



Week 17, here we come! And this time it's with good news! As I'm sure you all know, we are opening the doors and having in-person worship this Sunday. Woohoo!!!! The reopening committee met and came up with what I think is a very professional, thorough plan. Thank you, chairperson Cathy Klingler and the rest of the committee

(Bill Dolph, Nancy Fish, Karl McDannell, Steve Walston, Barb Dickinson, Midge McClosky). You should have received the guidelines on Monday. The initial plan focuses on the most immediate actions needed to reopen. However, the Reopening Committee is mindful of the need for sustainability through the change of seasons, holidays, staff capacity/burnout, and possible resurgence of the virus. This plan will be updated as the Covid-19 crisis develops.



A Session topic of conversation has been changing the time of worship starting in September. We are thinking of changing the time from 11:00am to 10:00am. We think this is more in keeping with what other churches are doing and maybe will attract some new members who have things to do on a Sunday afternoon and want to be finished with church before noon. This also gives us some flexibility with after-worship activities. We want to hear your opinions! Please contact Barb or the church, or any other Session member, as to what you think of this change. 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 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 Della Fera (570-460-3466) or Sylvia Miller (570-424-6732).

We are continuing to work on the manse in preparation of the Hawks' arrival. We have noticed that there are dozens of empty paint cans behind the shed. If you have an idea of how we can get rid of them, we would appreciate your help.

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 (shawneepresbyterianchurch.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 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!

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 19	Rev. Tom Bartha
July 26	Rev. Tom Bartha
Aug 2	Rev. Grace Kim
Aug 9	Chera Wertz
Aug 16	Steve Walston
Aug 23	Chera Wertz
Aug 30	Rev. Tom Bartha

We will still be videotaping the service and putting it on our YouTube channel and Facebook page 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 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, though still not at 100%.

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

Linda Jennings, who fell and hurt her shoulder. She will be having shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, July 21.

151 Naomi Lane, 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.

In His name,
Barb

