

Welcome to newsletter #6! There is not a lot to report since last week, but that's good news. With so much turmoil going on right now, a calm, boring week is ok. Hopefully, Gov. Wolf will start the process of reopening the state within the next couple of weeks, but let's not get crazy! Keep those masks on, stay 6 feet from your neighbors and stay safe and healthy!



I talked to Ginny Sodano this week and she says thank you to everyone who stepped up with food or money donations for the food pantry. She still could use toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. Of course, she will be happy with anything, but some of those things are not covered by food stamps. As a reminder, her phone number is 570-476-9393 and her email address is gsodano@ptd.net.

Make sure to continue sending in your "lily" orders. We want the sanctuary to be blooming for our "Easter" service!

This week our message will be brought to you by Rev. David Cornell. Lori will be sending out an email reminding you of how to access this message. Following is the pulpit supply through May:

May 3	Rev. Grace Ji-Sun Kim
May 10, 17	Rev. Tom Bartha
May 24	Chera Wertz
May 31	Rev. Rhonda Kruse

Also, I want to thank you for sending in your offerings. The church cannot survive without your help. During these hard times, we realize that you may not be able to help out as much as you did before. That is ok! You need to take care of yourself and your family. Whatever you can afford is fine. We will soon be back together and hopefully, life will return to a somewhat normal routine. We also have been approved for an online giving account through the Presbytery. A button will be put on the webpage very soon. So if you prefer to do things digitally, this will be another option.

If you did not read the wellness newsletter that Jackie Banahan sent us via Lori Siegle, I would highly recommend it. Lori sent it last Thursday. It had a lot of very good suggestions on navigating through this crazy time of self-isolation. In case you deleted it, one of the suggestions was writing a journal. Now, if like me, you majored in mathematics so that you didn't have to write essays, writing journals doesn't mean you are writing a book! It could be just a few thoughts of what you did each day or things that made you feel good. There is so much negativity right now that thinking about things that make you feel good is important. Another thing is to stay in contact with people. Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a while and see how they are doing. They really will appreciate it. Thank you for letting me come into your lives during this unprecedented time. This newsletter is like my journal and my way of reaching out to all of you.

One note of concern, Mary Wolbrt has been in the hospital a number of times during this past month...nothing to do with COVID-19. She will be going into a rehab facility soon. We will let you know more as we find out. Also, there will eventually be a service for Bill Roulette at the church, but for obvious reasons, not for a while. We will let you know when we find out.

On a final note, I thank the Lord for everything that I have. On my daily walk, I was thinking about how lucky I am...I have food, even if it's inconvenient to go to the grocery store, I have my two boys living with me in the same house, and a house big enough so that we can separate ourselves when we get on each other's nerves, and many friends that I can stay connected with via the internet. We complain about having to stay at home and how we can't do the things we want to do. And I must admit, I am guilty of that. I want to play golf, I want to go out to a restaurant for dinner, I want to travel, but I then have to look at the big picture. I am healthy...my family is healthy...this all will pass...we are in this together!

In His name,
Barb

