

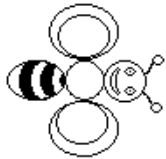
September 10, 2020



Wow, you are a busy bunch of bees!

Getting to know you as a group is a privilege and exercising my curiosity about all the activity here helps to form pictures of you as individuals. In difficult times you are rising to the challenge. I pray God continually blesses your efforts to be the church and care for the wider community.

The current restrictions resulting from safely managing covid-19 will limit my ability to visit in person but Jil and I are doing our best to get connected through technology. The phone and internet connections at the manse are promised by September 17th. Until then use the church phone (570) 421-5518 and e-mail, shawneechurch@verizon.net to contact me. I will regularly be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-12. As soon as things return to some semblance of normalcy I hope you will welcome pastoral visits as I get to know you and gather information as your interim pastor. This is a time for Shawnee Church to think about pastoral leadership to help you respond to God's call regarding the future.



My mother announced she was "at home" for visitors by sitting on her rocker on the front porch. If you see us on the manse porch stop and say hello.

Among the busy bees Barb Dickinson has been an invaluable aid in making us welcome and helping settle us in. Lori Siegle has been patiently explaining the church's systems and processes. All of you have lived up to your mission statement: "To be a friendly congregation where all people can freely come and worship, experience family fellowship, feel the presence of God's love in a historical and recreational setting, and be a beacon of God's light to the world."

Upcoming Events:

We will be having a "Welcome to Shawnee Fellowship Hour" after church on Sunday, September 13, so that Jil and I can get to know you all better! This will be immediately after church outside of the CE Building. I know that some folks don't feel comfortable coming back to church yet, but you can certainly join us outside after church. We will try to keep our masks on and social distance ourselves in consideration and respect for those who are not comfortable around a crowd. We are limiting the refreshments to food and beverages that can be picked up individually, so no one will have to touch the same thing as someone else. In case of inclement weather, we will get together on the following Sunday, September 20.

Smithfield Township Cleanup Days – September 16th – 20th

We will need help in disposing of many old and deteriorated items around the church property. Smithfield Township residents will be required to help transport these items to the township building for disposal. Contact the church office at 570-421-5518 if you can help in any way!

The Rummage Sale is around the corner! Sylvia and Sandy have been spending long hours sorting and pricing many, many items. Sunday, September 13, is the last day to drop anything off. Help is needed this week (September 14-17) to continue setting everything up. If you can help out please contact Sylvia Miller (570-424-6732) or call the church office.

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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.

Ginny Sodano has been busy continuing to help our community by coordinating gathering and distributing items for our Food Pantry. Non-perishable donations are needed. Some suggestions include: fruit, pasta, mac and cheese, drink boxes, canned chicken, white and brown rice, salad dressing, noodles, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, and 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. A big "thank you" to Ginny for all she does with this important ministry!

Prayer Concerns:

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

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

151 Naomi Lane, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Vince DellaFera, who injured his shoulder and has a bad tear in his rotator cuff. He is feeling better but is still doing physical therapy.

PO Box 123, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

Jil Hawk, who broke her foot. She is in a boot, but is getting around quite well.

In care of the 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, please call the church office (leave a message) at 570-421-5518 or email to my attention at shawneechurch@verizon.net.

God Bless!

Darcy