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It's amazing to think that we are now into week 24 of COVID-19! I write this newsletter with a bit of regret. When I started this back in March, I was actually dreading having to do this every week. Remember...I was a math teacher, not an English teacher!!! Each week, though, I started looking forward to it. I felt connected to you all and hoped that you looked forward to hearing from me. This will be my last newsletter, since Rev. Hawk will be taking over from here on out. Did I mention that to you, Darcy? Even though we have started having in-person services, I know that there are still some of you that for one reason or another haven't been able to come back yet. We understand and hope that this newsletter and the other people who keep in contact with you are keeping you up-to-date. So on with the newsletter...



First off, a warm welcome to Rev. Darcy Hawk and his wife, Jil!!! They arrived in Shawnee on Monday and all their belongings arrived the following day. They have been busy sifting through boxes and making the manse into their home. We are all excited to have you with us and hope that you will be comfortable in our little village.

We will be having a "Welcome to Shawnee Fellowship Hour" after church on Sunday, September 13 to introduce Darcy and Jil to our church family. 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.

We did a final cleaning of the manse last Saturday. Thank you to Sharon Murphy, Bev Williams, Mary Bartha, Michelle Siptroth, Maggie DellaFera and yours truly. Everyone did a great job and we were able to finish in record time! It looks great and I am sure the Hawk's appreciate everyone's hard work

I'd also like to thank all the people who filled in to preach over the last 2 years. Michelle Siptroth did a wonderful job contacting people and setting up the schedule. It was not an easy job. Many of the churches in our Presbytery do not have pastors and many of them have had no one to preach on certain Sundays. We never were in that situation. If we could not find an ordained minister, we had lay people who stepped up and did a wonderful job. Also, a special thank you to Rev. Tom Bartha, who filled in about half the time. I do not know what we would have done without you!

Sylvia and Sandy have been spending long hours getting ready for the rummage sale. If you look in the CE Building you will see for yourself! You can still bring in items for the sale, which will be held on September 18-19. On the days of the sale, everyone must wear a mask if they are inside and we will limit the number of people in the building to 25 people at a time. Please contact Sylvia Miller (570-424-6732) or the church office (570-421-5518) if you want to help or you have any concerns.

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,

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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. =)

This is the end of the manse updates. Darcy and Jil Hawk have moved in and hopefully everything is in working order. As any good landlord knows, it is a work in progress, so I am sure I will be calling on people to help out in the near future, but for now, we can take a breather as Darcy and Jil settle in and make the manse their home.

Following is the pulpit supply list. Wait, what am I saying??? We have no pulpit supply list...thank the Lord! BUT...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.

We all know what a wonderful job Ginny Sodano does with our food pantry, but she cannot do it alone. Ginny mentioned that we have been very busy with helping people and that we are in need of donations. Here is a list of nonperishable items that would be nice to have: fruit, pasta, mac and cheese, drink boxes, canned chicken, white and brown rice, salad dressing, noodles, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, 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.

I am overwhelmed and humbled by the compassion and caring that our church family has for each other. I just have to mention someone in need and the phone calls, cards and prayers are immediate. Especially in this time, when we are not able to see everyone in person, it is so important to stay in touch.

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. Continue 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, my phone number is: 570-460-5754 and my email is barb514@ptd.net.

In His name,
Barb

