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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Care Emergency: In case of need of pastoral care, please contact the Rev. Dr. Cindy McClung at 412-720-9241. Rev. Dr. McClung will also be moderating the session.

Daily Devotional

In these changing times, we have found new ways to reach out to each other. We now have worship services both online and via teleconference. Children's sermons are online as well as, Sunday School crafts and activities.

The way in which we sit with god in quiet reflection and prayer everyday has surely changed as well. During this time of change, hardship and social distancing, we are encouraged more than ever to rely on god to get us through. Our congregation has been granted free digital access to the Upper Room for May & June. This is a daily devotional that many of our congregation members read on paperback.

A digital version of this devotional will be sent to all congregation members via email. You may also go to the link provided to download it yourself. [Upper Room Free digital devotional](#) Once on their website scroll down to where it says Upper Room May/June download and click on the blue View downloads button. This also gives you free access to Prayers for Comfort, Prayers for Courage, Prayers for Hope and Prayers for Times of Illness.



As we all continue to look at these days of isolation, we need to continue to have faith that the Lord will see us through these trying times.

We had planned a yard clean-up day on May 30th, but will be canceling it due to the social distancing policies.

Dylan Rossman has been taking care of mowing and trimming the church yard, so things should be in good hands through the summer.

Hopefully these challenges we face today will pass and we can once again come together in personal fellowship. Everything may be different, but know that we can continue to pray for one another, our country, our world, and to keep our Lord Jesus Christ at the center of our lives!

God Bless!

Special Dates in May, 2020

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| • May 7, 2020 | National Day of Prayer |
| • May 10, 2020 | Mother's Day |
| • May 16, 2020 | Armed Forces Day |
| • May 18, 2020 | Victoria Day (Canada) |
| • May 21, 2020 | Ascension Day |
| • May 25, 2020 | Memorial Day |
| • May 31, 2020 | Pentecost |



WAMA Food Pantry
(Warehouse behind Rite Aid)
105 West Allegheny Rd.
Imperial, PA 15126

We appreciate any help the churches can give us as we are now back to our normal schedule for the 2020 year.

May's Distributions

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| Tuesday, May 12 th | 9:00 to 12:00pm. |
| Wednesday, May 13 th | 4:30 to 6:30pm. |
| Tuesday, May 26 th | 9:00 to 12:00pm. |
| Wednesday, May 27 th | 4:30 to 6:30pm. |

Please call the Food Pantry number 724-695-1305 to let our FP Coordinators: Tim Opfermann and Linda Stoner know if you would like to help.

Thank you for all your past help and we look forward to working with you in 2020.
Judith Bolind, volunteer

Also in addition, the Food Pantry would welcome any attendees who might need our services or if they know of anyone else in need, please refer them to us.



Due to the virus "war" the Women's Group will not meet again until **September 3rd at 6:30pm**. We will be studying "Old Testament Characters" Mark your calendars and come and join us for this interesting bible study. Thank you to all the Ladies that came faithfully this season. We are a small group but very dedicated to our church family. Stay safe and remember as we fight this "war" God is on our side.

Something to look forward to

We tentatively have a visit from the Ludwig family scheduled for Sunday, September 20th, 2020. There will be a potluck luncheon to follow.



Choir Schedule

Choir Notes. As our church stands closed for an indefinite time, we will not have choir practice till **September 1st at 7:00 Pm**.

Down the Bowling Alley.

At the time of this writing, we are putting bowling on hold. Most unnecessary businesses are closed and that includes our bowling alley. As our season only goes till the end of April, we will most likely not meet again until the end of **August**. We are hoping that things settle down due to the mandatory closings and that our lives will get back to "normal" as soon as possible.



We are truly blessed to have so many children in our congregation. We would like to graciously thank everyone that has been assisting with our online **Children's sermons**. This is all very new to us and we thank everyone for taking on the challenge. From the people volunteering to do the childrens sermon, to the people behind the camera. We thank you.

We would also like to thank our **Sunday school teachers**. They are so lovingly and creatively, through mail and how-to videos still managing to do weekly bible based crafts and activitoes with our Sunday school aged children.

Youth Group

All of our Youth group meetings and events have been cancelled for the month of May. Our hearts and prayers are with our youth. From having to now do school work online, not being able to participate in afterschool activities and social distancing from extended family and friends. It has been a huge adjustment for them. We pray that they will be able to navigate the changing world that they now find themselves in. That they may find peace and strength in the midst of all of the chaos, relying on their faith to get them through.

The other day I heard someone say something that stuck with me. "We may all be in the same storm but not all of us have the same boat". To me this is a gentle reminder that not everyone or every family is going to experience this situation in the same way. Some of you are doing well and not much has changed, some of you find yourselves isolated from your loved ones or facing extreme difficulties. We encourage you all to keep in contact with each other through social media, calls, text and cards. If you are able, check on friends, your congregation, the elderly neighbor down the street. Love one another, give each other strength, encourage one another and lift each other up in prayer.



Letter from Session

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Clinton U.P. Church,

Due to the National, State and Presbyterian Church suggestions for coronavirus “Stay at Home” order; we are cancelling all activities at the church, including worship May 1-31 2020. We will keep you abreast of information as we need to through email, Facebook, phone calls and the C.U.P. mailing. Unfortunately, we just are not able to predict when it will be safe to return to church as a group. We have a team, headed up by Joe Miller that will be working on the re-opening protocol at church when it safe to do so. The Session will meet again on May 21 to re-evaluate the COVID-19 situation. So, we just have to stay at home and stay calm, working together in this unprecedented situation.

Rev. Dr. Cindy McClung will still be presenting her Sunday worship services via the Mt. Lebanon Christian church’s Facebook page at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings. Also people can hear the service on the Free Conference Call. The number is 425-436-6348 when prompted put in access code 284262 followed by #.

Thank you for sending in your offerings to pay the church bills and maintain the church finances. Please continue to mail in your offerings to the church or use the churches on-line giving option. Rachele will make sure your checks will be counted and deposited in the bank. The church address is Clinton U.P. Church, 25 Wilson Road, Clinton, PA 15026

If you have concerns and need to speak to someone, please feel free to call the church office @724-695-7993 and leave a message. Rachele will check the messages often and will forward the messages on to the Clerk of Session, Amanda Wade 412-715-4542 or Pastor Cindy McClung, 412-720-9241. Rachele has also offered her cell phone# 724-544-6396.

Please Stay safe and God bless you!
We will all be together once again very soon.

Blessings,
Session of Clinton U.P. Church



Our doors may be closed but our hearts are still open. We are still here for our congregation and our community. If you are in need of Pastoral care, if you have any questions, concerns, or you are in need of assistance, please call the Church office. We are checking the email and voicemails several times a day. This is truly a difficult time for so many people. We are praying for you, your families, all of the workers that are helping in so many ways to fight this disease and everyone around the world that has been affected.

Until it is safe to meet together again, our services will be online. We will have an online Children’s Sermon every Sunday. The video can be found on our Facebook page. [Our Facebook Page](#)

Rev. Dr. Cindy McClung will be streaming a Sunday worship service every Sunday at 11:00 am. You can watch the service on Mt. Lebanon Christian Church’s Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MtLebanonCC/>

You may also listen to the service on a free conference call. To do so, call **425-436-6348** when prompted enter the access code **284262**.



A Letter from our Treasurer

Dear Clinton UP church members,

I want to let the congregation know how much I love and miss you all. I didn't know how much I needed to see your smiling faces, give and receive hugs and have warm conversations until we could not come together every Sunday. I want to shout a big THANK YOU to our Sunday School leaders with their inspiring messages to our children during the online children's sermon, for our Session members holding everything together, Rev Cindy McClung for your sermon videos, and everybody else who dedicates their time to Clinton UP church. It is important that our church continues to thrive once the pandemic restrictions are lifted. It is equally important that our church family is able to congregate every

week and come together to support each other with love and prayer. I want to Thank all of our members who have continued to give their Tithes and offerings even when we are not physically able to be together. Our church still has monthly utility expenses that need paid, and your support is helping us through that. You can continue to give your Tithes and Offerings by mailing it into the office or using our online giving app through Tithely. Please contact myself or Rachelle if you have any questions on how to give. Can't wait to see everyone once the pandemic is over.

Sincerely,

Sophie Guzma
Treasurer

Points to Ponder

The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts:

To return love for hate,
To include the excluded
and to say "I was wrong"

Deacons Updated Giving Campaign

As the needs of the community change so do we. The Deacons have made some changes to their giving campaign, in order to better meet the changing needs of the community. The following is the updated giving campaign. As always, there is a box in the Narthex for your donations.

Thank you.

May
Soup

June
Canned Vegetables

July
Canned Tuna & Canned Chicken

August
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex

September
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese,
Spaghettios

October
Cake Mixes & Pudding

November
Boxed Cookies & Crackers

December
Canned Vegetables

January
Soup



I want to begin by thanking everyone that supports Jana and me in prayer and financial giving. I realize that there are many people being stretched financially right now and some people who are completely without work in this season and I am so thankful for all of you who have been able to and chosen to continue in your generosity and giving. I am also thankful for your prayers in this time. Please continue to lift H2O church and the Ozanich's in your prayers as often as you think of us! We are so grateful!

OUR CHURCH

Since my last letter, so many things have happened and changed. As a staff team we were encouraging people to study through a recycled Lenten devotional we wrote years ago that ended on Easter Sunday. On that day we held a Zoom conference call inviting our entire church to check in, catch up, read the resurrection story and cast vision for the next month.

Since Easter, we have started a church podcast called "H2O and Friends" to help connect everyone to what's happening in Kent and in our church (available on

Spotify). Also, our plan for bible study from April 13-May 9 is a coordinated study plan through 1 & 2 Thessalonians. We are really enjoying the opportunity to unify as many people as possible reading and discussing the same scriptures every day and every week. There's some great potential to continue with similar month-long studies that take advantage of a personal reading plan, discussion questions for small group engagement, and short video teachings for people to utilize on a large scale.

OUR MINISTRY

Jana and I have really enjoyed our roles in unveiling this Thessalonians study so far. She partnered with Julia to write the daily reading plan and devotional thoughts that go along with each day's text. They put a lot of work into these plans and they have already been a huge blessing in so many of our students' lives! I am currently helping Nick write the small group questions every week and will be giving a 10 min video teaching for our last week of study in 2 Thess. (If you're interested in checking out study you can find it here.)

Beyond the bible study, Jana and I have still been spending time with students

regularly, either over video chat or taking walks (or playing disc golf). We are asking the Lord what this will look like when we transition into summer this year, as those relationships would normally look quite different in the summer. Perhaps, this is God's way of allowing for more year-round connections!

OUR LIVES

On a personal note, Jana and I have been enjoying the extra time we have these days to clean and organize both our house and the H2O office. I've been continuing to improve on my sourdough recipe and sharing bread with as many people as I can. Jana recently picked up an interest in working with clay and has been making some fun jewelry dishes for her friends. I'm also excited to master my disc golf and tennis skills as the weather gets warmer out! We are excited to have the freedom to do so much ministry right now and to find time for rest as well. Thank you for your prayers and support!



The Ludwigs' Mar-Apr. Update



Our big news is that we decided to take the last repatriation flight out of Niger. After all this travel we're safely in Western PA at a B&B for our two-week quarantine. We ended up leaving Niger in a hurry

because the PCUSA has called all mission co-workers back to the US, and we wanted to make sure we could make it to the US for Isaac's hip dysplasia surgery in June. It was a tough decision and doesn't feel very nice because of all the people we've left behind, even now as we hear the cases there are growing everyday. But we're trusting God to guide us and be with the people of Niger, working out the grace and glory of Jesus beyond what we can imagine. Amid everyone's uncertainty and disruption, we thank you for your support and prayers. It is so much easier to deal with things knowing we are so loved and cared for! Below we set aside some time for you to hear the perspectives of our kids from Niger.

How has Niger changed over the time that we've been there? Adeline: Many things have changed, especially the area around our house. When we first came there were much less houses around us. We

used to take a short-cut through an empty lot to walk to our church, but now all the space around us is full. Also, there are many more paved roads than when we first came. The Nigerian Independence Day was held in the city where we live in the second year we were there. So the officials made lots more roads paved and old ones repaved. They also put sidewalks and open sewer channels on most of the streets they paved. Now more of our neighbors have electricity so we are not the only people on the block who have lights now. Before, the kids who had homework to do came and sat in front of our gate at night (because we have a light out there), but now not everybody is sitting in front of our gate!



Adeline with a sand and debris house filled with "Rock People"

Tell me what happens at Sunday School? Zach: The teachers teach God's word to other children. They usually teach small parts of the Bible and then have a memory verse for the children to practice. Sometimes we have to say it in groups and repeat it back and forth from one group to another. We also pray before and after, and

usually a kid leads that part. We also sing songs that we already know or practice new ones for the holiday children's choir. Then we all wear matching fabric outfits. We have about 20 boys and another 25 girls in Sunday school. After class we play and the boys sometimes aren't nice to each other. We also do one or two visits to another church every year. These are small village churches we are trying to encourage. Everyone piles into two big pick-up trucks and we drive through the bush. Sometimes the handout juice or porridge drinks in small plastic bags like a home-made juice pouch. But they might not be made with clean water, so we don't drink them.



Zach and other kids in Sunday School classroom.

What are the most common things you see on the street when we go out?

Simeon: We see a lot of goats and chickens and garbage. There are many gates and shops along the roads. We also see kids playing soccer and kids carrying water buckets and people begging. We go on lots of dirt roads. We used to see lots of motorcycles and not many cars and trucks, but now more cars and trucks are on the road.

Compilation of answers from the three big kids:

1. What do you want to tell people about Niger? Niger doesn't have much water because a lot of the land is desert, and it's hot here. The heat is good and bad. It means that plants can grow a lot here. If it's not at its hottest, then it's still okay if you're in the shade. But if you are sitting waiting it is really hard in the heat. If you're running around you don't notice it so much. There are not many trees by us but a medium amount maybe. There is sand here not grass. I like sand better because it's softer and grass can be kind of prickly. The sand is really good for playing and building little houses. It can be really fun to play in the mud and to play in the rain here when it does rain, it's like an exciting event.

There are a lot of different things about the culture here. Like you go visit other people's houses much more often. But they aren't planned visits. Everyone says hi, talks a little, and then goes. We are also around a lot of black-skinned people in Niger, which is a little bit different from the US. Sometimes I (Zach) like that better. But sometimes when we come back to Niger after being in the US it just feels like it was a dream and now we're back to real life.

2. What do you miss now that we're away from Niger? We miss the two missionary families that we usually play with once a week. And our older brother Hassan who is still there living in our house with our dog, Hakuri, and cats, Musa and Haruna. We miss climbing things at our house. We miss being able to add on things to our sand houses, and how easy it is to build things with wet sand and broken concrete blocks. Also being able to add to our games with random broken things. We miss the little things that you get used to when you stay in

one place. Especially the sound of the room fan at night that is helpful for falling asleep.

3. What has happened so far this year? We traveled a lot, to South Africa for a conference and some of us went to the capital on the bus to get visas. I (Zach) got to play with my friends in the capital. When we went to South Africa it was the first we heard of the Corona virus, but it was not all that large yet. Then when we got back there was lots of news starting about it. Lots of things were shutting down, like the capital city closed all the roads in and out. There is a curfew that you can't go out after 7pm, which is when most people do a lot of visiting and food buying. It's not as big a deal around us, except for the nearby border with Nigeria closing, which really affects trading and the families that rely on that for food and income. But we stay close to our house most of the time so it hasn't affected us much. We're hoping that Corona virus doesn't get bigger in Niger because there's not much medical care available for people.

We've been going to the private pool in town to practice swimming and diving. We climbed a new section of our property wall, the one next to our big moringa tree and had lots of fun exploring that side. We've been doing a lot of building of small sand houses in our yard this year. We get little rocks and pretend they are people for our sand houses. Then we just keep expanding the cities and families. Now that we're back in the US, we've made our first snow man!

Pray with Us!

+ Praise God for safe travel, healthy family, and such a supportive church!

+ Pray for the CHE evangelists to be able to reach out to their communities with hand-

washing teaching and encouragement in this Corona Virus time!

+ For the doctors and nurses in Niger who have to deal with being under-equipped.
+ For wisdom for the EERN leaders in how to lead the church in this time. Most of the national leaders were recently re-elected, with the addition of a new General Secretary, Pastor Omar Idi.

+ For our re-entry adjustments into the US, including finding a reliable minivan.

+ For Isaac's surgery to be able to happen on time in mid-June, and for a way to be found to continue Zach's citizenship process through channels here in the States.



Sending our love,
Michael, Rachel, Hassan,
Adeline, Simeon, Zach, and Isaac

Worship elements redefined

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<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/>

Call, confession, communion and commission beyond COVID-19

Social distancing as a way to flatten the curve of COVID-19's spread has created many questions about how to maintain a sense of community while not physically coming together in one space. For Christians, though, the social distancing that resulted from the worldwide spread of a virus raises a pressing question: How do we understand ourselves as the church when we can't meet in person?

John Calvin proclaimed that the marks of the true church are the gospel rightly preached and the sacraments rightly administered. So, if the existence of the church is indicated by its worship, as Calvin said — the Word preached, and the sacraments rightly administered — what does the current diaspora mean for the church?

I want to explore four traditional characteristics of church that, although most clearly expressed and reinforced when we gather together, can apply to the Christian life well beyond worship held in a church building.

The - first is **call**, which is best experienced in the corporate Call to Worship that opens many a Sunday service. Presbyterians believe that God's grace is "prevenient"; that is, that God acts - first. The Christian life — and worship itself — is begun by God calling us to God's self, *into his own kingdom and glory* (1 Thessalonians 2:12). However, during a time

of sheltering we are reminded that this call can happen every day, anywhere. Daily Prayer from the PC(USA) "Book of Common Worship" offers this call in the form of prayer — morning, midday, evening and at the close of day — inviting us to a new rhythm of worship beyond a church building. How else can you open yourself to hear God's call?

The call of God then leads us into **confession** — the telling of the truth about ourselves, about God, and about the relationship of the human and divine. "*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful*" (Hebrews 10:23). Our words express and form our faith, telling it like it is and shaping us for what is yet to be. This truth-telling includes the confession of sin and the responding assurance/confession of God's mercy. It is truth told in our formal confessions of the faith (The Apostles' Creed, the Brief Statement, etc.). It is truth presented in the ways the Word of God comes to us in worship and life — in song and prayer, in Scripture and preaching, in the witness of nature and of others. It is shared truths and traditions mutually accessible even when we are apart. Is there a prayer, song or other devotional practice you can commit to sharing at the same time as others?

Confession then prepares us for the element of worship traditionally de- defined as the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup — **communion** — although it includes the passing of the peace and fellowship time. *Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ* (1 John 1:3). Without being able to break bread together or touch hands in a hearty shake, communion as the church takes on new expression. When I studied

communion in the PC(USA), it became clear that all kinds of ways of receiving the elements were viewed as "communing together." Just as God's action among us is not hampered by particular models of participation in a communion meal, God is not hampered by our inability to get together. The church is the church every time we choose to lean on one another, passing the peace by phone, text or computer. The church is the church when a simple table grace is said, asking God to join us all together in love and communion.

Lastly, the fourth characteristic of what church has always been about, still is and always will be, is **commissioning**. *As the Father has sent me, so I send you* (John 20:21). In baptism we join Jesus' disciple-making work of bringing Good News to all. Commissioning is for the work of the church in the world — no matter how we meet, where we meet or if we cannot meet together. How can we express our love of neighbor and reveal that the church is strengthened by the very necessity of - finding new ways to socially connect? What gratitude can we express to God, together or apart? How can we live out the call, confession, communion and commissioning, not just as traditional Sunday morning rubrics, but as the very framework for being the church today?

Barbara Hedges-Goettl is a PC(USA) pastor who, with her husband, Len, co-pastors a small neighborhood church outside of Philadelphia. She has a Ph.D. in liturgical studies, which began with an interest in what it means to be the church.

“They’re just answering the call”

Presbyterians Mission / April 29th, 2020

Local volunteers step up as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance goes virtual

by Darla Carter | Presbyterian News Service
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/theyre-just-answering-gods-call/>

LOUISVILLE — Disaster relief volunteers Richard and Susan Caldwell had been praying about their mission work and where God would lead them to when fate stepped in. Tornadoes tore through their state the morning after Easter, sparing their South Carolina home but leaving extensive damage just blocks from their church, Seneca Presbyterian Church, and killing one person.

The Caldwells quickly mobilized, seeking help with things like debris clearing and tree cutting for affected residents. The response was swift and strong. “Last Friday, we had 30 people show up,” said Richard Caldwell, a parish associate at the Seneca, S.C., church.

These are “a great bunch of people,” primarily church members and their families, and they’re “doing a lot of hard manual work,” he said. The effort in Oconee County is taking place at a time when traditional deployments of PDA’s National Response Team are on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic.

PDA’s approximately 40 volunteer host sites remain closed through at least June as the

country works to slow the spread of the contagious virus.

However, National Response Team member Rick Turner has been virtually deployed to help with coordination from his home, about 30 miles from the cleanup.

Turner is working with Foothills Presbytery, which Seneca Presbyterian Church is part of, on obtaining PDA grants and collaborating with the Caldwells. “I’ve been on the phone with him,” Richard Caldwell said. “We’ve emailed considerably. He’s been invaluable.”



Volunteers haul debris away in tornado-affected South Carolina. (Contributed photo)

At least 1,478 homes in 22 counties sustained some type of damage, according to local emergency managers. Many residents, including Seneca’s pastor, John Hartman, had downed trees. The church also sustained some damage — relatively mild compared to some homeowners’ — as did nearby Townville Presbyterian Church, which had some roof damage. In addition, a columbarium was hit by a tree.



An elderly couple barely made it to their basement before a tornado hit this home. It’s one of the sites where volunteers from Seneca Presbyterian Church have been working. (Contributed photo)

“Usually, we don’t deploy within our own presbytery, but with virtual deployments and coronavirus you’ve got to do things a different way,” Turner said.

The Caldwells, who have experience from participating in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts in New Jersey, will be ready to receive Gift of the Heart Kits, which are flood buckets and hygiene kits for volunteers and survivors, Turner said.

Also, “a number of churches have contacted us, either through the Seneca church or through the presbytery, to send in food and supplies,” he said. Jim Kirk, the Associate for Disaster Response in the United States, praised the South Carolina effort and noted that other volunteer efforts are taking place elsewhere in the country, such as Mississippi, Tennessee and Indiana.

"Now more than ever we need Presbyterians who are local to stand up and get involved in ways that are safe and appropriate," Kirk said. "In finding new ways to be the church, local volunteers have risen to the occasion and this is an opportunity for Presbyterians across the country to step forward and be the hands and feet of Christ." For many, the COVID-19 pandemic is just one of the disasters they are facing.

"Individuals and families are still recovering from the last three hurricane seasons, the terrible recent fire seasons in California and the flooding and severe storms that continue," Kirk said. "Local volunteers who can drive to the site and work safely will make all the difference."

Why are Presbyterians getting involved at a time when many Americans are hunkered down at home?

"They're just answering God's call," Turner said. One challenge during the era of COVID-19: physical distancing.

"When you're sawing trees and hauling off limbs, sometimes you get closer than six feet," Richard Caldwell said. "We're trying to remind people."

Kirk noted, "If you live in an area recently affected by a disaster or (that) is still involved in long-term rebuilding and are able to volunteer locally, PDA strongly encourages individuals to follow the guidelines set by the local government officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization. We recognize that volunteer labor is crucial after a disaster, but we need to be mindful against creating another disaster by potentially spreading COVID-19."



This is typical of tornado damage in Seneca, South Carolina. (Contributed photo)

The work in South Carolina has included clearing trees from a woman's backyard and helping remove a vintage scooter from a demolished home.

"We're just very impressed by how local congregations and the presbytery are being adaptive in their response to this very devastating event," Kirk said.

A gathering of fun stories and small miracles to lighten the mood

Submitted by: *Cindy Macek*

In Sunday school one day, the subject was the Ten Commandments and the class had gotten up to the last one. When the teacher asked if anyone could state what the tenth commandment was, a young boy waved his hand wildly, then proudly stood up and gave his answer: "Thou shalt not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife".

A few years ago, when I was a Sunday School teacher for three and four-year olds, we were discussing how Jesus is

always with us, even though we can't see him. One little boy agreed, "I know he is" he said. "He's the one who opens the doors at the supermarket".

After the first day of school, a first grader was asked by his father "What does your new teacher look like?" "Just like my kindergarten teacher," the child answered, "only with a different head".

We were winding up a discussion in my fourth grade class on the importance of curiosity. "Where, I ask, would we be today if no one had ever been curious?" One hand shot up. "In the Garden of Eden."

Small Miracles

Finding out that the mess you're in is fully covered under your insurance policy.

Stepping on the scale the morning after you ate lasagna and banana cream pie for dinner and seeing that you didn't gain an ounce.

Discovering something you bought is worth more than you paid for it.

Watching the teller put up the NEXT WINDOW PLEASE sign right after handing you, your deposit slip.

Finding something you thought you'd lost before you go out and buy a new one.

Realizing after you've locked the keys in the car that you forgot to roll up the window.

Church Directory

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 Choir Director—Cindy Macek,
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 Treasurer – Sophie Guzma,
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Session

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 Rick Lamb-2022, Zach Metz—2023
 Kevin Campbell ---2024

Nominating Team

Judy Huemmrich, Judy Heck, Brenda Metz, Sandi Cogis

Finance Team

Mark Elek, Thomas McCullough, Lynne Hamil,
 Jennifer Rossman, Scott Hillpert, Joseph Miller

Safety Team

Joe Miller, Mark McConnell,
 Heather Campbell & Rick Lamb

Community Involvement

The Deacon's Giving Campaign: if you know someone that needs a visit or a meal taken to them, we can help with that, please contact Judy Heck. Our job is to serve our congregation and community in helpful ways.

Through the month of May, we will be collecting Soup.

Items can be placed in the container in the main entryway (narthex) of the church.



Braydon Resio.....	1
Denny Macek	2
Cassidy Thomas	2
Brian Hart	4
Sandi Cogis	5
Annabelle Lapin	5
Alli Messner.....	8
Riley Welte	9
Rachel Ayers.....	11
Meghan McGinnis.....	12
Michael Kopko	12
Samantha Rossman ..	13
Bill Metz	18
Kathy Hughes	26
Darsey Edmonds	27
Kelly Stickley	28
Mabel Wilson	28
Grace Despot	28
Lynn Kopko.....	30

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