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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

USHERS and LITURGIST NEEDED FOR WORSHIP!

We are beginning to see normal times again during our worship services! With that being said, we would like to begin using ushers on Sunday mornings to pass out the bulletins and greet people at the front door. (You will not be asked to usher anyone to their seats unless they need your assistance.) You will also be needed to help with the offering as we begin to pass the offering plates again. Please call the church office if you are willing to volunteer for a Sunday to help with this important part of our service.

Anyone interested in being a liturgist for months we are not in the Biblical Garden for worship (June and July for sure) please call the church office or talk to Pastor David.

HELPING WITH OUR WORSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

USHERS:

- 1: Mark Bassett & Joe Dick
- 8: Jan Nagel, Lisa Magsamen
- 15: Doug & Barb Morrow
- 22: ????
- 29: David & Veronique Poudrier

LITURGIST: Peggy Jones

GIVING FLOWERS: Norm & Peg Yoder, Hilda Kennedy, Vinnie & Barbara Pietracatella

FROM THE PASTOR:

Sisters and Brothers:

I'm looking outside today and it's beautiful! The sun is shining, trees are budding, and the flowers outside my window are blooming. Spring is here. The changing season encouraged some folks to do a lot of work in the garden so it's looking good too. What a glorious time!

I want to encourage you to take a walk around the church and notice where you see God at work. Not only is this good exercise, but it's a chance to reflect on God's presence in the world. Of course, I'm going to ask a little bit more than that. I want to challenge you to look the other direction - take a look at the houses, the Genealogy Center, the gas station that's being rehabbed – pay attention to things around the church. If you're feeling up to it, you could add a couple blocks to your circuit and take in the few shops around us, the town square, or the library.

Christians are most comfortable talking about finding God and God's presence as directly related to the church. That's been our language for a long time, but I wonder if that's a little too limiting. Our theology describes a God present in all that is, not just church. All of creation, in- and outside the church, proclaims God's bubbling presence. This perspective on life brings fresh air to our faith and fills us with hope. Just imagine God's Spirit surrounding you as you live, move, and breathe – at Krogers, the coffee shop, and gas station. God is right there with those people. Wow!

I know this is a new way of thinking about God working in the world when we've always thought of meeting God Sunday morning. A shift like this doesn't come easily, either. To help out, you might try adding a little prayer to your walking. Please don't wander the streets with your eyes closed, though! I am suggesting just a little conversation with God before, during, or after the walk. We can ask God to open our eyes and hearts to see things differently. We might ask God to show us God's work that we hadn't noticed before.

Our God is an awesome God who reigns in heaven above and earth below. God's creative, loving presence is particularly displayed during this time of the year. God is speaking to us, inviting us to enjoy God's presence and good works around us. Please make time to see and experience God's fermenting creation in a new way this spring.

Shalom, Pastor David

FROM THE CE DIRECTOR:

Happy Spring!!! I would like to give a big THANK YOU for all of the prayers, food, cards, and kindness me and my family has received these last few months!!! Everyone's patience and thoughtfulness is very appreciated.

Good news is I am slowly able to walk and be more active again. I am planning on starting Adult Sunday School on May 1st. We will set a schedule for the next month at the first study.

I will also be starting the Youth program on May 1st also.

Thank you again for all of the love and support .

God Bless Kari Ackerman CE Director



PWC will meet on Wed. May 11 at 10:30. this will be our final meeting until Sept. Dutch Heritage will provide lunch at 11:30. The cost is \$11.00 Pay on Circle Day. All women are invited.

STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET COMMITTEE:

LET'S CHAT! Are you curious about church finances? Do you have questions about how church money is being invested? Are you thinking about estate planning and wondering how our church might fit into your plans? If so, please join us in the lounge on Sunday, May 22 following morning worship. Pastor David, Treasurer Barbara Bushnell and Stewardship and Budget Committee members will share information and try to answer your questions. The coffee will be hot!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

The A.P.C.W.P. group has planted in our Biblical Garden and with the permission of the chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, a bed of pink resurrection lilies in Linda Pulver-Jackson's memory. She once said that those lilies were among her and her grandmother Alice Peckert's favorite flowers. The bulbs came from the Clarks' and Heymann's gardens. We hope all will think of Linda whenever these lovely plants bloom.

