

Week 13 of COVID-19! It doesn't seem possible, does it? I am very excited that we will be turning "green" Friday, June 19th. I am hoping that people do not go crazy and that they will be sensible and still be cautious. We must remember that there still is a very contagious virus out there and that we do not want the number of cases to spike. I must admit that I did venture out and have gone to a restaurant for outside dining. Actually, I have done that twice! Talk about wild and crazy! I am a little nervous about sitting inside a restaurant right now, but hopefully, as things settle down, I will do that, too.



The most exciting news this week, though, if you can believe that there is something more exciting than turning green, is that our new pastor, Rev. Darcy Hawk and his wife, Jil, came to visit Shawnee this week. They met and spent time with a number of our members and were able to tour our beautiful historic buildings and cemetery. All of us who spent time with them are very happy with our decision to hire Darcy. They are warm, caring people with a sense of humor. I think they will fit into our community nicely. They are very excited about moving across the state to our village and can't wait to get started.

As I mentioned last week, we have a Session meeting tonight (Thursday, June 18th) and we will be spending quite a bit of time talking about when we feel it is safe to have in-person services again. I know you are as anxious for this to happen as I am. I ask you to remain patient and keep the faith. We will keep you informed.

I was not able to attend the last two workshops that the Presbytery offered, but the workshops were recorded and are posted on the Lehigh Presbytery website at:

<https://lehighpresbytery.org/news-events/other-news/>.

Generosity in Uncertain Times will help us address the effects COVID-19 has on stewardship and giving—now and in the future. ***The Expanded Table: Ideas for a Hybridized Worship Experience Between People on Zoom and People in Person*** leads us in a conversation about how churches' new ways of worshiping can be combined with pre-COVID-19 worship as a both/and rather than an either/or.

I would suggest listening to both of these. They are very informative and will give you an idea of what we are facing in the coming months and beyond.

Fundraiser Updates:

We are hoping to have the rummage sale in the fall, so we are still accepting donations. You may drop them off any Tuesday or Thursday morning when Lori is in the office. If you can get in the building, you can leave anything in the back room, off of the Sunday School room or you can leave them in the back entryway. Just let Maggie DellaFera know something is there so she can get it into the building.

The Presbyterian Women are still collecting Weis receipts. This is one of their biggest fundraisers and they would like your help. You can mail receipts to the church (address below) or you can drop them off. There will be a basket in the front hallway and one on the stairs in the back hallway.

Reminders:

- If you need to get in touch with Ginny to either donate to the food pantry or to let her know about someone who needs supplies, 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! You can mail your money and order to the church address, written below.
- Following is the pulpit supply list through July:

June 21	Rev. Tom Bartha
June 28	Rev. Tom Bartha
July 5	Chera Wertz
July 12	Rev. David Cornell
July 19	Rev. Tom Bartha
July 26	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.

- 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 have had some people asking me about the different designations for giving. I gave these descriptions last week, but thought it might be helpful to repeat them one more time, for those who didn't read the full newsletter last week!

- ✚ **Mission** – supports regional and international ministry activities. As opposed to Benevolence, Mission funds go toward organizations and initiatives. Shawnee Presbyterian Church sends its Mission donations to the missions supported by the Lehigh Presbytery.
- ✚ **Benevolence** – provides individuals, whether church members or non-members, with the basic necessities of life. This is distinguished from Mission giving, which goes toward organizations and initiatives. The most common assistance includes utilities, rent/mortgage, groceries, medical expenses, etc.
- ✚ **Per Capita** – goes toward the administrative expenses of the PC(USA), distributed among the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. By paying the annual Per Capita, members enable the PC(USA) to put more resources toward non-administrative functions that benefit the church and global community as a whole. The amount of Per Capita varies each year – this year it is \$39.10 per member. Shawnee Presbyterian Church must pay for every member regardless of whether that member sends in their \$39.10.
- ✚ **Building Fund** – money that goes towards the upkeep and renovation of the buildings of the church.
- ✚ **Memorial** – money that is sent in remembrance of someone who passed away. Unless otherwise stated this will be put in the General Fund
- ✚ **General Fund** – used for most church expenses. All giving that is not otherwise designated goes into the General Fund

Please continue to pray for:

Mary Resh, who was in the hospital but is now back at Grace Park.

Grace Park, Apt. 119, 1170 West Main St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Mary Wolbert, who is in back at home.

PO Box 87, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Kiki Pollack, who is undergoing some medical testing.

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.

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