

August 20, 2020



We are now into week 22 of COVID-19! I can't believe that it is almost the end of the month. Pretty soon the kids will be back in school (sort of) and summer will be over. Make the most of the beautiful days that we have been blessed with. Try to go outside...take a walk, a run, a bike ride, just sit on your back deck and soak in the sun! Enjoy the beautiful area in which we live.

We have scheduled a work day for Saturday, August 29 at 9am. We will be doing a final cleaning of the manse. It should not take as long as the first time, since we did a pretty thorough job then. I'd also like to get some more weeding done, just to spruce up the outside. Remember...the more volunteers we have, the faster we're out of there. I'm hoping that we have a big group!

As mentioned in the last few newsletters, we have been discussing changing the time of worship starting in September from 11:00am to 10:00am. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me and other Session members. We will not be voting on this as a congregation, but we want this to be an inclusive decision. We will be having a zoom Session meeting on Monday, August 24 and at that time we will be voting on this. So, if you feel strongly one way or the other, and have not talked to a Session member, please do so as soon as possible.

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).

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 a stinky shoe smell in the church or the CE building! 😊

Manse Update:

- We're still looking for someone who can help with the hole in the foundation below the front porch. We need to seal that up so that the ground hogs find another place to live. 😊 We would like to get this done as soon as possible. If you know of any contractor and/or mason who can help us out, please let me or Lee Bower know.

Following is the pulpit supply list through August. Notice that the list is getting smaller and smaller! It's like a countdown to when Rev. Darcy Hawk will be with us. Two Sundays and counting!!!

Don't forget our summer hours are 9:30am, whether it is virtual or in-person.

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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.

I haven't mentioned the food pantry recently, but it is one of our most needed outreaches. Ginny Sodano mentioned in church this past week 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: canned or jarred 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

Mike Sodano, who had a bad fall. He is home and is doing really well. He and Ginny thank everyone who sent cards and messages. They really appreciated it!

PO Box 256, Shawnee on Delaware, Pa. 18356

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

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, had tested positive for COVID-19. The good news is that all three of them have now tested negative. Scarlett has no symptoms, but Matthew and Lani are still having issues. Chris and Karl would like to thank everyone who has reached out to them with prayers, notes and cards.

Vince DellaFera, who injured his shoulder and has a bad tear in his rotator cuff. He is feeling better but will still have to do physical therapy. He hopefully will not have to have surgery.

PO Box 123, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356

Brian Tompkins, whose house got flooded during Hurricane Isaias. He has been able to return to it and his landlord is repairing the damage. Thank the Lord!

367 Route 115, Saylorsburg, PA 18353

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

