

Newsletter #8...are you sick of reading my newsletters? I hope not, because as I had mentioned during a previous week, this is very therapeutic for me. It makes me feel connected with you; it is like writing a journal. So I thank you for reading this and hope that I do not bore you too much! And there is a lot to report this week, so make sure you read till the end!



One of the members was talking about missing the Session Summary; the summary I put in the narthex about the latest session meeting. So I will give you a bit of a run-down of what has been transpiring during the last two meetings. Both the March and April meetings have been held via Google Zoom. It's actually been a lot of fun, if you can believe a meeting can be fun! Everyone, even the people who have trouble with anything techie, have joined the meeting and it's like seeing old friends. During this troublesome time seeing an actual person in front of you, without a mask, is refreshing.

So down to the summary...March's meeting centered on what to do about the coronavirus. How should we reach people? How can we stay connected? How can we have a virtual church service? Most of what we discussed at this meeting you have seen implemented...YouTube services and music, newsletters, and emails and phone calls to people to make sure they are alright. In April's meeting, we discussed picking up around the manse and the cemetery before the mowing begins. This has been accomplished and Josh's Lawncare has started mowing. The IT committee has downloaded QuickBooks 2020 onto the office computer and Deb Ballinger and Pete Ferguson are working together to get that set up. The finance committee recommended that we get another CD, since we have one coming to maturity in June. This was approved. The Pastoral Search committee reported that they have two candidates that they are looking into and hope for some positive news in the next month. Our next Session meeting is May 21.

#### Fundraisers:

As you know, we have had to cancel a number of fundraisers because of the coronavirus, and this has really hurt our income. Depending on the restrictions

throughout the summer and fall, we are still hoping to get in a few before the end of the year.

Bill Dolph is spearheading the Pocono Raceway Fundraiser. This was a great success last year and we are hoping that we can get even more volunteers this year. There will be a two-race weekend on June 25-28, so we need as many people as possible. We will be sending out a separate email with all the details. Please take the time to read all the attachments and get back to Bill as soon as possible.

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 by 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](mailto: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 through May:

May 10      Rev. Tom Bartha  
May 17      Rev. Tom Bartha  
May 24      Chera Wertz  
May 31      Rev. Rhonda Kruse

Lori will be sending out an email reminding you of how to access the message.

- 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.

Please pray for the following:

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 Rehab after being in the hospital.

Meadows at Stroud, RM 306 B, 221 East Brown St., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Kiki Pollack, who is undergoing some medical testing.

1109 Woodland Xing, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Connie Meyer, who was in the hospital last weekend, but is back home now.

195 Kensington Drive, Bushkill, PA 18324

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.

Until next week...stay safe, stay healthy, be kind!



In His name,  
Barb

