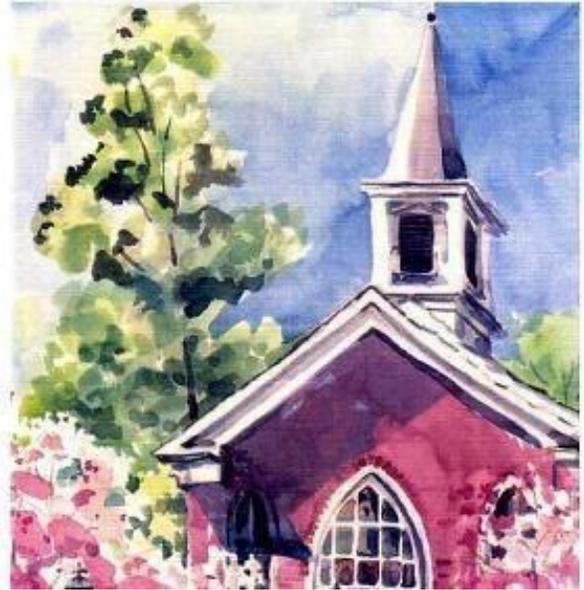


July 12, 2020

It's hard to believe that we have been social distancing for 16 weeks. That's almost 1/3 of the year! As I was reading the Presbytery newsletter, Rev. Rhonda Kruse, the transitional leader of the Lehigh Presbytery, talked about how "We've learned that we are not created for social distancing! We've also learned that churches help fill our deep need for a community of shared faith, for intimacy and accountability, for connection and relationship." So even though we will not be able to hug each other, I'm hoping that we will be able to meet mask-to-mask very soon! The reopening committee finalized the guidelines last night and all that is needed is to have Session approve them. When that occurs and if the county remains "green", we are a go! We will keep you posted and will be sending you the guidelines very soon.



Manse Update: A big thank you to Kevin Mays, who stepped up to stretch the carpets in the upstairs bedrooms. They look great! Thank you, Kevin! Also, Brian Tompkins has volunteered to help trim some branches and to take down a tree. Thank you, Brian! There is still a lot of weeding that needs to be done. Anyone can come by and pull a few weeds anytime they want! There are also a lot of paint cans behind the garage. If you have any suggestions on how to get rid of them, please let me know.

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 Presbytery. This is important because they help us in many ways, from on-line Zoom webinars, to in-person consultations, to "free" pulpit supply, to small church grants (we've received two this year!), to financial advice and the online giving account. We are obligated to send \$39.10 per member. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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

July 12	Rev. David Cornell
July 19	Rev. Tom Bartha
July 26	Rev. Tom Bartha
Aug 2	Rev. Grace Kim
Aug 9	Chera Wertz
Aug 16	
Aug 23	Chera Wertz
Aug 30	Rev. Tom Bartha

Lori will be sending out an email reminding you of how to access the message. I also hope that you have been enjoying the music being videoed and sent to you by Midge.

Please pray for the following people:

Mary Wolbert, who was in the hospital 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

Debbie Caputo and her son Matthew. (friends of Midge) Matthew requires a kidney transplant and his Mom is his donor. Pray for them and the surgical team.

Mike Sodano, who had a bad fall. He is home and is on the mend!

PO Box 256, Shawnee on Delaware, Pa. 18356

Tim Bowman, who has contracted the coronavirus. He is at the Slatebelt Nursing Home.

Diane has not been able to see him since the start of the pandemic.

104 South Kistler Street, East Stroudsburg, Pa. 18301

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,



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