

The Tower

October 2020

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Worship Team

Thank you to our worship team who have worked very hard to prepare every Sunday to have everything ready and in working order to present a wonderful and inspirational service for everyone to enjoy.

Pastor Steve Schafer, Linda Beasley, preparing bulletins and assist with set-up and reading, Michelle Good, offering a wonderful variety of music and instruments, Joe Nowaske, hymn leader and reader, Norm Beasley, sound tech and set-up; and to all the Sunday morning readers.



Board of Christian Education

Our Board met in September to discuss ways in which we need to prepare our classrooms to make them

safe for our children and teachers when our church reopens for services again. We will follow the model

used by our public schools and mandates from our state government. Reopening decisions are forthcoming.

Moving Forward as safely as possible.

Regarding Church Services

At the Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 the Cabinet voted to remain with Drive-In Services through October 25, 2020. These services have been well attended with an average of 27 vehicles joining us in worship every Sunday. In addition to the continuation of the Drive-In Services, the Cabinet voted to add the online services back to our Sunday worship plan. This service is available now through YouTube. We will continue as long as we have the means to prepare those services.

I would like to thank the Deacons for all their efforts to take the ideas, requirements, and needs of the congregation into the planning fold, and work out the details in order to provide the

framework for the Drive-In services which many of us have enjoyed this summer. I would like to thank the Worship Team for their continued efforts to bring a meaningful service to each of us each Sunday. FCC certainly stepped up to the challenge to provide church services during the early stages of a 2020 pandemic!

Also at this meeting the Cabinet decided to return to inside worship services beginning with Sunday, November 1, 2020.

The Deacons will meet on October 13 at 7:00 pm to work out the logistics of providing an indoor worship service with safety protocols in place. We have a large sanctuary, with adjoining space in the parlor and the narthex to set aside 6 feet social distancing for seating. We will do our best to provide other safety measures as well.

We know that we will not reach everyone through this decision, but with the will of the majority wishing to return to inside services, we will plan accordingly. We will continue to provide the YouTube online service for those who do not wish to come inside.

The decision on whether to attend inside services needs to be an individual one. Each person needs to acknowledge their risk of being in an enclosed space with others, even while masked and social distanced. Whether you return inside, or remain outside with online services, know you are valued, prayed for, and continue to be a very important part of our church family.

Marsha Remick, Co-Chair, Board of Deacons

Christian Service Committee-October Care and Share



Care and Share for October goes to the Wayne Lions Club. This is an organization dedicated to assisting those who are blind and to those who are visually impaired. Leader Dogs for the blind and Penrickton Center for Blind Children are two Michigan organizations that are supported by Lions In-

ternational. Additionally, Lions Club takes discarded glasses, regardless of condition, and supply people worldwide, giving millions a better life. If you have eye glasses you no longer use, bring them to our church and we will see that the Lions Club gets them. Lions Club also accepts hearing

aids. Please be generous to this charity.

We will continue to collect for Disaster Relief through the end of the month. Please donate to this cause through the NACCC/OGHS.

Lay Ministry Training

The NACCC is offering Lay Ministry training. The course of study supports the Congregational value of a learned laity. This training provides basic training for people who desire to serve the church more fully, either as a lay minister or as a lay leader. The program assists in the spiritual development of individuals and enhances knowledge in areas of biblical knowledge, theology, worship, congregational history

and polity, pastoral care, Christian education and others. The program seeks to enable effective lay ministry that is distinctly Congregational.

The Lay Ministry Training Program recognizes that not all churches are receiving applications from trained pastors. However, a trained lay pastor may be advantageous in bridging the gap while looking for a full-time pastor or having a part-time

pastor. If you are interested in this program, you may pick up an application in the church office. There are fees associated with the program and internet access is required.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or contact Elaine Pittman, the FCC Year-Round Delegate.

Sign
Up to
Be a
Liturgist!

Deacon News

World Wide Communion

Pastor Steve will lead us for our first Drive-In Service communion on World Communion Sunday, October 4. Deacons will pass out a pre-packaged, sealed container for each person in the vehicle that wishes to participate in communion.

We want everyone to have access to the Sunday service so we have decided to add the virtual service until we resume indoor services. You may now watch the service on Sunday mornings on YouTube just as you did before.

Board of Deacons

For Love

“Miss no opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

-St. Theresa of Lisieux

“Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.”

-Epicurus

October Birthdays

1	Burton Shurlow	20	Cindy Huffman
2	Mel Pomerantz	20	Chris Wright
2	Doug Pozega	20	Ron Champney
4	Julia Hawley	22	Ann Koveleski
5	Mark Chorbajian	23	Mary Carney
9	Martha Richards	24	Philip Spalding
10	Ramona Shaney	25	Tyrone Hamilton
12	Michael Mitchell	30	Paul Beasley
12	Jean Barber	30	Pam Wright
14	Pam Van Meter	31	Kevin Mathis
15	Theresa Tyszkiewicz		
15	Dawn Gaikowski		
16	Mike Ramus		



October Birthdays

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship BAKE SALE!

The Women's Fellowship group will continue to host a **Bake Sale**, following the church service on Sunday's through October.

Due to COVID related issues, the Women's Fellowship will not be holding their Fall Rummage Sale, and the Fair, as we know it, may be greatly modified. The lost monies from these two fundraisers will obviously impact the budget for the Women's Fellowship. As many other groups are doing, Women's Fellowship is thinking outside of the box in order to bring in funds to cover our giving programs.

Items will be on a table set up near the North sidewalk, individually wrapped, with suggested prices on each item. (Small bills will be appreciated to limit handling of money, and speed the sale process to assist with 6 foot social distancing requirements. Masks will be required to approach the table.)

All proceeds will go toward filling HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS that are presented to families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you wish to donate baked goods, please contact Elaine Pittman at 734-719-3234.



Board of Trustees September 8, 2020

The Trustees addressed the following order of business:

Ordered replacements for the two burned out lights in the parking lot.

Resumed full office hours as normal, 9:00 am—4:00 pm.

All Board and Committee budgets are due by October 13.

Approved Christian Service Committee to collect for OGHS for all the disasters this year.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Wright, Secretary

Cabinet September 16, 2020

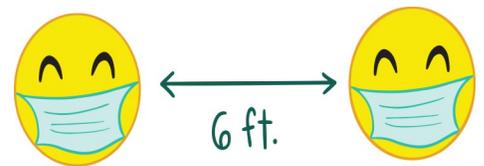
The Cabinet discussed the reopening of the church.

It was decided to resume church services in the sanctuary starting November 1, 2020.

All of the current guidelines will still be in place.

- A mask will be required.
- Social distancing of 6 ft.
- No hand shaking.
- No hugging.
- No coffee hours indoors.

We want to move forward, but do it safely.
Thank you.



THANK YOU

FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING!

Member information

In our prayers:

Marcie Slater
Danielle Breier
Debbie Kolusk
Kevin Hodge
Patricia Lauren
Norm Mitchell
Peggy Derr
John Blair
Patt Harford
James Cantrell
Robert Hatfield
Sonny Lucas
Steve Hawley
Matt Wensko
Christine Van Meter Melow
Alice Fuhrman

Home bound members:

Pat Fowler
Marilyn Birdsall
Jim & Marcie Slater
June Williams
Danielle Breier
Irene Carpenter
Janet Provot

Our home bound members would love to hear from other church members. Please drop them a line or give them a phone call.

Congratulations to Ted and Margaret D'Pulos on their 65th wedding anniversary on October 1st.

In memory of: Peggy Derr, who passed away on September 13, 2020. Please keep the Derr family in your prayers.

**At my lowest,
God is my hope.**

**At my weakest,
God is my strength.**

**At my saddest,
God is my comforter.**

-unknown

Office Update

The church office is now opened with the hours of Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

The church building is opened to receive visitors or those with business, however, everyone must use the south door (by the elevator) and be buzzed in. The north door will not be used, even if you have a key.

Linda Beasley, Office Administrator, is to be informed who is in the church at all times. And most importantly, everyone must wear a mask coming into the church and keep it on while in the church!

Bulletin, Tower, Flower Support

All of the Tower's have been supported. Thank you.

Bulletins (\$30)
October 4, 11, 18, 25

Chancel Flowers (\$20)
We will take flower orders for November 8 & 22

The October Tower is supported by Elaine Pittman in memory of Charles Pittman.

October Readers

October 4 Audrey Gasdorf
October 11 Mary Carney
October 18 Faye Poremba
October 25 Walt Poremba

(For now we will not have greeters.)

Pledge Drive

Over the past eight and a half months, our congregation has worked hard at staying connected to each other amid an unprecedented pandemic. It has been very challenging, not only socially but also financially. Understandably so, with the economy having to shut down, and people losing their jobs, their normal giving was effected. That being said, our con-

gregation has always been a very generous people, and that has been very evident during this time. Because of all of you, we have been able to continue our services and not close, sadly which some churches have had to do. However, we must continue and look ahead to 2021. We know this pandemic will eventually be behind us and we want to be prepared to continue with our church work as we have always

done. October will start our annual Pledge Drive. In the coming weeks, a letter, with your pledge card, will be sent out. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge for the coming year. We want to continue our wonderful heritage, but that also involves expenses to keep the church running. Thank you for your support.

**God
is at
Work
in
the
World!**

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10:30 a.m. Worship/Nursery, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Children are with parents until they go to Sunday School), 11:30 a.m. *Coffee Hour in the Parlor*



A singular focus

When we try to focus on too many things at once, sometimes we end up doing nothing well. During a visit to their house (Luke 10:38-42), Jesus tells Martha that only one thing is needed and that Mary has chosen rightly. Surely Jesus doesn't mean that quiet devotion is needed while serving others is not.

But when we let ourselves get "worried and distracted by many things," we may lose sight of the once crucial thing: love.

St. Francis is credited with the following quote: "God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, 'Beloved, what may I give?' 'Just love,'

God said, 'Just love.'" And in Galatians 5:6 (NRSV), St. Paul writes, "For in Christ Jesus...the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Amid all the worthy pursuits that fill your days, remember to choose rightly—by choosing love.

October 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1	2	3
4 <i>Communion</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Budgets Due)</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm</i>	22	23	24
25 <i>Final Drive-in service</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

