

Welcome Week 18! It was so good to see everyone in person who made it to church this past Sunday. I know some of you do not feel comfortable doing that yet and some of you have pre-existing conditions where it would be foolish to be with a group of people. We understand this and respect this. We hope that we will all be able to be together in the near future. Also, please be patient with us. This is a learning curve for all of us and we will tweak things and hopefully get better at this. 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!



A Session topic of conversation has been changing the time of worship starting in September. We are thinking of changing the time from 11:00am to 10:00am. We think this is more in keeping with what other churches are doing and maybe will attract some new members who have things to do on a Sunday afternoon and want to be finished with church before noon. This also gives us some flexibility with after-worship activities. We want to hear your opinions! Please contact Barb, the church office, or any other Session member as to what you think of this change. Please include your rationale so that we know why you think one way is better than the other. (I already have heard from a number of you. Thank you for your feedback!)

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).

#### Manse Update:

- We have noticed that there are dozens of empty paint cans behind the shed. If you have an idea of how we can get rid of them, we would appreciate your help.
- We will also be working on the hill in front of the manse. It needs to be weeded and we will be planting perennials and shrubs. We plan on having a work day very soon. We will send out an email and let you know as soon as we settle on a date. We hope that you can help us out!

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](http://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!

Following is the pulpit supply list through August. Don't forget our summer hours are 9:30am whether it is virtual or in-person.

July 26	Rev. Tom Bartha
Aug 2	Rev. Grace Kim
Aug 9	Chera Wertz
Aug 16	Steve Walston
Aug 23	Chera Wertz
Aug 30	Rev. Tom Bartha

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 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

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.

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.

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](mailto:barb514@ptd.net).

In His name,  
Barb

