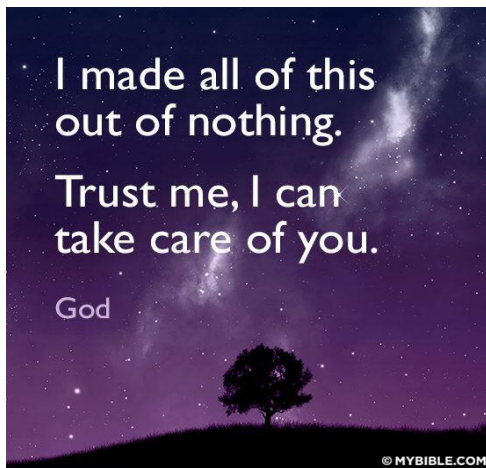


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We are now into August and week 20...ugggh! It would be nice if we could see the light at the end of the tunnel, but it looks like this tunnel is never ending. We must put our faith in God and realize that He has a plan. I'm not sure what it is, but we have to trust Him and hope that things will get better.

I have to thank our weeding crew from last Saturday. There were seven of us and we did enough work that it looked like there were twice that amount. Thank you, Mary Bartha, Diane Bowman, Carol and George Fuller, Karl McDannell, Michelle Siptroth and Barb Dickinson. There is still work to be done, but it is looking better and better. Thank you again!

I'd also like to thank Deb Ballinger, who let me know that Lehman Township was accepting paint cans in their weekly cleanup. I put 40 plus old, rusty paint cans from behind the shed in my truck and met Deb at the Township building and abracadabra...they disappeared. Thank you, Deb, for living in Lehman Township and helping out!

As mentioned last week, we have been discussing changing the time of worship starting in September from 11:00am to 10:00am. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me and other Session members with their two cents. We will not be voting on this as a congregation, but we want this to be an inclusive decision. If you have not talked to a Session member, please let us know what you think, whether you are a member or not. Please include your rationale, so that we know why you think one way is better than the other.

Session approved both an online rummage sale, spearheaded by the Presbyterian Women, and an in-person rummage sale, led by Sylvia Miller and her daughter, Sandy, which will be held on September 18-19. We will be accepting all sorts of "rummage" for both of these sales. Please bring them to the CE building. If you cannot get into the building, please contact Maggie DellaFera (570-460-3466) or Sylvia Miller (570-424-6732).

The Presbyterian Woman are helping out Girls on the Run with their shoe drive. There is a bin in the back hallway of the CE building and another one in the narthex. Please donate any type of shoe-men's, women's, children's, in clean, decent shape. The bins will be emptied on a regular basis so that we do not have stinky shoe smell in the church. =)

As always, I want to thank you for sending in your offerings. We have been receiving them through the mail. You may continue to do that using the address below, but if you prefer to do things digitally, another option is our online giving account. All you have to do is go to the church's webpage ([shawneechurch.net](http://shawneechurch.net)) and click on the online donation button and follow the directions.

I would also like to encourage you to send in your Per Capita offerings. We are very far behind in the amount we need to send to the Presbytery. This is important because they help us in many way; from on-line Zoom webinars, to in-person consultations, to "free" pulpit supply, to small church grants (we've received two this

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year!)), to financial advice and the online giving account. We are obligated to send \$39.10 per member. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Manse Update:

- We removed the toilet in the laundry room because there seems to be a small leak and the floor is a bit spongy. In the near future, we may have to replace the floor in the laundry room. If you know of anyone who can help with that, please let me know.
- Also, there is a hole in the foundation below the front porch. We need to seal that up so that the ground hogs find another place to live. =) We would like to get this done as soon as possible. If you know of any contractor and/or mason who can help us out, please let me or Lee Bower know.

Following is the pulpit supply list through August. Don't forget our summer hours are 9:30am, whether it is virtual or in-person.

Aug 9	Chera Wertz	Aug 23	Chera Wertz
Aug 16	Steve Walston	Aug 30	Rev. Tom Barth

We will still be videotaping the service and putting it on our YouTube channel for those who cannot make it to the church. Lori will be sending out an email reminding you of how to access the message. A reminder that starting in September, Rev. Darcy Hawk will be with us full time. I'm very excited and hope that you are, too!!!

Please pray for the following people:

Mary Resh, who has been self-isolating at Grace Park since the beginning of the pandemic and has not been able to see her family.

Grace Park, Apt. 119, 1170 West Main St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Mary Wolbert, who was in the hospital again but is back at home.

PO Box 87, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Kiki Pollack, who was just diagnosed with brain cancer and will soon start radiation treatment.

1109 Woodland Xing, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Mike Sodano, who had a bad fall. He is home and is on the mend, though still not 100%.

PO Box 256, Shawnee on Delaware, Pa. 18356

Linda Jennings, who fell and hurt her shoulder. She had shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, July 21. She is home from the hospital.

151 Naomi Lane, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Matthew and Lani McDannell, son and daughter-in-law of Chris and Karl McDannell. Both of them, along with their 9-year-old daughter, Scarlett, tested positive for COVID-19.

Vince DellaFera, who fell while vacationing and injured his shoulder. He has an MRI scheduled this week.

PO Box 123, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

The church's address is: PO Box 145, Shawnee on Delaware, Pa. 18356. And as a reminder, if you need to get in touch with me, my phone number is: 570-460-5754 and my email is [barb514@ptd.net](mailto:barb514@ptd.net).

In His name,  
Barb

