

August 27, 2020



We are now into week 23 of COVID-19! I can't believe that the summer is almost over and the kids are heading back to school (sort of). Pray for the teachers, support staff and administrators of your local school. They are now on the front line and are taking care of your kids and grandkids.

We have scheduled a work day for Saturday, August 29 at 9am. We will be doing a final cleaning of the manse. It should not take as long as the first time, since we did a pretty thorough job then. I'd also like to get some more weeding done, just to spruce up the outside. Remember...the more volunteers we have, the faster we're out of there. I'm hoping that we have a big group!

We had a zoom Session meeting on Monday, August 24 and voted on the time change for the service. Many of you spoke to me and almost everyone was in favor of a 10:00 am worship service. Session voted and this was approved. I know that some of you wanted to keep it at 11:00 am for one reason or another. I am sorry it didn't go your way, but I hope that you will adjust to the time change. We will begin this September 6th. We will be sure to send out an email to remind you. It will take a bit of getting used to.

Sylvia and Sandy have started getting ready for the rummage sale. You can still bring in items for the sale, which will be held on September 18-19; NO clothing, TVs, electronics, mattresses, or large items please! On the days of the sale, everyone must wear a mask if they are inside and we will limit the number of people in the building to 25 people at a time. Please contact Sylvia Miller (570-424-6732) or the church office (570-421-5518) if you want to help or you have any concerns.

The Presbyterian Women 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. ☺

The Presbyterian Women are also holding a summer luncheon on Friday, August 29 at noon at Sun Mountain Recreation. If you have questions, please call Maggie Della Fera at 570-460-3466.

Manse Update:

- Jim Auriemma volunteered to patch up the hole in the foundation under the porch of the manse. It looks wonderful! Thanks, Jim!!!
- Lee Bower planted some more flowers and shrubs by the manse. Thank you, Lee! It looks great!
- George Fuller put up a safe for the offering collection in the CE Building, along with a much-needed key cabinet in the office. These, obviously, are not Manse updates, but George has been so helpful with everything, I had to mention this. Thank you, George!

Following is the pulpit supply list through August. Notice that the list is getting smaller and smaller! It's like a countdown to when Rev. Darcy Hawk will be with us. One Sunday and counting!!!

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Don't forget our summer hours are 9:30am, whether it is virtual or in-person.

Aug 30 Rev. Tom Bartha

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.

I haven't mentioned the food pantry recently, but it is one of our most needed outreaches. Ginny Sodano mentioned that we have been very busy with helping people and that we are in need of donations. Here is a list of nonperishable items that would be nice to have: fruit, pasta, mac and cheese, drink boxes, canned chicken, white and brown rice, salad dressing, noodles, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, paper towels. If you need to get in touch with Ginny, her phone number is 570-476-9393 and her email address is gsodano@ptd.net.

I am overwhelmed and humbled by the compassion and caring that our church family has for each other. I just have to mention someone in need and the phone calls, cards and prayers are immediate. Especially in this time, when we are not able to see everyone in person, it is so important to stay in touch.

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 has been diagnosed with brain cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy.

1109 Woodland Xing, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Mike Sodano, who had a bad fall. He is home and is doing really well. He and Ginny thank everyone who sent cards and messages. They really appreciated it!

PO Box 256, Shawnee on Delaware, Pa. 18356

Linda Jennings, who fell and hurt her shoulder. She has started physical therapy and is doing better. Continue prayers for the healing process.

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, had tested positive for COVID-19. The good news is that all three of them have now tested negative. Scarlett has no symptoms, but Matthew and Lani are still having issues. Chris and Karl would like to thank everyone who has reached out to them with prayers, notes and cards.

Vince DellaFera, who injured his shoulder and has a bad tear in his rotator cuff. He is feeling better but will still have to do physical therapy. He will hopefully not have to have surgery.

PO Box 123, Shawnee on Delaware, PA

Brian Tompkins, whose house got flooded during Hurricane Isaias. He has been able to return to it and his landlord is repairing the damage. Thank the Lord!

367 Route 715, Saylorsburg, PA 18353

Jil Hawk, who broke her foot. She is in a boot.

c/o Shawnee Presbyterian Church, PO Box 145, 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.

In His name,
Barb

