Welcome to the fifth week of shelter in place! As always, I miss all of you tremendously. I have, however, been cooking up a storm and my house is cleaner than usual...well, not really! My yard work is definitely ahead of schedule and the boys and I have done more jigsaw puzzles in the last 4 weeks than we did in the last 4 years. I know that many of you cannot be with your family and I am not with all of mine but I am blessed to have both my boys with me.



Easter this year was very different than in past years. We had no sunrise service, no breakfast and no 11:00 service. But hopefully, all of you were able to watch Rev. Tom Bartha on the YouTube video, listen to him on the radio or read his message. Maybe you did all of these! It was nice to hear a familiar voice even if we couldn't all be together. Thank you, Tom! I hope you all were able to do something special on Sunday and maybe even start a new tradition. I was able to Zoom chat with my entire family...21 of us in 4 states and 2 time zones. It was a lot of fun and we will definitely do that again!

I just talked with Ginny Sodano and the food pantry has been used a lot in the last 4 weeks. I'm so happy that we are still able to do our outreach in this troubling time. That being said, we are in desperate need of supplies! Please, please, please...I know going to the grocery store is stressful, but the next time you go pick up a few extras. The only things she does not need are beans and Ramon noodles. She is really in need of just about everything else. Ginny said that you can just leave it on her front porch or make an appointment with her to meet at the church. Her phone number is 570-476-9393 and her email address is gsodano@ptd.net.

Prayers to the family and friends of Bill Roulette. I just cannot imagine going to church and not seeing him sitting next to Diane. Heaven is a better place, now that he's there. We will miss you, Bill!

Mary Wolbert is back in the hospital the third time in the last month. Her address is PO Box 87, East Stroudsburg, Pa. 18301 if you want to send her a card. Please pray for her.

This next Sunday, Steve Walston will be sending us a message. We will be using the same format as last week. You can view the service on the church's YouTube channel (the link will be in the weekly email), or on the church's Facebook page (look for the link to YouTube). It will also be on the radio on Sunday at 2pm and 7pm and Wednesday night at 7pm. Lori will also be sending out the transcript, so you can read along.

Don't forget to continue sending in your "lily" money. As I mentioned previously, the first Sunday back we will be celebrating Easter and will be adorning our sanctuary with whatever flowers are blooming. So, we will be keeping the checks and information from those of you who sent them in early and will hopefully get in many more before we have our "Easter" service. We will still have an insert with "in honor of" and "in memory of", so you can use the same order form. Just mail it to the church with your check. The mailing address of the church is PO Box 145, Shawnee on Delaware, Pa. 18356.

Thank you to those of you who have mailed in your offerings. As I had mentioned before, giving is slow since we are not "in church". Unfortunately, we still have bills to pay and would appreciate it if you could still support our ministry. You can do that on a regular basis or whenever you feel you can spare something. We know that this is a rough financial time for many of you, so we understand if you cannot help at this time.

If there is anything you need or have any concerns or have something that you want put in the newsletter, please contact me at 570-460-5754 or barb514@ptd.net. It is always nice to hear from any of you! Until we get together, hopefully in the near future, I will be thinking of you and hoping that you are staying healthy and helping flatten the curve.

In His name, Barb Dickinson