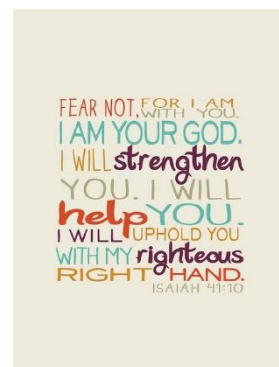


July 30, 2020

Here we come, week 19! The second Sunday of in-person worshipping went well. Thank you, Rev. Bartha, for being with us these past two weeks. For those of you who were there, it was good to see you. For those of you who are not comfortable being with us, we miss you and hope that we soon can all be together. As I mentioned last week, we are on a learning curve...please be patient with us. I hope that the video was a little clearer than the week before. We are tweaking things as they arise and hopefully, we will be experts at this by the time we are all back together. If you have suggestions for the reopening committee and Session, please feel free to talk to any one of us. We would love to hear from you!



One of the bumps in the road is happening this Sunday. Rev. Grace Kim will not be able to be with us. We will miss her, but our own Steve Walston will be preaching in her stead. Thank you, Steve, for jumping in at the last minute! But because Steve is not an ordained pastor, he will not be able to administer the sacraments of the last supper. We are sorry that we will not be able to do that this Sunday, but we will look forward to the first Sunday of September, when Rev. Hawk will be with us and we will be able to share the cup and bread with each other.

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 Della Fera (570-460-3466) or Sylvia Miller (570-424-6732).

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 a 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) 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!

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Manse Update:

- Lee Bowers started planting perennials on the hill in front of the manse. Looking good, Lee! Thanks! More plants will be purchased within the next week or so.
- We will be having a work day this Saturday, August 1 at 9am. We will be weeding around the manse and the CE building. I'm hoping if we have enough people that we will only be there for a few of hours. You do not need to RSVP, but the more people we have the faster we will be finished. You don't have to be there the entire time. Come for a half hour or for a couple of hours. We hope that you can help us out!

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

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.

Good news! Debbie Caputo and her son Matthew are both doing very well after the kidney transplant. They thank you for your prayers!

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

