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From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Three months now we are in the throes of this pandemic. (I began last month's column with the two month indicator.) Much of our daily routines have eased because York County is in the green phase of re-opening. BUT.... we are still NOT in the clear as far as COVID 19 is concerned. Our area is not seeing a spike, but other areas of our nation are. So, we do still need to be vigilant in incorporating as many precautions as we can to squelch the spread of COVID.

Of course, COVID was not the prevalent headline this past month. With the horrific death of George Floyd on Memorial Day we entered into a whirlwind of events that still has many of our minds spinning! I do agree that the arresting officer was totally wrong in keeping his knee on George Floyd's throat for almost nine minutes. I will admit I have not seen the complete video of the confrontation of the officer with George. I will admit that I am only assuming that at first George may have been resisting arrest....I do not know for certain. But, whether he was resisting arrest or not, at the point of the arrest that I have seen I will say that George was no longer struggling with anyone. He did not seem to be trying to get out of custody. He was saying that he couldn't breathe. And, within seconds of George saying he couldn't breathe, the officer should have removed his knee and the pressure he was applying to George's throat. I think that a number of us would agree with this. Now, the aftermath of the death of George Floyd brings us to a totally different matter.

I can see that anger and disgust for the way that George Floyd died would lead many to protest and voice their desire to see changes in the way that police are trained. I support anyone's right to publicly voice their opinion. But, when the rioting and looting began, my voice of support changed. I know that most of the rioters and looters were not any of those who peacefully protested in the first two days following George's death. As I said, I support anyone's right to protest, but I do not support the burning of buildings. I do not support the smashing of windows and the stealing of merchandise from establishments. And, with the death of Rayshand Brooks in Atlanta, I am angry that the Wendy's franchise was burned simply because it was the site where this confrontation took place. What sense does it make to burn a building? What sense does it make to destroy property? In light of the destruction and looting following George Floyd's death a lot of the businesses that were destroyed were owned by Hispanics, Blacks, Asiansnot just Caucasian people. The reaction of the rioting and looting had nothing to do with racial equality. So many



people who worked very hard to build up their establishment had it stolen away from them in minutes. It just does not make sense to me.....at all. I am not a sociologist so I don't even know where to begin to try to justify the reaction we have seen in response to George Floyd's death. I do feel that all the rioting and now the establishment of C.H.O.P is an over-reaction. I had voiced that I think the over-reaction we have witnessed may have been fueled by the fact that we were under stay-at-home directives for so long that given a reason to join with others in the protests escalated the numbers of people joining the cause. And, additional fuel for the protests is the issue of racial and ethnic equality. We do need to look past the color of skin and the heritage of others and work together as one. We need to affirm we are ALL children of God...RED AND YELLOW, BLACK AND WHITE....We are precious in His sight! Jesus loves the little children of the world! ALL of us!

God Bless us ALL! God protect us all!!!

With love - Pastor Lou Ann



SPECIAL SERVICES in JULY and AUGUST

July 5 – Pentecost 5

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon: "Heavy Burdens to Blessed Rest"

Special Music: Pastor Lou Ann &
Brenda Miller

July 12 – Pentecost 6

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: "Planted & Rooted in God"

Special Music: Becky Wilcox

July 19 – Pentecost 7

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon: "That Dirty Devil"

Special Music: Kenny Runkle

July 26– Pentecost 8

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: "Four Kingdom Parables"

Special Music: Down Home Singers

August 2 – Pentecost 9

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: "Give Them Something to Eat"

Special Music: Tim Sleeth

August 9 – Pentecost 10

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: "What Faith Can Do!"

Special Music: New Life for Girls

August 16 – Pentecost 11

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon: "How Great is Our Faith?"

Special Music: Joyce Horning

August 23 - Pentecost 12

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: "Peaks of Faith"

Special Music: Chuck Miller

August 30– Pentecost 13

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon: "Valleys of Faith"

Special Music: Marti & Nelson Leader



On Saturdays, July 11 and August 8, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, the Men's Group will be holding their monthly chicken BBQ's. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, and roll and butter all for \$8.00. Both our May and June barbecues were sold out very early, so if you want to be sure to get a dinner, please call the church office at 244-0655 to pre-order. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru October.

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for JULY

GREETERS:

July 5 - Janie Montgomery
July 12 - Steph Frey
July 19 - Steph Frey
July 26 - Janie Montgomery

ACOLYTES:

July 5 - Greg & Sonja Ness
July 12 - Janie Montgomery
July 19 - Carl & Sharon Criswell
July 26 -

LAY READERS:

July 5 - Janie Montgomery
July 12 - Peggy Free
July 19 -
July 26 -

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

July 5 - Terry Doll
July 12 - Ed Adams
July 19 - Eli Matthews
July 26 - Greg Ness

LIGHTING OPERATORS:

July 5 - Joel Frey
July 12 - Greg Ness
July 19 -
July 26 - Sterling Boyd

CAMERA OPERATORS:

July 5 - Greg Ness
July 12 - John Sterling
July 19 - Greg Ness
July 26 -

VIDEO OPERATORS:

July 5 - Jessica Keller
July 12 - Jeri Jones
July 19 - Judy Bishop
July 26 - Nelson Leader

ALTAR GUILD: Jean McDowell & Barb Adams

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: August 15

SCHEDULE OF DUTIES for AUGUST

GREETERS:

August 2 -
August 9 - Joel Frey
August 16 - Steph Frey
August 23 - Steph Frey
August 30-

ACOLYTES:

August 2 -
August 9 -
August 16 -
August 23 -
August 30 -

LAY READERS:

August 2 - Diana Myers
August 9 - Janie Montgomery
August 16 - Peggy Free
August 23 -
August 30-

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS:

August 2 - Terry Doll
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August 16 - Eli Matthews
August 23 - Greg Ness
August 30-

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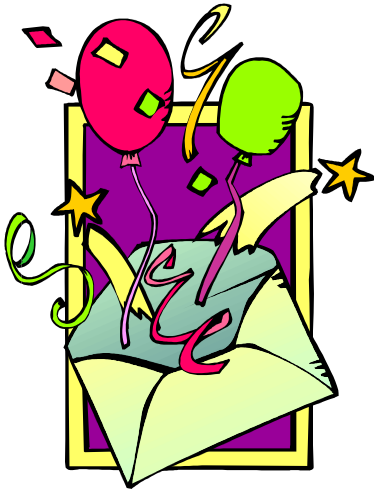
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JULY BIRTHDAYS



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|-----|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1. | Erin Ness | 26. | Sarah Leader |
| 3. | Derek Troop, Jr. | | DeLaney Woerner |
| 4. | Billy Roelke | | Sequoia Innerst |
| 8. | Betty Hyser | 28. | Sandra Koicuba |
| 9. | Christine Pope | 30. | LeAnn Eberly |
| 11. | Toni Flinchbaugh | 31. | Jim McDowell |
| | Christina Lutz | | |
| 13. | Carrie Rutledge | | |
| | Heather Barley | | |
| | John Montgomery | | |
| 14. | Trent Brown | | |
| 16. | Randi John | | |
| 18. | Wanda Strickler | | |
| 19. | Trudy Wise | | |
| | Dennis Ness | | |
| | Curt Weber | | |
| | Travis Rost | | |
| 20. | Scott Smith | | |
| 22. | Maranda Morton | | |
| 24. | Alys Leader | | |

***May God
Bless You On
Your
Birthday!***

CELEBRATING JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 3 - Jeffrey & Joan Mickey - 45 years
July 8 - Greg and Sonja Ness - 53 years
July 19 - Kevin and Renne Myers - 23 years
July 25 - W. Edwin and Judy Bishop - 35 years

AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS



***May God
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Your
Birthday!***

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|-----|------------------|-----|-------------------|
| 2. | Sterling Boyd | 25. | Oliver Holtzapple |
| | Dave Miller | 27. | Lakota Innerst |
| | Ariel Leader | 29. | Heather Matthews |
| 3. | Terri Diehl | | Nancy Rutledge |
| 4. | Janet Williamson | 30. | Ryan Woerner |
| | David McDowell | | |
| 9. | Terry Doll | | |
| 10. | Sue Myers | | |
| 11. | Madelynn Barley | | |
| 12. | Peggy | | |
| | Luckenbaugh | | |
| | Amelia Ness | | |
| | Samuel Ness | | |
| 13. | Elizabeth Giese | | |
| 17. | Lucas Smith | | |
| | Bonnie Sipe | | |
| 19. | Greg Ness | | |
| | Joan Schell | | |
| 22. | Christina Barley | | |
| 24. | Barb Marshall | | |

CELEBRATING AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug. 1 - Lonnie and Carol Barnhart - 56 years
Aug. 4 - Matthew and Jill Boyd - 19 years
Aug. 9 - Francis (Bernie) and Delores Noll - 53 years
Aug. 10 - Ed and Barb Adams - 46 years
Aug. 14 - Craig and Linda Rost - 49 years
Aug. 16 - David and Brenda Miller - 51 years
Aug. 18 - Charles and Janet Williamson - 42 years
Aug. 19 - Ryan and Jenna Woerner - 15 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2020	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$9,741.85	\$12,109.48	\$0.35	\$269.82	\$812.70	\$1,291.80
February	\$14,597.12	\$13,351.53	\$1.68	\$274.10	\$1,142.27	\$0.00
March	\$8,721.22	\$11,240.07	\$3.39	\$435.00	\$101.14	\$211.30
April	\$11,764.11	\$8,301.79	\$1.32	\$191.93	\$0.44	\$0.00
May	\$13,058.86	\$10,042.83	\$0.80	\$160.11	\$100.25	\$1,930.00
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$57,883.16	\$55,045.70	\$7.54	\$1,330.96	\$2,156.80	\$3,433.10

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ June 1, 2020

\$8,236.96

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ June 1, 2020

(Includes \$45,697.44 Endowment)

\$65,157.76

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ June1, 2020

(Includes \$743,484.49 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$748,226.98

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2020

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 437.45
January			\$ 69.87	\$ 507.32
February	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 86.47	\$ 568.79
March	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 563.79
April	3	\$ 175.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 478.79
May	2	\$ 1700.00	\$ 1900.00	\$ 678.79
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	6	\$ 1975.00	\$ 2216.34	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Freda Berry
The Haven at Springwood
2321 Freedom Way
York, PA 17402

Peggy Luckenbaugh
Room 704B
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403



Linda Trone
Room 700
Colonial Manor Nursing Home
970 Colonial Avenue
York, PA 17403

Keeping in our prayers
Dolores Barley
Burl Gingerich
Nancy Taylor
Friends battling cancer
Covid 19 patients



Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military

A1C Ness, Brandon
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad
Tucson, AZ 85756



Meet Our
Graduates

Duquesne University

Tessa Myers, daughter of Kevin and Renne Myers, majored in Health Management Systems with a minor in Public Health. She will be moving to Wisconsin to begin work in quality assurance for Epic Systems.

Harrisburg Area Community College

Sarah Leader, daughter of Brad and Michele Leader, graduated with an Associates degree in Pre-health. She will continue studies at Millersville University pursuing a bachelor's degree in Pre-veterinary training. She works as a receptionist at Cape Horn Veterinary Associates. Also, if you need a pet sitter, she is available.

UTI NASCAR School of Technology-Mooresville, NC

Braydon Picking, son of Troy and Jane Picking, earned his degree in performance and specialized fabrication in December 2019. He has since moved back to the area and is working for Treasured Motor Cars. He is a specialist in performance, custom fabrication and restoration.

Family member graduates

Adam Dunker, grandson of Lonnie and Carol Barnhart, graduated from Northeastern High School.

William John Farley, grandson of Bronley and Peggy Free, graduated from Delaney High School in Timonium, MD and will attend Towson University in the fall.

Anjuli Shane, granddaughter of Kathi Sterling, graduated from Commonwealth Charter Academy.

We congratulate these graduates upon the completion of their studies and wish them well as they begin the next phase of their lives.

Guidelines for Returning to Indoor Worship

We are doing a number of things preparing to return to indoor worship on July 5.

We will try to follow CDC guidelines for the most part. Below is a list of items we lift up for your consideration as we gather for worship in the Sanctuary.

1. If you feel even a little bit under the weather, **consider not attending worship**. Even if you are not COVID 19 positive, we want to minimize spreading anything like flu or other viruses. It is always better to be safe than sorry.
2. We will ask all people to have a mask. We will have masks available at the door. We would like for all people to wear a mask during worship, but if you have a medical condition that is affected by the wearing of a mask, feel free to not have it covering your face. We recommend at least keeping mouths covered during the singing of hymns and verbal responses in liturgy.
Pastor Lou Ann will wear a mask or shield until she enters the Chancel to begin worship and also when she goes back the aisle during the singing of the Congregational Benediction.
3. The wearing of gloves will be at your discretion. We will ask that people handling things to be distributed to wear gloves while doing their task.
4. The doors will be kept open so that we will not have individuals touching the handles as you enter the church or the Sanctuary.
5. We will have a greeter wearing gloves who will hand a bulletin to you and the newsletter if you would like to have a copy. This way, we will not have everyone touching the surface of the next bulletins.
6. WE WILL NOT HAVE USHERS receive the offering. The offering plates will be on a table near the entry doors and we ask that you place the offering in the available plates.
7. Anyone who has an announcement to share, we will ask you to come to the stand microphone. Consider wearing a glove if you need to touch the microphone. This way too, you will be socially distanced and we will not have someone holding the microphone for you.
8. Seating during worship:
We will indicate certain pews "DO NOT USE THIS PEW" in order to maintain social distancing. Persons living in the same household or extended families who choose to may sit together closer than six feet. This is up to your discretion. Otherwise, we do ask that you try to keep six feet from other people. We will also set up chairs in the Gathering Room if we need overflow seating.
9. While we are under CDC guidelines, when we have a communion service, the Communion Servers will be wearing gloves and will hand you the bread and the cup.
10. We have disposable toilet seat covers placed near all toilets. Please consider using them to minimize possible contamination. Also, we have disinfectant spray in all bathrooms and we ask you to spray handles and other surfaces that may have been touched.

If you have any concerns that you feel we need to address, please contact the church office. We do need to do all that we can to stop the spread of any infectious disease. THANK YOU!

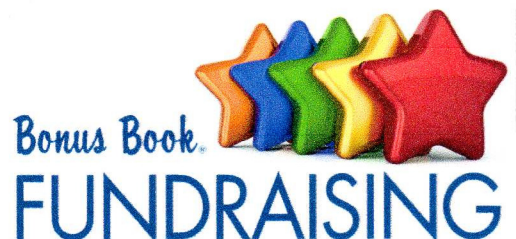
Family Fun Bonus Books

The SOS (Sisters of Service) is currently selling discount books with Buy-One-Get-One Free coupons for various restaurants and other activities in the area. The cost is \$12.00 for over \$400 in savings. See the next page of this newsletter for a list of participating businesses. If you would like to buy one of the books, please see Sonja Ness or Pastor Lou Ann or stop by the church office. Thank you.

Bonus Book® FAMILY FUN™

York Area

1. Isaac's Restaurants
2. IHOP
3. Metro Diner
4. Primo Hoagies
5. Burger King
6. Burger King
7. 3 Hogs BBQ
8. Fuddruckers
9. Hardee's
10. Papa John's Pizza
11. Subway
12. Primo Pizza Express
13. Azteca Mexican Grill
14. Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar
15. Moe's Southwest Grill
16. Domino's
17. Domino's
18. The Festive Board Deli
19. Firehouse Subs
20. Bubba D's Pizza & Wings
21. Dickey's Barbecue Pit
22. Dickey's Barbecue Pit
23. Wood Fire Italian Grill
24. The Busy Bee
25. Bair's Fried Chicken
26. Roma's Pizza & Restaurant
27. Good 'N Plenty Restaurant
28. Big Apple Bagels
29. Fenderz Grill & Pub
30. Friendly's
31. Dairy Queen
32. Rita's
33. Tropical Smoothie Cafe
34. Suburban Bowlerama
35. Laser Alleys
36. Fun Time Cinemas
37. Adrenaline Entertainment Center
38. York Indoor Golf & Training Center
39. Honey Run Golf Club
40. Bridgewater Golf Club





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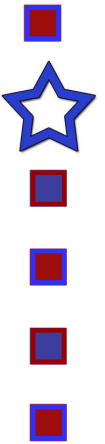
"The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close."

Unknown



"May we think of freedom,
not as the right to do as we please,
but as the opportunity to do
what is right."

Peter Marshall



WRITE YOUR OWN HEADLINES!

Sometimes I just want it to stop. Talk of Covid, protests, looting, brutality. I lose my way, and become convinced that this "new normal" is real life.

But, then I meet an 87 year old who talks of living through polio, diphtheria, and Vietnam protests and yet is still enchanted with life. He seemed surprised when I said that 2020 must especially challenging for him. "No", he said slowly, looking me straight in the eyes, "I learned a long time ago to not see the world through the printed headlines, I see the world through the people that surround me. I see the world with the realization that we can love big.

Therefore, I just choose to write my own headlines.

"HUSBAND LOVES WIFE TODAY." "FAMILY DROPS EVERYTHING TO COME TO GRANDMA'S BEDSIDE". He patted my hand, "OLD MAN, MAKES NEW FRIEND."

His words collide with my worries, freeing them from the tether I had been holding tight. They float away. I am left with a renewed spirit. My headline now reads

"WOMAN OVERWHELMED BY THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS AND THE REMINDER THAT OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE IS NEVER ENDING."

God uses people to change the world! People!
Not saints or super humans or geniuses,
but people. Crooks, creeps, lovers, and liars—
He uses them all. No wagging fingers. No crossed
arms. Only sweet, open arms! If you've ever
wondered how God can use you to make a
difference in the world, just look at those
he's already used and take heart. Look at the
forgiveness found in those open arms and
take courage.

By the way, never were those arms opened so
wide as they were on the Roman cross. One arm
extending back into history, the other reaching into
the future. An embrace of forgiveness for anyone
who'll come. A hen gathering her chicks...
a father receiving his own...
a Redeemer redeeming the world!

Max Lucado



Year by year the complexities of this spinning world grow more bewildering and so, each year we need, all the more, to seek peace and comfort in the joyful simplicities.

Woman's Home Companion (1935)
Wow! they thought this back in 1935?)

A LESSON IN PLURALITIES

"Mom, guess what?
We learned to make babies today," said the 2nd grader as she returned home from school.

"That's interesting" replied her mother trying to keep her cool.

"How do you make babies?"
"It's simple" said the girl.
"You just change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

Rebecca Martin

MORNING PRAYER

Now I wake me up to live,
I'll give life all I have to give
If today I face a test,
I'll cope and pray and do my best.
With each breath and step I take,
Be with me LORD
For heaven's sake.



HUMBLE PEOPLE DAZZLE GOD

When I was in college, I started paying attention to people who lived like Jesus. I wanted to figure out what made them different and set them apart from everyone else. It quickly became clear that one of the qualities they all shared was this: they were humble. They didn't seem too concerned about what other people thought of them.

They were too busy thinking about other people.

We often think humility means being down on ourselves. You know, the people who brush off compliments with self-effacing barbs. We think humility is the opposite of the guy at the gym who stares at his flexed muscles in the mirror. We know humility doesn't brag or name-drop, but we mistake being humble for becoming wallflowers.

Humility doesn't insist we hide or make ourselves look small.

Humble people aren't concerned with seeming less important.

They just don't think about themselves much at all.

God said humble people consider others more significant than themselves. Considering others means thinking about them, praying for them and doing unlikely acts of love with no expectation of reciprocation. Considering others means taking the time we obsess about how much people like us (or how much we wish they did) and instead about who in our lives might need another friend just like us.

God delights in humble people because they continue the work Jesus started in the world. Humble people pray for God to open their eyes to the pain of people around them. They give in secret without a second thought. They don't keep track of all the good they've done. It's these kinds of humble people who dazzle God.

Bob Goff

Whoever came up with the expression, "It's like herding cats" had never herded 9 chickens and a rooster that were used to being free-range. My friend and I discovered this on the first day of critter sitting for a friend. We have been told we could keep the chickens cooped while the family was on vacation. But at feeding time, they saw the open door and *flew* the coop.

We called the owners for tips on how to get them back in.

"Don't even try." They assured us that the chickens would go back in on their own at sunset. Sheldon the rooster was protective of the hens so if he sensed danger, he would alert them. Then we heard something that inspired us to let the chickens roam every day.

Studies show that, though free-range chickens face danger, they are happier and healthier. Like humans, they were created to be free.

The rest of the week we enjoyed watching Sheldon and the hens waddle around in the yard, on the deck and in the garden.

I thought about the word: freedom. After years of feeling caged by fear, people-pleasing, and misconceptions of how God worked, I'd sensed him inviting me to live in freedom. He hadn't drawn me to himself so I could stay cooped. He continues to teach me that freedom involves risk, it requires trusting my protector. But the joy, growth and deep experiences with Him are worth it

Jeanette Hanscome



Thanks to Josiah Gilman

05-02-2007

LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

WISHING

Do you wish the World were better?

Let me tell you what to do:

Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.

Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high.

You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the World were wiser?

Then suppose you make a start,

By accumulating wisdom
In the scrap book of your heart.

Do not waste one page on folly;
Live to learn and learn to live.

If you want to give men knowledge
You must get it ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?

Then remember day by day,
Just to scatter seeds of kindness,

As you pass along the way.

For the pleasures of the many
May be oft times traced to one.

As the hand that plants an acorn,
Shelters armies from the sun.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox



A GARDEN OF DIVERSITY

We are all flowers in the Great Spirit's garden. We share a common root, and the root is Mother Earth.

The garden is beautiful because it has different colors in it,
and those colors represent different traditions and cultural backgrounds.

Grandfather David Monongye (Hopi)

I am in harmony with God's beautiful world. A summer bouquet may include an assortment of flowers in a rainbow of colors. The variety makes the whole bouquet even more beautiful. I realize I am one flower in the wondrous bouquet of humanity. Without judging or comparing myself to others, I enjoy the unique beauty in all of us. I am a divine expression of God and so is everyone else. As I value our commonalities and our differences, I experience harmony. I relax into knowing that I am loved and that I have a unique contribution to make. As I learn to love myself, I am at peace with myself and others. Living in peace, I am in harmony with God's beautiful world.

unattributed (Daily Word)

Using the image of flowers as a metaphor for our diversity as people is very fitting. Flowers are very beautiful, and much of what makes them so is the way that their contrasts stand out so strongly. We don't tend to judge flowers so harshly for not being a particular color or for having a distinct shape. The garden of life is beautiful. The garden of humans is also beautiful-- we have all shapes, sizes, colors, and behaviors to see every day of our lives. We have beautiful faces and unique faces that have a beauty all their own, if we but choose to notice it and accept it. Our garden is also blessed with sound, and the voices that we hear are as varied as the faces themselves, and our garden is also blessed by a rich diversity in artistic and logical expression.

We have been blessed with a richer garden than we ever could have dreamed up for ourselves, and this blessing is something that we unfortunately tend to take for granted. Can you walk by the most beautiful garden in the world without taking a good look at the riches that it holds? I didn't think so--I know that I couldn't do so. Most of us, though, don't recognize the beauty of the garden of people of which we are a part, for we've seen it so often that we don't notice it any more. How poor we are, in the midst of great riches, if we don't see and understand the wealth that is all around us, all the time.

Tom Walsh

Some people do things completely differently from the way you would do them. It does not mean that they are right or that you are wrong.

It means that people are different. There are things that people say which you would probably say in a different way, at a different time.

It does not mean that people are wrong to speak up, to speak out, or to speak their minds. Nor does it mean that you are wrong for choosing not to do so. It means that people are different. Different is not right or wrong. It is a reality. Differences become problems only when we choose to measure ourselves by our difference in an effort to determine who is right and who is wrong.

Iyanla Vanzant

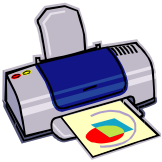
EMMANUEL'S CLOSET

July-August 2020

Changes Due to Coronavirus

In order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus we have temporarily closed our Clothing and Household room. Therefore, at this time we are not accepting any of this type of donation.

We are still accepting donations of food, cleaning products and toiletries. We are giving them out by having the clients come to the parking lot door rather than inside St. Paul's. Donations of food and other products may be dropped off at Blymire's church on Sunday mornings or weekdays during office hours. Thank you for helping your neighbors in this time of need.



Cartridge Recycling

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."

Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:

Canned pasta
Frosting (assorted flavors besides chocolate please)
Sauerkraut
Carrots
Canned potatoes
Canned fruit
Pancake mix
Spam
Cereal

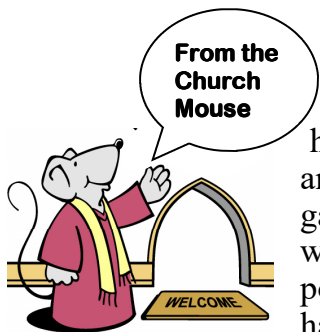
E.C. Continuing Needs

Juice
Cereal/Oatmeal
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Pancake Mix
Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed Dry Pastas
Helper Meals
Dessert Items
Condiment Items
Canned Tuna/Meats
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
Soap
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Dish Washing Liquid
Laundry Detergent
All-Purpose Cleaners
Children's books/toys
Small household items

Please, NO Expired Food Items



THANKS FOR CARING!



Revelations for JULY AUGUST from “Bly Mire” Mouse

I thank you all for your prayers for our bank account last month. I will have to confess that I went to Boscov's with Mire and we both spent the same amount on new clothes and shoes. I have heard many people complain that they gained weight while being home so much. Mire and I actually lost a bit of weight and needed smaller sized clothes. We usually depend on coffee socials, potluck dinners and other church activities to add goodies to our diet, but we haven't had any of those for months. We are going to hold on to our larger sized clothing, however, because once those activities start up again, we will probably gain that weight back.

I will definitely admit, it felt really good to be doing some of the activities that we took for granted before the stay at home orders. After we finished shopping, Mire and I went to a restaurant and had a sit down meal. WOW, did that atmosphere feel good!!! Some things are different now....they use paper menus which are thrown away, there are no condiments or salt and pepper shakers on the tables, they seat you at every other table, etc. It is a bit different but what a good feeling to eat out!

I also feel led to share my thoughts about what our nation has been going through in the past month. I, like almost everyone who talks about it, feel that the death of George Floyd should never have happened! But, in response to that we hear so many people calling to defund the police. It sounds like a number of people want to abolish police departments. I ask them to think about that for a minute.....what would our cities and communities look like if we abolished the police department? I do think that we need to reform training for police and we do need to keep record of the “bad apples” in all police forces. We need to take into account the officers record too if they have used excessive force, etc. But, we do need police! And, we need to reverse the recent trend which disrespects the police and other authority figures. We as individuals need to be held accountable for our actions and our decisions. We need to get away from the victim mentality to being people of truth and honor. In many ways, I think society in general needs to be reformed, not just the police. Well, it sounds like I have gotten into a sermon... I'll let that for Pastor Lou Ann.

Again, I will share a common sentiment.....stay safe, stay healthy and, stay FAITHFUL!

July and August's humor:

Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell?

Yeah, it cracked me up!

What would you get if you crossed George Washington with cattle feed?

The Fodder of Our Country!

What did the visitor say as he left the Statue of Liberty?

“Keep in torch!”

What do toads drink on a hot summer days?

Ice cold Croak-o-cola.

What do sheep do on nice summer days?

Go to a baa-baa-cue.

Why do bananas use sunscreen?

They peel when they get a sunburn.

With our Love,

BLY and MIRE



UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.

What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.

PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



Water changes to _____

JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born _____

JOHN 9



Calms a _____

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of _____

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on _____

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answers: wine, blind, storm, fish, water