Mom can not clearly speak and uses sign language. She taught us dog, cat, book, and bird. We taught her Santa, friend, and Mickey Mouse.
- 6. Patience and Smiling. Working with many people with many languages (anyone know Egyptian?), crowds on sale days and occasional bad moods has taught us patience and the power of a smile. A smile is contagious and elevates your mood and those around you. Most of the time everyone is smiling, singing, and sometimes dancing. *Christina Turkington*

*** IMPORTANT ***

The Thrift Shop will be closed August 17th to September 9th – Reopening September 10.



CHANCEL FLOWER DONATIONS

What a beautiful way to remember our loved ones at Sunday Worship. Your name and that of your loved one will be included in the bulletin.

If you wish to donate, please contact Barbara Levenson at barbarabert@verizon.net or call the church office at 973-239-3561

Thank you and God Bless You for your generous donation!

HOLY SPIRIT FOOD PANTRY



The Holy Spirit Food Pantry continues to need our help. March was their busiest month to date, serving more than 160 shoppers. In April, they will test out returning to a system in which shoppers can shop, choosing items rather than accepting what is in the bags that are handed to them. People will be asked to remain in their cars until their numbers are called and masks will be required.

You may use the 24-hour drop-off bin in their parking lot on 30 Gould Street for any donations. Please consider writing a check to: Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit with "food pantry" in the memo line.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



There are numerous opportunities for church friends to share their talents. Opportunities are published from time to time. Ideas are always welcome. Feel free to speak with a Session member, Deacon, or Pastor Lynn at any time. Lay Readers for Sunday Worship are always needed. If you would like to volunteer to lay read, please contact Beth Shorten for information: 973-641-2296.

WISHING BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS, a very Happy Birthday.

Remember the only way to be added to this list is by reaching out to Dan Uniss or another deacon and providing your birthday information (no year required)!



July 1-Cathy Franco
July 27-Liz Hathaway
August 18-Andy Turner
August 26-Pat Heyer

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP



Grandparents Group meets the second Thursday of the month via Zoom.

Please email <u>patheyer75@gmail.com</u> or call 973-239-3592 if you'd like to join us.

CHURCH SECURITY SYSTEM

The Security System in FPCV is up and running. Thank you to the long hours and efforts of Mike Duhaney, Ken Lauckner and the assistance of Patti Beirne and Andy Turner.

After a few hiccups, Alen Security has come in to check out the system and retrain us to make is user friendly particularly to our renters. Suggestions:

The Lock system takes more time to function than we take to open the door so... Please slow down to use this security system and keep us all safe!

When someone rings the doorbell:

- Press the speaker button and slowly and clearly say: "I will let you in, please wait to open the door until you hear a click. Then please wait a moment before you ring the inside doorbell."
- Lightly press key button one time and then immediately release.
- As soon as the person opens the door, press "off" button. If you do not press the "off" button the system will malfunction.
- When the person rings the inside doorbell please say: "I will unlock the door and you will be able to open it in a
 moment. Please wait a moment to give the tumblers a chance to drop- you will hear a click when it is ready."

Finally, I have been told that the next grant process (2022) will begin May 13, 2022. It will be capped at \$175,000 per application and WILL include the same types of security we already have PLUS also DOORS! I do not know why doors were not allowed in our grant process in 2020 but there were absolutely not when we first applied. We are fully ion the federal system now, so I am told the application process for us should be rather streamlined and less onerous than was our first grant process. I don't know if I have time for all it takes to do this for a second grant but if there is someone willing to take on this project, including doors for the front church entrances (2 on Fairview Ave.) and the Pine Street entrance as well as 1 added video intercom for Chamberlain Hall, and perhaps blast film. It won't be difficult to do. I can assist whoever might be interested.

Graces of God be with you, Michael Duhaney

973-292-2188

CALENDAR FOR July and August

(Dates will be added as needed)

Sunday July 3

10:15 am Worship Service – Holy Communion Sunday

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting via zoom

Monday July 4 Fourth of July

Wednesday July 6

7:00 pm Worship and Music Meeting via Zoom

Sunday July 10

9:30 – 10:00 am Family Church – In the Parlor

10:15 am Worship Service

Thursday July 14

11:00 am Grandparents' Group via Zoom

7:00 pm CE Meeting via Zoom

Saturday July 16

10:00 am Sunday Supper Crafters

Sunday July 17 Sunday Supper Delivery

9:30 – 10 am Family Church In the Parlor

10:15 am Worship

Tuesday July 19

10:30am Staff Meeting

Thursday July 21

Session Meeting via Zoom

Sunday July 24

9:30 – 10:00 am *Family Church* – In the Parlor

10:15 am Sunday Worship

Tuesday August 2

10:30am Staff Meeting

Sunday August 7

9:30 – 10 am Family Church – In the Parlor

10:15 am Worship Service- Holy Communion Sunday

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday August 10

7:00pm Worship and Music Meeting via Zoom

Thursday August 11

11:00 am: Grandparents' Group- Zoom

7:00 pm CE Meeting via Zoom

Sunday August 14

9:30 – 10 am *Family Church* – In the Parlor

10:15 am Worship Service

Tuesday August 16th

Articles for September-October Newsletter due.

Saturday August 20

10:00 am Sunday Supper Crafters

Sunday August 21 Sunday Supper Delivery

9:30 – 10 am *Family Church* – In the Parlor

10:15am Worship Service

Tuesday August 23

10:30am Staff Meeting

Thursday August 25

7:00 pm Session Meeting via Zoom

Sunday August 28

9:30 -10 am Family Church- In the Parlor

10:15am Worship

Sunday September 4

10:15am Worship -- Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday September 11

10:15 am Worship Service

Family Picnic following Worship

Church Summer Office Hours - Wednesday through Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

Patti Beirne, Admin Asst. away from Wednesday, August 3 returning on Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Pastor Lynn will be away starting Monday, July 11 and returning on Tuesday, July 19, 2022
For Pastoral needs during Pastor Lynn's absence,
please contact Peggy Whiting-908-753-5882

Additional Use of the Facility

Music Together Room at the End of the Hall

New Session 6 weeks
Begins Monday, June 27th and ends Wednesday, August 10th
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 11:30 am

TPAPNJ - Chamberlain Hall Only Wednesday, June 1, 2022 5pm to 8pm Wednesday, June 8, 2022 5:30pm to 7pm Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:30pm to 7pm

*TPAPNJ - Summer Cam*p – Chamberlain Hall Only Monday July 11, 2022 through Friday, August 19th, 2022 9am to 2 pm

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AA Meetings	Al-Anon Meetings
Meeting in Chamberlain Hall- Tuesdays 8:30pm-9:30pm	Meeting in Julie Chamberlain Room – Fridays 12:30pm to 1:30 pm