

Great Island Presbyterian Newsletter

May and June 2020



Exhortation: Love One Another

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.



~ Ephesians 4:31-32

Regularly, the church is exhorted towards the “more excellent way” of love for one another (1 Corinthians 13). We are to love even the differences and sharp edges of Christians living together as the church (1 Corinthians 12) and to see with wonder what God has done to bring these very different people together (Ephesians 2) and then seek to live in light of the unity God has brought about. (Ephesians 4).

Believers are exhorted to love their church well. ‘Love covers a multitude of sins’. But doing this sometimes means killing a few of your dreams and wants.

Questions for all of us:



To what degree have you learned to love?

What resentment must you bring to the communion table to drop there as an offering?

First Service Scheduled

Holy Communion
Father’s Day

June 21st
9:30am

As the State of Pennsylvania begins to ease social distancing restrictions and allow organizations and businesses to open again, we are prepared to get back together and still be within the guidelines published by the CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. These steps may not be for everyone, but Session agrees that Father’s Day, June 21st, will be our first service in many months!

It is not recommended that you attend if you are in the high-risk category. Currently, that is defined as being 65 years old or older and those with underlying illnesses. Please use wisdom when it comes to attending if you fit this category. There will be no children’s time during these services. Your children will be your responsibility and should always remain with you. We will not have greeters at the door. **Ushers** will have different duties and will need to arrive by 9am on the Sunday morning they serve.

Facemasks are required. **Seating** will be specific and limited.
Communion - individually packaged - will be waiting for you at each given spot to sit. Families will be able to sit together. We are hoping to celebrate with special music and singing!

Again, please use wisdom when deciding if this step is for you. It is not recommended that you attend if you are in the high-risk category.

We will have offering baskets available on available on a front table so the plates are not passed around. This will be a new experience for all!

We will continue with a 15 minute message on WBPZ 96.9FM and 1200AM, Sundays at 8:45am.

We also have a new online giving link on our website greatislandpresby.org you Click on the red icon in the top right hand corner and follow the prompts and it will take you where you need to go. If you have any questions, please phone the office at 570-748-2810 and if I am not here I will get back to you as soon as possible, Thank you, Brenda



Calendar changes

VBS has been moved to a one day event, date & time TBD!

Our church picnic at Riverview Park has been moved to August 23rd!

Pastor is resuming his Bible Study on Zoom 'Reasons for God' on Tuesdays 2 & 4th Tuesdays of June and July, so 9th and 16th of June and the 14th and the 21st of July, from 7:00 to 8:00pm



On Zoom, a video with Tim Keller and a group of people start off the study and then Pastor Taylor will continue the discussion afterwards.

The Zoom part of the meeting is being hosted by Pastor Taylor.

It is possible that we may be able to meet in person on the later dates.

2020 Graduates

We would like to acknowledge this year's graduates. Congrats to all!

- Brianne Brungard –LHU
- John P. Gummo –BPHS
- Joseph P. Gummo –VMI
- Becca Leuthold-White coat ceremony
- Aaron Shultz –CPI
- Justin Somers –PCT
- Gabrielle Vuocolo –Lackawanna College

- Natalie Brown –CMHS
- Alec Leuthold –CMHS
- Rachel Murawski –CMHS
- Zack Somers –CMHS



Looking Forward to the Fellowship of Communion on June 21st

Each name we use for this sacrament brings out a different dimension to it. It is *the Lord's Supper* because it commemorates the Passover meal Jesus ate with his disciples; it is the *Eucharist* (thanksgiving) because in it we thank God for Christ's work for us; it is *Communion* because through it we commune with God and with other believers. As we eat the bread and drink the wine, we should be quietly reflective as we recall Jesus' death and his promise to come again, grateful for God's wonderful gift to us, and joyful as we meet with Christ and the body of believers.



An Evening Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long, of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fervor of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then of Thy great mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at last.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. ~ by Father Tim

GREAT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO AIR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Taylor Camerer, who will also utilize YouTube, will share his pastor's message on Sunday mornings at 8:45 on WBPZ 1230 AM and 96.9 FM radio each week until it is deemed safe for churches to reopen. All are invited to tune in and share the good news of God's love.



Pastor has been speaking each Sunday on 'The Armor of God'. The Scripture about this subject is found in Ephesians 6:10-18. The first card was the Scripture for May 2020. Notice how he lifts up his shield, (of faith) to "quench the *fiery* darts of the enemy". We will make both of these available upon our return to the building on June 21st. Looking forward to it!

Prayers & Concerns

Pray for all of the emergency services and essential workers.

The family of **Jeff Gummo** who passed away suddenly on May 28th,

Anne Holladay has a cancer diagnosis and has had surgery.

Gurden Dietz has been moved to Susqueview.

Karen McPherson is home from Manor Care.

Gary Black (Sherry's step son) has stage 2 pancreatic cancer.

Gail Leuthold is back in the hospital with complications after surgery.

Brian Brungard's cousin's **wife Pamela** is having PT and is on oxygen.

Tom Myers cousin **Bob Bossert** got his new heart and is home and doing well.

Shannon Walker is having serious health issues.

Bonna's Uncle **Phil** had a stroke. He is home now with help.

Eva Orndorf has Alzheimer's.

Gail Nestlerode's friend **Sharon**, and her **sister Grace**, are both suffering from Parkinson's disease. They need our prayers for healing and comfort.

Pastor Emily Burdock who had Pancreatic cancer. **Update:** a cat scan was done and it showed no cancer! She is having a liver biopsy this month.

Beverly Miller has Parkinson's and is having difficulties.

Nathaniel Blazina update: Prayers would be appreciated that nothing is affected by the plates and screws as that would be the best outcome now and he wouldn't likely need more surgery for a long while then. Continued strength within the muscle and bone.

John Smith is in the Extended Care in L.H. Hospital and Jane Council is currently staying with her daughter.

Paul Rizzo has ongoing medical issues.

Jenn Meanor has ongoing health issues.

Brian Brungard's update on **Hogar Renacer:** My understanding is that they have received the necessary funds to cover the cost of a recent fire nearby, but they remain a work in progress.

Our Veterans.

My Peeps - our homebound members and friends who spent many years at our church.

The members of our community that attend **NA** in our building.

If there are any changes to the above list or you have any new requests, please let us know and we will add them.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays
Happy Birthday to:

Alyssa Dickey	1st
Bronson Brungard	2nd
Meredith Dwyer	2nd
Thomas Bauman	5th
Kristen Brandt	8th
Christian Dwyer	8th
Virginia Jones	8th
Maren Grubb	9th
Zonda Gregory	12th
Marjorie Smith	12th
Ona Ruth Weimer	12th
Jeremy Rossman	12th
Richard Powers III	14th
Ethan Schlesinger	14th
Allison Holladay	18th
Douglas Campbell	19th
Leslie Smith	20th
Shaun Rhinehart	21st
Ben Russell	21st
Meredith Brown	28th

Happy June Anniversary to

Terry & Lori Shultz	1st
Jim & Whitney Merinar	3rd
Craig & Marilyn Willis	9th
Shaun & Erin Rhinehart	10th
Tom & Sheila Bauman	11th
Jeremy & Allison Grubb	20th
David & Lea Ann Plessinger	20th
Richard & Leslie Powers	21st



Happy July Anniversary to

Jeffrey & Michelle Gummo	9th
Ron & Tina Miller	18th
Bob & Carol Lugg	25th
John & Karen Brandt	30th

July Birthdays
Happy Birthday to

Bobie Brungard	3rd
Ann Holland	3rd
Charles May	3rd
MaryLou Sprankle	7th
Ashley Brungard	8th
Lila Nestlerode	9th
Rhys Grubb	10th
Mark Dickey	11th
Courtney Gummo	13th
Andrea Leuthold	13th
Chad Vuocolo	13th
Nathaniel Blazina	16th
Barbara McKnight	18th
Robert Lugg	20th
Steven Rhinehart	24th

Happy Birthday!

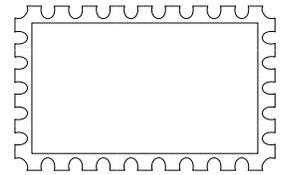
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WE WELCOME YOU

Sunday gathering from June 21st:
9:30am Worship

“Drawing all people to Jesus Christ to worship God and to live transformed lives.”

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