



Among Friends

JUNE, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings!

We certainly have experienced many changes since the last newsletter came out. We were looking ahead to worshipping together on Easter. That never happened. Before Easter 2020, most of us could never imagine not being in worship on Easter Sunday. But the unthinkable happened...a pandemic that changed our lives in so many ways.

I have heard over and over by many people; “the church is not the building; we are the church.” And while that is true, there is something so special and so powerful when the church (the body of believers) comes together to worship.

I am so glad that we are able to worship together again. Some of you are still unable to worship in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings... please know that you are missed and we look forward to seeing you soon. Until then, please stay safe.

During this difficult time, we all need encouragement. It can be found in God’s word.

*For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather
a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
(II Timothy 1:7)*

Folks, I believe we have learned some things the past few months. We have learned that we can’t trust in our government. We can’t trust in our economy. We can’t trust in our jobs. We can only trust in the sovereign God of the universe. When life gets tough, we need to rely on the power of the Spirit to get us through whatever may come our way.

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JULY

**Newsletter
Deadline**

June 24

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ON-LINE SERVICES CONTINUE

It is with great joy that we reopened Friendship Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 17. We are so excited to physically be able to worship with our church family.

With that being said, we want you to know that we will also continue to have online worship which will be recorded during the worship service on Sunday morning and will be available sometime Sunday afternoon. We are providing this online service for the people who don't yet feel comfortable being in large groups and we respect your decision. Also, we ask that if you are sick, please stay home.

(((ONLINE WORSHIP)))
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Deadline for
submission of
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information is
JUNE 24.

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From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

God will give us strength when we continue to trust in Him, even when we don't understand. Even though things seem out of control in the world today...things are not out of God's control.

Folks, on the hardest, most difficult days of your life; you need to trust what you know about God and hang on. Even though your heart may be broken, your spirit doesn't have to be crushed. My advice; trust in the power of God...to get you through...to sustain you...and to protect you.

In His service,
Diane

*Let us hold firmly to the hope
that we have confessed because*

WE CAN TRUST GOD

to do what He has promised!
Hebrews 10:23

THE BEST FATHER

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th-century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is "the best Father":

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9).
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48).
- He is the wisest (Romans 16:27).
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3:17; 1 John 4:16).
- He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8).
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11).
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8).

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



Prayer List

Anne D. (Missionary to India)
Sally Alben
Jane Allison
Carly Atkisson
Zachary Barto
Kayla Brundige
Martie Cooper
Ruth Cooper
Cooperstown Congregation
Kay Curtis
Bessie Datt
Heather Datt
Winnie Davis
Jim Dickey
Mark Doerr
Bertha Durnell
Randy Durnell
Blanche, English
Jennifer Gilliland
Donna Grossman
The Family of
Rick Grossman

David Hall
John Hines
Nancy Huntington
Timothy James
Jennie Jamieson
Rev. William Jamieson
Graham Larimore
Landry Lawson
Lisa Leach and Family
Ed Lind
Joe Lowers
Delaney Matteo
Kevin Michael
Willard Morse
Randy Morgan
Jessie Myers
David Parker
Karen Piper
Bill & Chris Schroeder
Micheal Scott
Rodney Stewart
Helen Taggart
Joe Vivelo

Seth Vogan
Donna Walker
Jeremy (God will know
which one).
Our military at home and
abroad
Persecuted Christians
around the world,
Alpha Omega (SR)
Pregnancy Center
Feed My Sheep Food
Cupboard
Beaver Butler Presbytery
The PCUSA
The Church of Jesus
Christ
All those who have been
impacted by
COVID19

**OUR COUNTRY,
OUR WORLD**

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the
elders of the church to pray over him and
anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”
James 5:16*

WELCOMING THE HOLY



Abraham and Sarah welcomed three strangers who turned out to be the Lord. Jesus said, “If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple,” the giver will be rewarded (Matthew 10:42, NIV). An ancient Jewish proverb asserts: “Hospitality is one form of worship.” A Russian Orthodox monk is said to have told a younger one, “Sometimes I see a stranger coming up the road and I say, ‘Oh, Jesus Christ, is it you again?’” And an old Gaelic poem declares, “Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise.”

Sometimes we think we must do something big to serve God. Today, when you smile at someone on the street, take time to entertain a child’s question, bring cookies to a new neighbor, thank a server or clerk ... know that you are serving Jesus, that you are worshiping God.

—Heidi Mann



BIRTHDAYS

Nathaniel Vukson, 6/5
Michele Lagnese, 6/28
Lily Sybert, 6/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Sandie Grosky, 6/8
Dave & Donna Walker, 6/26

REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & SENIOR LIVING

Bessie Datt
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Grove City, PA 16127

Jessie Myers
Grove Manor
435 North Broad Street
Grove City, PA 16127

Bertha Durnell
Lowrie Place
100 Stirling Village Drive
Butler, PA 16001

Helen Taggart
Orchard Manor
20 Orchard Dr.
Grove City, PA 16127



LAWN MOWER FOR WORSHIP CENTER

At the last congregational meeting, it was brought up that a new lawn mower was needed for the worship center. At the session's January meeting, the session discussed the various options and it was decided to purchase a new mower. As grass mowing time approached, we did some research during which Ruth Keith contacted her brother Fred Dickey for some advice and he generously offered to donate a used mower to the church. Fred does lawn mower repair. It was a mower that someone had given to him and he felt that this mower would give us good service for many years. Session accepted his gracious offer. Fred repaired a few things and delivered the mower to the worship center. Roy Pepper was there to receive the mower and gave it his seal of approval. Fred also took the old lawn mower so we don't have to worry about disposing of it. A BIG thank you to Fred!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our summer lessons explore the "many faces of wisdom" as recorded in the Book of Proverbs, in the Gospels and in the letter written by James. During June we will be studying the nature of God's wisdom as found in the book of Proverbs. How does wisdom call us? What is the value of wisdom? What are the gifts that wisdom offers? Join us as we learn the answers to these questions. During this time of restriction we are meeting in the sanctuary at 9:45am. Join us for a time of Bible study, discussion, and sharing. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children's Sunday school class continues to meet in the preschool classroom with social distancing measures observed.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

The **Abba Christian Center** is currently using the community center for Sunday morning worship until they can get back in their normal worship space. They use the Rec Center at Slippery Rock Park but that is presently closed due to Covid 19 restrictions. We welcome them to our center for as long as needed.

A SIGN FOR THE TIMES!



If you have been by the community center, perhaps you have noticed the new "manual" message board. It was installed in early March by Custom Signs, Inc. of

Grove City. It has the center's name at the top and our phone number at the bottom and the same amount of signage area as the old sign which was in dire need of replacement. The total cost for the sign was \$1763,00 which included installation with Sakrete to hold the posts and removal and disposal of the old sign. We were able to get a grant from the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for half of that cost(\$881.50) and the remainder was paid for from memorial money for Jim Keith and a family member of Bill and Flora Jones.

SIGNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Evie Vargo wasted no time using this blank slate to encourage those who travel along our way.

**LIVE
IT
FOR
EACH OTHER**

**WE'RE ALONE
TOGETHER**

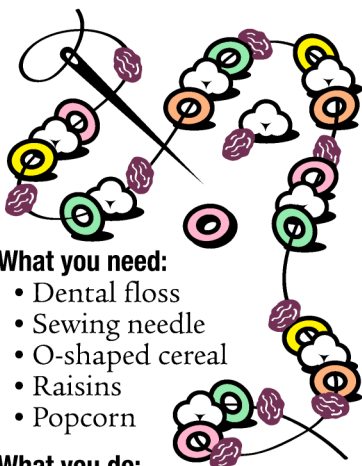
**THE HELPERS
AND JESUS
CAN SAVE US**

**HOPE CANNOT
BE
CANCELLED**

JUST FOR FUN

ROAD TRIP TREAT!

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:







1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

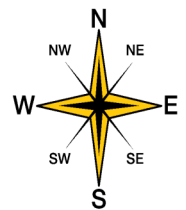


Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng
both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



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