



# Among Friends

JULY, 2020



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings;

A few years ago, the topic of the day on the Oprah Winfrey Show was entitled, "Having Affairs with Married Men." Oprah brought together several people who were having affairs. She wanted to hear what they had to say and how they felt about what they were doing.

One woman responded in a very positive way. She said that her affair with a married man had been a long-standing affair and that she was very happy.

Then someone in the audience had the nerve to raise the question of morality. Instantly, the woman took offense. "Wait a minute," she said. "I'm a Christian, but I want everyone to know that my personal life and my religion don't interfere with one another." She went on to say, "I believe in a God who wants me to be happy. And if this man makes me happy, then my God approves of the relationship."

Unfortunately, many people are attracted to a shallow and sanitized gospel that preaches health, wealth and prosperity. They would rather forget the true gospel of Christ. Crystal cathedrals, Cadillacs, mega-churches and televangelist that lead you to believe that if it feels good, do it! However, that contradicts with authentic Christianity, which preaches of a suffering love which is revealed through wisdom and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
I Corinthians 1:18*

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**AUGUST**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**July 23**

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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 )))  
Click Here  
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Deadline for  
submission of  
AUGUST  
information is  
JULY 23

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## From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

We see sin running rampant in our country. Religious statues are being torn down. Lawlessness is the order of the day. There is no regard for our fellow man. These people see the Gospel as foolishness.

Folks, during these difficult times, hold tight to the Gospel...stay near to Jesus. We are seeing what happens when a nation turns from God. These people have no hope because they have no savior.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, let's pray for this nation and our leaders and for each other. Also, allow the peace of Christ to give you comfort and hope and true freedom.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12*

Hold on to these words that have been given to us in scripture. Remember, no matter how bad things get, we have victory when we have Jesus. Continue to hang on to that **foolish cross!**

*In His service,  
Diane*

The Session has decided that our church will not participate with Highland Presbyterian Church in the picnic scheduled for July 12. The session felt that while we are doing well with social distancing, etc, it is not a good time for us to join with another group at a picnic. The session regrets having to make this decision but feels that it is in the best interest of our members to not participate. We look forward to future opportunities to join with Highland in other events. Sunday School and Worship will be held as usual on that date.

# Prayer

List

Anne D.  
The Alben Family  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Candy Boulanger  
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

*“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

David Hall  
Kimberly Harrison  
Nancy Huntington  
Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William Jamieson  
The Family of Al Jasick  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Lisa Leach and Family  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Delaney Matteo  
Will McCoy  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Karen Piper  
John Richards  
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  
  
All those who have been impacted by COVID19

**OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD**

## A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE

### FOR THE SICK

*Pray for those who are sick, and for their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.*

### FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

*Pray for those on the front-lines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.*

### FOR THE VULNERABLE

*Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.*

### FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

*Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.*

### FOR OUR LEADERS

*Pray for national and local government leaders that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.*

### FOR STUDENTS

*Pray for students who are out of school, and their families that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.*

### FOR CHURCHES

*Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ at this time.*




### BIRTHDAYS


Helen Taggart, 7/6  
Luke Sybert, 7/13  
Bill Kreuzer, 7/20  
Ray Vukson, 7/24  
Craig Allison, 7/27


### ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Emily Sybert, 7/10  
Dan & Tiffany Sybert, 7/12

## REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & SENIOR LIVING

Bessie Datt   
Orchard Manor  
20 Orchard Dr.  
Grove City, PA 16127

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

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

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





## REMINDER OF GUIDELINES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

- ◆ Remember, if you are sick, have a cough, have a fever, or just do not feel well, please stay at home.
- ◆ Please observe social distancing.
- ◆ Masks are REQUIRED when entering and exiting the building.
- ◆ Masks are encouraged, however; not required once you are seated in the sanctuary for Sunday School or Worship Service.
- ◆ Masks are REQUIRED when moving around in the church (while transitioning from Sunday School to the worship service, going to the restroom, etc.)
- ◆ Offerings can be placed in the offering plates located on the table in the vestibule.

## MISSION UPDATES



**DRESS FOR SUCCESS: FPC**  
Presbyterian Women continue to collect donations of interview and work-appropriate women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry. All items should be in excellent condition with no obvious tears, stains, missing buttons or broken zippers.

If you have items you would like to donate, bring them to the cloak room at the worship center (on hangers). We are hoping to make another delivery in August.

**COMING UP SOON:** School kits and health kits. We will be collecting items for these kits during August and September. Watch for details.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Wisdom is the focus of our summer studies. In July, our 4 lessons, one from each of the Gospels, examine the wisdom of God seen in the teachings and life of Jesus. All are welcome to this time of Bible study, discussion and sharing. We are currently meeting at 9:45 in the sanctuary.

Masks are optional for Sunday School and we observe social distancing.

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



## SIGNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

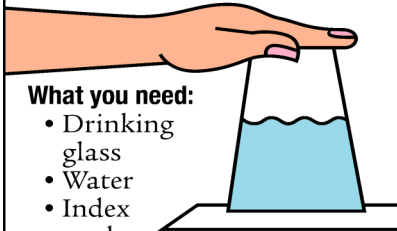
Evie Vargo continues encourage those who travel along our way. THANKS EVIE!!!



JUST FOR FUN

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

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JOHN 2:1-11



Heals a man born

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JOHN 9



Calms a

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MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of

\_\_\_\_\_

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

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MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water





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