



August, 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

How has your summer gone so far? Sue and I have been on a lovely vacation for most of July, including time with three of our adult children. I hope you have found a special place to recharge your batteries. For me, recharging means being with family, near the water, leisure reading (Civil War, poetry and political), taking pictures (especially sunsets on the water) or birdwatching (trying to add to my life list of species). What's on your list?

As you reflect back on our congregational Table Discussions on May 5 and June 30, what do you recall of importance? How well did others listen when you told your story? Were you able to listen to other's stories with an open mind and heart?

In August, I will be listing different names in the bulletin every Sunday for your prayers that week. This builds on the Shared Prayer Cards that Chris Stein began in worship in May. You may pray for that person's health or joy or healing. You may write them a note or email or call. You may ask them if they have a special request for prayer. "Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live" (I Thessalonians 5:26-28 *The Message*).

On August 4th we will begin with prayers for those in our "Contact List." Jim Benney, Bob Bethge, Ginny Browne, Barb Byrem, Wesley Clark, Abigail Clark and Ana Colan. Caring for each other is one of the ministries we do best at Westminster.

"By this shall all know that you are my disciples, if you love one another," (John 13:35). "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," (Galatians 6:2). "Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective," (James 5:16).

In the peace and joy of the risen Christ, *Jon*



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Here are my sermons and themes for August if you want to read the Scriptures before we worship. Please pray for the preacher!

Smash the Alabaster Jar! 8-4-24 Communion. “She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head” (Mark 14:3). Deuteronomy 15:7-11 and Mark 14:3-9. What do we need to give – and need to give up – for Jesus?

Where Does God Want Us to Go? 8-11-24 “But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry” (Jonah 4:1). Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Matthew 20:1-16. Do we get angry at God for telling us where to go?

Partners in Christ’s Service 8-18-24 “For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, son of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon” (Luke 5:9-10). Isaiah 6:1-9 God commissions Isaiah and Luke 5:1-11 Jesus provides a miraculous catch. Does your life magnify God or is your faith invisible to people who meet you?

The Buzzard, the Bat and the Bumblebee 8-25-24 “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ,” (Gal 6:2). Isaiah 64:1-8 God’s Mercy; John 15:12-17 Love One Another; Galatians 6:1-10 We will reap what we sow. We need each other’s help to see our limitations and to help us carry our heaviest burdens.

New lighting in the church!

You know we all have 1 thing in common...God! We have partnered with many churches over the years. The block party with Concordian Lutheran and St. Paul. Then Carolyn Moore gave my name to Judy at Concordian Lutheran and we have partnered with them for Flea Fantasia. They even liked our idea for donations, so they adopted that.

We are also partnering with Galloway Presbyterian for events. We have also partnered with Columbia Heights since I work there. When we started our Live Nativity we borrowed clothes, props, Jack the Donkey and the camels. Linda Witten and I have since made our own clothes. However, the BIGGEST partnership came through First Baptist Church of Grove City. I heard about them here at Columbia Heights and passed along our numbers.

The ministry Baptist Builders came out and agreed to replace all our lights with LED's. Well that came to reality a couple weeks ago. We were going to take up a collection to donate to their ministry but Marc said if you give me any money I will never work for you again. Well we might need them again and we will respect their wishes. We did buy them lunch everyday. They are generously funded through their church! So, I will be passing around a Thank You card for everyone to sign.

So what does this mean to us? We are now leaving all entrances illuminated 24/7 for security. We have a security light in the downstairs hallway which will always be on so don't try to turn it off you can't! All the rooms are much brighter. The Upper room had problem with the lights flashing from time to time so no more. If you use the restrooms you might need sunglasses! And our electric bill will go down.

To put it in perspective the 3 chandeliers in the Upper Room were burning 540 Watts. By replacing all the bulbs it now burns at 180 Watts when they are all turned on. Now if you leave a light on you won't feel the wrath of Trent. And it might look like the church is being used more especially since Fall/Winter are coming.

This whole project took 4 days with Marc and his 3 volunteers. Thanks to Trent and Jim for helping and providing lunch to the workers. They also left us more bulbs and Trent has checked the whole church over and every bulb is now replaced. And FYI these bulbs have a life of 13 year's, so we may never replace a bulb again, except the ones we leave on 24/7!

On a side note I was telling Marc I really liked their Ryobi cordless sweeper. Well Marc went out and bought me a Ryobi cordless sweeper and Ryobi Dustbuster and 2 extra batteries. And I said that's really generous. Marc said he was trying to make my job easier as a Custodian. He is right it is easier!!

So a HUGE SHOUTOUT TO BAPTIST BUILDERS you have richly Blessed our Church and we are forever grateful! God Bless You!!

~ Karen

Report from the Deacons

Happy August, everyone. We hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer. The deacons sent out 4th of July email cards to everyone. If you are not receiving our email messages, please let Jim Benney know.

Westminster helped with the potluck dinner following the service at Galloway. The ladies we met were very friendly and welcoming. It was an enjoyable experience and one we hope to repeat.

We will continue our fellowship time at 10:00 AM on the second Sunday of each month. Please plan to join us on August 11. There are rumors circling that there may be ice cream sundaes in September, come find out if they are true.

May the blessing of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. ~ Pam, Carol, Joyce & Jim

“Summer Evening On The Patio” ~ Carolyn Moore

A Soft breeze sends its tremors
Through the pines and bushes green.
While the music from a songbird
Fills the air with tones so clean.
Lightening Bugs are flitting,
All around the open space
While their little yellow lanterns
Blink greetings to all with grace.
Flowers are enjoying a cooling night treat,
Their petals slowly closing await nocturnal sleep.
As the sun begins to drop from its perch high in the sky
It paints the world around it with colors to catch the eye.
The reds, and golds and blues and greys
Soon turn the world into a large “Monet.”
And as I sit in awe and wondrous peace
A pudgy ‘possum wanders through the leaves.
It gives me a nod as it passes by.
“Goodnight little one” I say with a sigh.
It’s time to go in, and get ready for bed
While these blessings from God dance in my head.

Galloway Presbyterian events

August 14th - ladies meet for lunch at the Bob Evans in Georgesville Square at 12:30. No reservation needed

August 16th - The dinner group gathers at JPs BBQ at Bolton Field at 5:30 p.m. Call the church office or send an email to thomshuman79@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Additional information

Session did not meet in July

Jerry Ridenour temporary address. Post office is not forwarding his mail!

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