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NEWS ABOUT RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The Return to Worship Committee has agreed upon protocols for sanitization, social distancing and ingress/egress procedures. Currently planning outdoor services in August with in-church services in the early fall. The RTW committee consists of Roger Glad, Christina Pilot, Rich Coulter, Barb Roberts, Bob Coyle and Pastor Ron (advisor)

Please watch future newsletters for exact times and dates when in person services will resume.

TRINITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 26

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed

5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth Cookout

MONDAY, JULY 27

7:00 pm Beach Calling Group Zoom

TUESDAY, JULY 28

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen

5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba

THURSDAY, JULY 30

5:45 pm Outdoor Zumba

7:00 pm Prayer/Social Group Zoom

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 am Outdoor Zumba

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

YouTube Service w/Bulletin Emailed

HABITAT FOR HUMANITIES RESTORE JOB OPPORTUNITY

Position available July-December

Days/Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00am-4:30pm and Thursday 8:00am-12:00pm

Pay Scale: \$9 to \$11 per hour, depending on experience

The mission of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County (HFHGCC) is to partner with working families, sponsors, and communities to build affordable, quality homes and to provide support services that promote successful home purchase and ownership. The ReStore is HFHGCC's home improvement retail outlet, open to the public. The ReStore generates revenue through the sale of donated and reclaimed home improvement materials and supplies. All proceeds support HFHGCC's mission.

The DRIVER ASSISTANT is an exciting opportunity for an organized, energetic and personable individual to work in a fast-paced rewarding environment. We will provide all necessary training to be successful in this position.

For more information on this opportunity:

https://www.facebook.com/job_opening/2884415821669175/?source=post

PRAYER LIST

TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carolyn Kresen, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Donna Weller, Chloe Webb

TLC FRIENDS

James Brigman, Pete & Linda Phillips-Ferry, Rachel, Dan, Audre, Shirley Bennett, Jayne, Karl, Jocelyn & John Portlunas

Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalms 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

From the Pastor's Desk

July 26, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If you are uncomfortable with this “new normal” we are hearing about, then I would submit you are certainly not alone! Most of us can deal with turmoil for short periods of time, but for now there seems to be no end in sight. Well, there is some good news about a vaccine, from time to time, but that clearly requires a few months yet. So, we all do our best from day to day!

Some time ago, while listening to the radio in the car, I happened to land on a religious station that was sharing a devotion. The passage may have been from Philippians:

But our citizenship [or commonwealth] is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation [or our humble bodies] that it may be conformed to the body of his glory [or his glorious body], by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. (3:21f.)

This reminded me, that regardless of the turbulence of life in this world, it is, ultimately, not where we belong! I had not entertained that thought for some time. We are “only” passing through this world and that brought some comfort. God has a better place that Jesus promises to be preparing for each and every one of us.

This is not to say that we do not have worries or concerns to troubles, but it does mean that none of them will have the last word. Again, as St. Paul points out in Romans:

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (8:37-39)

So, we do our best each day and trust in God to provide and to guide! This is the posture of the current Congregational Council. As you may know a Return to Worship Task Force has been working on recommendations for resuming in-person worship. This may begin as early as August for the Outdoor Worship. Worshipping inside will take a bit more planning and preparation. Whenever we resume in-person worship we will continue to audio/video record and make available to folks. Above all, we seek to keep everyone safe!

Recently, I had the thought of what I would do if COVID-19 appeared among our disciples, and the thought was quite disconcerting! So, we will focus on ways to avoid the spread of the virus and trust God to keep us all safe!

So, watch for details about resuming in-person worship and continue to pray for our leadership as well! For your prayers, I thank you and for your continued support of this ministry, despite the current challenges!

God bless and keep you and yours safe until we are able to meet and greet again!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Ron

FAITH FORMATION AT HOME - FAMILIES WITH KIDS

BRIEF FAITH ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME.

FULL FREE LESSONS CAN BE FOUND ON VIBRANT FAITH CATALYST



Getting Along

By Christy Olson

Explore what the Bible and others say about the Family of God and getting along. Love, kindness, and patience are just a few ways we get along with God and one another.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Magazines or old greeting cards, drawing/coloring materials, glue sticks, scissors, Bible, 3 blank sheets of 8x11 paper (Optional: you also use poster board or 8x11" cardstock)

READ SCRIPTURE: Read these Bible verses. Both readings are from the New Testament. Matthew 19:19 "Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant."

Look for ways that scripture tells us to love, be kind, and be patient.

ACTIVITY: *Getting Along Collages*

At the top of the first blank paper, write the word, "LOVE".

Repeat this with the other two papers using the words, "KINDNESS" and "PATIENCE"

Talk about what each word means to everyone in your family.

You may want to ask:

- *What does Love/Kindness/Patience look like?*
- *Where have you seen love/kindness/patience in the world?*
- *What happens when you are loving/kind/patient?*
- *Name a time when someone was loving/kind/patient to you. How did it feel?*

Invite the family to look through the magazines and cards and cut out images and words that represent either LOVE, PATIENCE, or KINDNESS. Paste the images beneath their word. to create a collage. If family members like to draw or write, they can do this instead.

Talk together about the images/word in the collage that represent each word. Hang these collages in a prominent place in the house like the refrigerator.

PRAYER:

Say this prayer with your family and each time you pass these collages during the day. *Dear God, getting along with family is not always easy. Help me find kindness, love and patience to get along with my family. Amen.*



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Bishop Michael L. Rhyne

July 17, 2020

Colleagues,

I am writing to clarify some issues that have arisen as we are in this time of transition in the Allegheny Synod. Recently a letter was circulated asking that the Synod Council consider moving the Synod Assembly to June, 2021. The Council will be considering this request at our meeting on July 18th.

With that letter was a proposal that the Synod Council be in contact with the Presiding Bishop to secure an interim Bishop to serve the Allegheny Synod. This was a surprise and was shocking to me and the Synod staff because we did not see this letter before it was circulated nor was I asked what my position was on moving forward if the Assembly is moved. I have since had conversation with the authors of the letter who clarified that they knew that I was not open to another term and did not want to force me to serve longer than I would want to. They explained the intention was to honor my service and allow me to move on to my next call.

Though I am thankful for what the authors of this letter were intending to do, I want to be clear that I am planning to stay on as your Bishop until that time when we can elect and prepare our Bishop-elect for service. There have been rumors circulating that I am ready to leave or quit. That is not true. If that were the case, I would have resigned by now. I discerned that I was not open to another six-year term as Bishop. That decision was based on the age of my children and my desire to be more present in their lives. There is a major difference between serving until we can call the Bishop-elect and taking on another six years of service. I am completing my term.

I am with you whether that is through the end of 2020, or after an Assembly in 2021.

If the Assembly is moved, a major part of our work for the next year is focusing on the election. I will be calling us to a year of prayer, continuing to ask congregations and individuals to be praying for this process. We would hope to be able to find a way to gather together next spring, but we will need to prepare for contingencies. We will be working with the Council, conferences, and Assembly Committee to figure out strategies for moving the election forward if we face unforeseen circumstances. Our transition team will take on the task of guiding us through this time.

God will lead and guide us and the Holy Spirit will make a way forward. I am deeply thankful to be in ministry with you.

May God bless you and keep you
+Bishop Michael

P.S. At the July 18th committee meeting, Synod Assembly has been moved to June 4th & 5th, 2021

2020 GOLDEN BASKET COMPETITION

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A weeklong culinary competition
to benefit Central PA's food hub
Appalachian Food Works
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**JULY 27 -
AUGUST 2, 2020**

**ORDER FROM LOCAL
RESTAURANTS AND
VOTE FOR THE WINNER!**

Elk Creek Cafe + Aleworks
Four Ways Pub & Eatery
Guante Family Restaurant
Pine Grove Hall
Revival Kichen
Shy Bear Brewing



Details online at appalachianfoodworks.org

Vote for the winner on   @appfoodworks

Raffle items from local businesses will be offered throughout the week!



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