

The Clarion

Christ Lutheran Church
Welcoming Worshiping Witnessing

A Message from Pastor Sellers

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
In this issue of the Clarion you will get two pastor articles! I will be addressing upcoming changes to our worship, and my husband, Pastor Raymond Miller, has offered a more traditional "July" article. I hope that you will enjoy them both.

⁴ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be revered above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

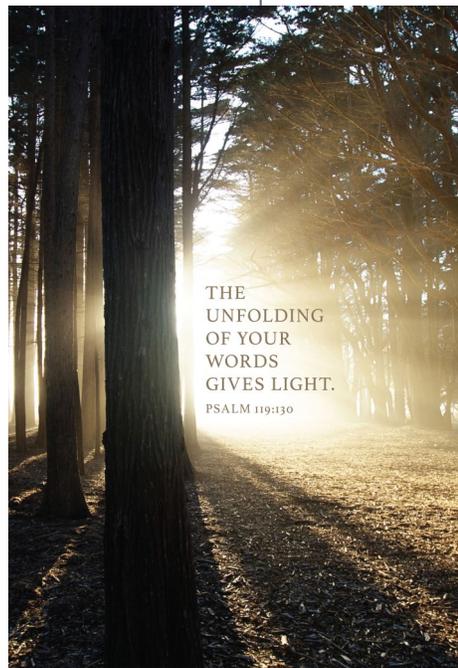
⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

(Psalm 96 New Revised Standard Version)

Worship comforts us, challenges us, guides us and binds us into community. It is essential. We may feel a special kinship with the psalmist these days as we have continued to worship the Lord without ceasing. Even the pandemic lockdown could not silence our worship and praise! When we could not gather together in our sanctuary – we found other means, whether it was internet worship or



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We are beloved children of God, called together to live in the daily grace of Jesus Christ, with each one sent to be a witness to God's saving love for the whole world.



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the “Worship In Our Home” materials that guide those who don’t have access to our web based worship. Our worship changed – but it didn’t, and couldn’t, stop.

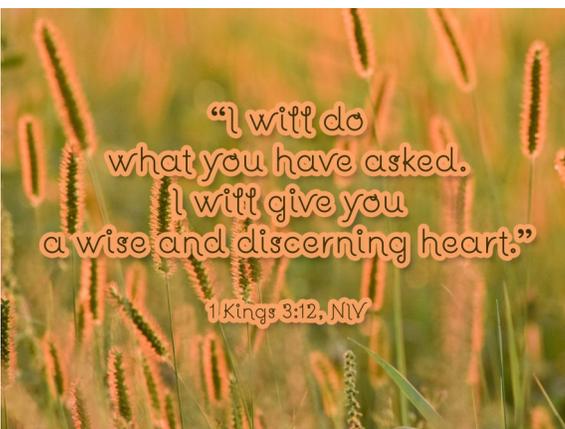
Worship is about to change again. It looks like the governor will be putting Montgomery and Bucks Counties into the green phase by the time that this issue of the Clarion goes to press! Hooray! That means that we have successfully slowed the transmission of the virus in our community to the point that we have the capacity for contact tracing of new and existing cases. Careful return to worship together in our sanctuary is possible for some of us! God be praised, literally!

We have won this battle – but the war is far from over. The virus still exists in our community – it is still being transmitted by people who are not aware that they are sick, and new cases are being diagnosed every day. Our minimizing contact, mask wearing and physical distancing are working – so the odds of catching Covid -19 are lower, but this is no time to abandon the tools that are keeping it at bay.

It is still the most loving thing to do everything in our power to not transmit the disease to our neighbor. It is still safest, if we are at high risk, to stay in our homes as much as we can. But we know that some of you are at a point that you are willing to assume some risk if it means that you can worship in the sanctuary again.

We developed a plan for incarnate (in-the –flesh) worship to begin in July. We did our planning under the assumption that we would be in the yellow phase – and we intend to stick with our plan, at least initially. In the yellow phase we are limited to a maximum of 25 people in the sanctuary at a time. Until we are convinced that we can increase that capacity safely, we will be sticking to that number and asking people to reserve their place at worship through our website or by calling the church office. We are reserving the seats at the “early service” for high risk individuals so that we can insure the least exposure.

In order to minimize the transmission of the virus we will be asking anyone who has any symptoms, including a cough, chest tightness, a loss of a sense of smell, a fever, or gastrointestinal symptoms, to stay away until they have been symptom free for 14 days. We will be taking the temperature of worshipers at the door, and will be requiring everyone over the age of two to wear a mask unless they have a note from their doctor saying that they cannot wear one. There will be assigned seating that will maintain physical distance between worshipers – so you may not be able to sit in your accustomed seat.



This may seem like overkill to some folks, but we know that the majority of our members have risk factors that make them vulnerable to a worse case of the disease. Christ teaches that we are to love one another, so we need to be willing to suffer some discomfort if it has the potential to save our friends and neighbors from exposure. We have learned that transmission of the virus depends on both the “viral load” *Continued on page 6*

What to expect at CLC as we reopen

Before entry to worship:

- Families/individuals must register for a slot at one of the two in-person worship services (8:30 or 11:00am) through our website: christlc.org or by calling the church office (215-256-8738)
- Families/individuals should assess their wellness. Stay home if you are feeling ill, have a fever or have a cough
- Bring your mask

Upon arrival at worship:

- Families/individuals should be wearing masks at entry—if you do not have one, one will be provided at entry
- Families/individuals will have their temperature taken
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at entry
- Families/individuals will be assigned a location number on where to sit when entering the sanctuary—pews will have the corresponding number labeled on them

During worship:

- All worship information will be provided on the screen at the front of the sanctuary—no bulletins, hymnals, or Bibles will be necessary
- An offering plate will be located in the narthex where offering can be placed
- At the time of communion, pastor will instruct how families/individuals should proceed to the table to receive the sacrament

After worship is over:

- Families/individuals will find cleaning supplies at the end of each pew. Please wipe down the area where you were sitting during worship and deposit cleaning rag in basket at back of sanctuary
- Families/individuals should leave the sanctuary in reverse order –highest numbers at the back of the church should leave first, and each numbered seat should follow allowing for the proper social distancing
- Families/individuals should leave the building with limited socializing within the building

Live broadcasts will continue at 9:30am on Facebook and Youtube.



Clccomm on Instagram



Christ Lutheran Church
On Facebook



Christ_kulp on Youtube



clc_kulpville on Twitter



Council Highlights: June Meetings

Pastor explained that they have been doing service with jury-rigged system to create the virtual services and that the church needs a better audio/visual system for the longer term that is more streamlined (not lots of wires) so doesn't cause a tripping hazard or need more than one person to run. So they are looking to live-stream the service while people are in the sanctuary. Part of the system would include a camera mounted on the wall that can tilt and zoom, and directly show the computer screen so that the quality of the

images and videos would be better.

Pastor said, "Thank you," for those who came out to the parking lot on May 31st to thank the Service Team. On June 7th, Worship will be totally pre-recorded because it is Music Sunday. It will be different than previous virtual services, more like a movie. Guest Preacher will be Bishop Eaton of the ELCA who will provide a pre-recorded sermon for this Sunday.

A test Zoom meeting will be set up on Saturday, June 6th, so that those who don't know Zoom can get familiar with it. Brooke is working on how she will take attendance. The invite is going out on Thursday with her regular email and again on Sunday morning.

It was decided to take the votes at the Congregational Meeting in reverse order so abstentions first, then No votes, then the rest would be assumed to be Yes votes.

Gerri Test said that the Property Ministry Team and members of Council are working on the Sunday Sexton Position job description.

Allison Healy, liaison for the Shepherd's Shelf, said that CLC would not be hosting the "Farm to Families" program as they have many other venues. However, the Shepherd's Shelf is promoting the program on Facebook and other social media.

Council is working on reestablishing the Helping Hands program as well as Pandemic/Reopening the Church policy in anticipation of reopening the church for live services on July 5.

As the June 2 Council Meeting was Kim's last Council Meeting – all thanked her for her hard work and service with applause.

Pastor said she was grateful for such a lovely Music Sunday and that the virtual Congregation Meeting went very well on June 7.

Pastor said she just finished up a 6 week Bible study about Neighboring on Zoom, and that she learned a lot about teaching in that format.

Although, the WOW Mission Trip was cancelled, Pastor and others are working on creating daily service projects for those youth who would have participated. Pastor suggested some possible tasks – 1) helping to prepare the sanctuary, 2) working around the Shepherd Shelf, 3) making peanut butter sandwiches for the homeless, 4) performing outdoor care of members' homes. She also said there are also agencies in the area that the youth can volunteer at.

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.2020 VBS at Christ Lutheran Church, July 27-31!

Christ Lutheran Church is delighted and excited to offer a VBS that encourages children to learn about God the Creator and the Great Big Beautiful World we live in, as we also honor our State's social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Our VBS will consist of three elements:

- 1) On-Line Videos from the VBS Leader, Bible Lessons, Song Videos and Science Segments
- 2) Take Home Tool Kits that will have all kinds of fun things to do at home, including daily crafts and materials, community outreach challenges, coloring pages and more!
- 3) a Drive-Through Ice Cream Float Event on the final day where your children can wave to the teachers and leaders and enjoy our traditional last-day snack

All on-line materials will be posted on the church website and clearly marked Day 1-5 during the week of July 27-31. Videos will remain up for a few weeks to allow participants to complete the VBS programming within their own time structure. Tool Kits (one per participant) will be available for no-touch pick up at the church on Sunday July 26 from 6:30 pm-8 pm, and the Drive Through event will take place on Friday July 31 from 6:30 pm-8 pm.

There are no registration costs associated with this VBS, however we DO ENCOURAGE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO REGISTER so that we have adequate supplies for the Tool Kits. Registration will be open until July 22.

We hope that you consider participating in this one of a kind VBS! Please feel free to tell your local friends about it!



Pastor Sellers Article Continued from page 2— (how much of the virus you encounter), and the duration of your exposure. Spending half an hour sitting together in a room – even keeping six feet apart – increases the likelihood that we may give or get the illness. Churches have been hotspots for viral transmission, and we are determined that it will not be so at Christ Lutheran.

You will notice a number of other changes to how we worship if you attend a service at the church. We will not be singing. We will not pass the peace. We will not pass the plate – but have an offering plate available as people enter or exit the sanctuary. We will not distribute bulletins – but will use the screen only. The service will be intentionally brief. You will find cleaning supplies in your pew and will be asked to wipe down your area before leaving the sanctuary. Even communion will be distributed differently. Every single one of these measures is being taken to insure the safety of the people we love.

For an experience of worship more similar to the way we worshiped before the lockdown, you may want to stay with our livestreamed service that will continue to be offered at 9:30am on Facebook live. In your own home you can continue to see and participate in worship with singing, scripture and preaching that is as close to pre-covid worship as we are able to make it.

We hope that we will be able to provide that worship in an even more seamless way once our new AV system is installed.

We hope to be training additional Eucharistic Ministers in the coming months who may be able to bring communion to those who cannot join us for in-person worship but are longing for the sacrament. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact me directly.

The good news is that eventually we will be able to gather in the flesh to worship again as a whole community. We don't know how long we will have to wait – but it will probably be somewhere between the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness, and the 40 years that the Israelites wandered



before crossing into the Holy Land. However long we have to wait, we know that God will continue to love and support us, and we will continue to find ways to worship and praise our loving and worthy God.

Watch the website for more information, and to reserve a spot if you feel ready to attend. Be blessed my friends, and know that you continue to be a blessing.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Serena

A Reflection by Pastor Raymond Miller

It's summertime!

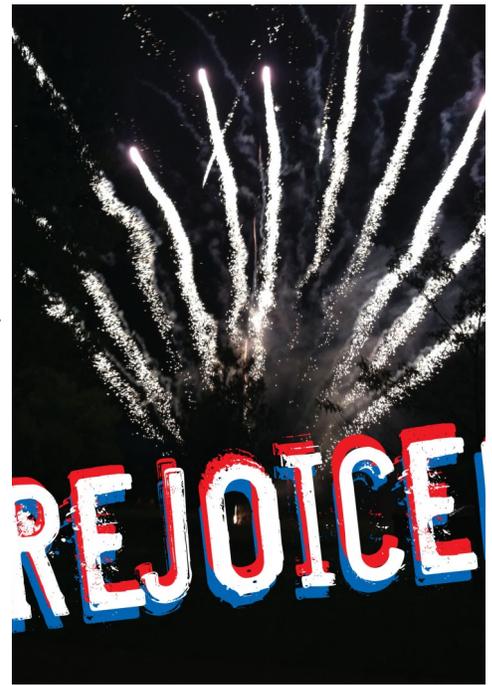
At long last, our days are filled with bright sunshine, blossoming flowers, green grass, and expectant gardens. We look forward to a more leisurely pace, afternoons by the pool, walks in the woods, and perhaps some traveling. Yet, this year, summertime is different. Though the number of new cases of coronavirus in Bucks and Montgomery Counties is decreasing, the threat of pandemic has not entirely passed. We still must be vigilant and cautious in our social contacts. The wearing of face masks in public, the practice of physical distancing, and the use of hand sanitizer remain essential.

If that is not enough, we as a nation struggle anew with the challenges of racism. "America's original sin," as the prominent evangelical author Jim Wallis has termed it, has been exposed once more in the horrible death of George Floyd, in addition to many other people of color. The resulting civil unrest has shocked some, but yet it should not, as it enables white people to see the pain of injustice that people of color have been experiencing for centuries. "The times they are a-changing," sang the folk troubadour Bob Dylan a generation ago, and that is certainly true today. What role can each of us play in making America a better place for all people?

As we approach the day on which we celebrate American independence, we have a lot to think about. When I was in sixth grade, my teacher gave everyone in my class a memorization assignment. Mine was the opening paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. The second paragraph begins with these remarkable words:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

At the time that declaration was adopted, the reference to "all men," unfortunately, excluded women, slaves, Native Americans, the poor, and white men who did not own land. Yet these remarkable words lift up a vision for all of us as Americans. Much progress has been made in regard to liberty and equality since the founding of our country, but we have not yet reached "the promised land." May we celebrate who we are as Americans this Fourth of July. Let us re-commit ourselves to the remarkable vision, found in the Declaration of Independence, that we as Americans hold dear and proclaim to the world. Rejoice in the work that lies before us as we seek to "proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof." *Inscription on the Liberty Bell from Leviticus 25:10.*



Treasurer's Report

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Income May	\$37,127	\$29,335	\$7,792
Expense May	\$29,784	\$29,660	\$ 124
Income YTD	\$151,987	\$152,500	(\$513)
Expense YTD	\$143,381	\$161,484	(\$18,103)
Capital Campaign			
YTD	\$27,390	\$25,000	\$2,390



Council highlights continued from page 4

Members of the Council have been attending the virtual Montgomery County Commissioners/ Faith Leaders Updates for guidance on reopening. Pastor said the church will maintain live streaming the Sunday service until all can go out and perhaps even until a vaccine is readily available.

Pastor has been asked to stay on the Synod Council and will continue to serve until the next Synod Assembly.

Allison Healy said that the Jaycees are hosting another event on behalf of the Shepherd's Shelf on June 20.

Motions:

Pastor made a motion to allow the Council to present to the Congregation the proposal that the church purchase a new audio/visual system for the sanctuary up to a cost of \$10,000, to come from the Capital Campaign Funds. Linda Landis 2nd. Motion carried.

Officer Elections for 2020/2021

- Treasurer – Linda Landis nominated Brian Sharkey, Mike Baymor 2nd, Motion carried
- Secretary – Linda Landis nominated Lee Wolfe, Mike Baymor 2nd, Motion carried
- Vice-President – Donna Powell nominated Julie Munden, Linda Landis 2nd, Motion carried
- President – Donna Powell nominated Linda Nyce Landis, Lee Wolfe 2nd, Motion carried

Council Liaisons – Team Liaisons for 2020-2021 were assigned: *The entire list can be found on page 14.*

Pastor made a motion that the church permit the Boys Scouts and the MS Society to hold their events if we are in the Green Phase and providing that they have someone designated to clean up afterward in a manner required by the church guidelines and a date is scheduled to minimize the risk to worshippers. A checklist would be provided that they would need to be followed. The group would also need to sign a liability release so that the church cannot be held responsible if someone contract Covid-19 virus. Linda Landis 2nd, Motion carried.

Pastor made a motion that the 4 nominees, Donna Parks, Ted Knauss, Bob Dinunno, and Jackie Swanson, be accepted to make up the Helping Hands Team, Sharon Noble 2nd, Motion carried.

Lee Wolfe made a motion to accept the Pandemic/Reopening the Church policy as amended – Linda Landis 2nd, Motion carried.



SHEPHERD'S SHELF
EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD

Shepherd's Shelf continues to serve the community throughout this viral outbreak. Distribution has been adapted to a drive through service to limit contact between people. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds> We are continuing to take donations. Please see www.christlc.org to get up most up to date needs list. Due to the church office being closed the addition to the garage is being left unlocked so donations can be placed in there.

Thank you to everyone in our church congregation and in the community for your continued support of this very important feeding ministry! Any questions about anything Shepherd's Shelf related, please email Steph at shepherdsshelf@christlc.org

The 13th Annual Richard D. Stephen's Golf Outing Rescheduled to September 25 at 8:30am.

NEW LOCATION - We are moving the outing to Pine Crest Country Club. Registration for golf and sponsorships can be found on the Shepherd's Shelf tab at www.christlc.org Registration will remain open. Deadline for sponsorship registration is August 28 and registration for golfers is September 11. Any questions or if you have already registered and can no longer attend, please contact Steph Sharkey at shepherdsshelf@christlc.org



In Full
Swing

Shepherd's Shelf Summary May 2019

In May the Shepherd's Shelf served 146 people: 67 adults, 48 children and 31 seniors. 56 households made 83 visits. 17 church members and 13 volunteers from the community logged 128 hours and distributed 581 bags of food and supplements (approximate value \$17,430). Diapers were distributed 14 times and wipes 8 times. Feminine hygiene products were distributed 28 times.

Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month

Please do not send pdf files. Linda Nyce Landis, Editor clclarion@gmail.com



Youth News *By Karolin Brechbill*

What Then Are We To Say About These Things?

If we were meeting regularly, and I was holding my Jr/Sr High Sunday School Classes each week, we would have to address the social unrest in our country right now. We would just have to. In our class, we have always tried to discuss the happenings of our world in context with the things we are learning together on our faith journey. Our classes are always more of a discussion of “what do you think” rather than “here are all the answers” because as I tell the students weekly, NONE of us has all the answers. We try really hard to stay away from politicizing the issues. We approach difficult subjects with a “look at this from someone else’s point of view” mentality, rather

than a “defend your position” mentality, and then always refer back to the Bible to see what answers we can find in God’s word.

I’m not sure how this particular conversation would go though. Right now, at this time and place in the life of our community, there is so much grief, sadness, anger, misunderstanding, shame, judgement, blame, and exhaustion, I fear that productive conversations would be almost impossible to have. Impossible, but still necessary.

You may be asking yourself WHY are these conversations “necessary”? Can’t we just let this go? Can’t we simply move on and do better? We don’t have racists in our congregation. We’re a welcoming, beautiful group of people who just want to worship together and to do good and be kind to others. So why do WE have to talk about this? We’re not the problem.

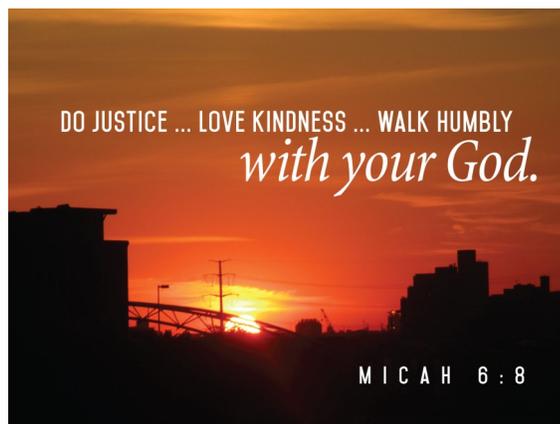
So, when in doubt, what do we do? We look to scripture for the answers. There are so many different verses that tell us clearly what we must do; Micah 6: 8 “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God”; Isaiah 1:17 “learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression, defend the orphan and plead for the widow”; Psalm 106:3 “blessed are they who observe justice; who do righteousness all the time”; Luke 6:37 “judge not and you will not be judged; Matthew 7:12 “in everything, do to others as you would have them to do to you”; Matthew 25:45 “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it (feed, clothe, welcome, visit) to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And of course there are the parables about the Lost Sheep and the Good Samaritan, both teaching to care for one another, to look out for the lost and the oppressed and to go out of our way to help others.

However, there is one more parable that I would like to lift up today that for me, really gives a solid and clear answer to the WHY of it all. WHY do we have to have the hard conversations when we are not the perpetrators of the evil? The answer for me lies in the parable of the Prodigal Son. You know the one; the younger son demands his inheritance, leaves his home and wastes all of his income on evil pursuits. He loses everything, takes a job feeding pigs and decides to return to his father, beg for

mercy and ask to be allowed to labor for him. The Father welcomes the son back home with unimaginable mercy and forgiveness. He is met on the road with joy and love. But that's not the part of the story that speaks to me right now. We are not the Father in this scenario. We are not the young man either. Rather, it is in the story of the older brother that we can find answers. The older brother is the one who does right by his father and works hard. He stays home and honors his dad and does the good things. And, he is ANGRY when the father shows the younger brother such unwavering love. He thinks it's unfair. And yet, at the end of the parable, that responsible, good son is STILL CALLED TO LOVE HIS BROTHER; he is encouraged to rejoice for his return and he is expected to celebrate his brother's worth, no matter what frustrations or resentments he holds within his heart. That speaks to me so clearly, because there is so much talk about right and wrong, good and evil, criminality and lawfulness; we all have our feet planted firmly in our own camps, but Jesus here is telling us that none of that matters. We are called to love anyway.

The politics of it just don't matter. The idea that the sinner "deserves" the punishment does not work. Jesus tells us countless times to love the sinner, love the enemy, love the least, love our neighbors, love one another...there is NEVER a time when Jesus directs us to consider the worthiness of a person before we love them, because truly, we are ALL equally unworthy yet deemed worthy through the blood of his sacrifice; we are all sinners, AND all saints. We have ALL been shown mercy that can never be "earned", but is given as a gift, and the only expectation is that we share the gift with all who will take it.

So that my friends, is why we MUST talk. That is why we MUST listen. That is why we MUST be warriors of justice; to exert an active, Agape love, to extend the hand of hospitality and welcome to all our brothers and sisters, to rejoice in mercy shown and weep for justice unmet. That is why we MUST continue to learn, to listen to the stories of others, to reserve judgment and avoid looking at the world through glasses tinted with our own pride. We, like the older brother in the Prodigal Son, must humble ourselves and realize that it is not enough to just be a good person... we must embrace our brother and support our Father and enable justice and mercy to reign.



Thank you!

We would like to thank our friends at CLC for the many cards we received for our 71st wedding anniversary. It was very much appreciated.

We still miss the church family there. We pray for God's blessing to everyone at CLC.

Sincerely, Max & Mary Lou Bowman



JULY

Birthdays

07/18 Del Daubert
 07/19 Joyce Nuss
 07/21 Jessica Wolfe
 07/22 Bonnie Knauss
 07/22 Leah Saltzer
 07/23 Elizabeth Carpenter
 07/23 Alan Peterson
 07/25 Betty Haslam
 07/25 Andrew Hallman
 07/26 Jim Laguna
 07/26 Michael Hillegas
 07/26 Lauren Hallman
 07/27 Connor Williams
 07/28 Michele Keyser
 07/28 Matthew Pfister
 07/30 Rachel Kagarise
 07/30 Sarah Swindells
 07/31 William Nuss
 07/31 James Lohr
 07/31 Matthew Swanson

07/01 Marlene Bardman
 07/02 Eric Limbach
 07/02 Sherrie Kukk
 07/03 Laurie Prestia
 07/03 Remy Esposito
 07/05 Connie Craig
 07/05 Lois Faut
 07/05 Steven Landis
 07/05 James McFadden
 07/05 Brandan Grebe
 07/06 Thomas Caldwell
 07/07 Lauren Frye
 07/07 Angelina Laguna
 07/08 Marley Donnelly
 07/08 Jenna Nase
 07/08 Lauren Wolfe
 07/08 Michael Swanson
 07/09 Cory Brechbill
 07/09 Trinity Kukk
 07/10 Marlys Thomas
 07/10 Dann Stephens
 07/10 Sue Rowbottom
 07/12 Linda Nyce Landis
 07/12 Stephen Richards
 07/12 Paige Richards
 07/12 Jennifer Sukaly
 07/13 Kathryn Griffin
 07/13 Michael Baymor
 07/13 Aidan Healy
 07/14 Richard Connors
 07/14 David Hamell
 07/15 Rick Fox

Grief Share

CLC's Grief Share Group will begin another 13 week cycle beginning on Sunday June 7 and continue through Sunday August 30. We will be meeting every Sunday night from 7-9pm. In order to maintain the social distancing, our sessions will be available via the Zoom teleconference web site until we are able to resume events in our Church building. One of the toughest transitions of life is life after the death of a loved one. It is a difficult journey to navigate alone. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You do not

have to go through the grieving process alone. Please email Kim at KJA610@aol.com if you would like to attend the Grief Share meetings via Zoom and an invitation to join the meeting will be emailed to you. Thanks! Kim

- July 5 - Session 5- Your Family And Grief
- July 12 - Session 6- Why
- July 19 - Session 7- The Uniqueness Of Grief Part 1
- July 26 - Session 8- The Uniqueness Of Grief Part 2





Ministry Team Highlight : Communications Team

Communications Team: Our goal is to communicate to our congregation, in a clear and consistent manner, the events, activities and mission of our church, using This Week, The Clarion, the church website, Servant Keeper, Facebook and other social media as needed.

We have been instrumental in providing Wi-Fi capabilities in the sanctuary.

Our team has pitched in during the current crisis and brought Sunday services to you on Facebook Live, You Tube and the Church Website. Working closely with other ministry teams, we are preparing to upgrade the current jury-rigged video system to a fixed camera that will eliminate the need for the octopus of cables that now sprawls across the sanctuary. We intend to continue broadcasting even after we are able to begin gathering again.

You can find communications, devotions, services, prayers, etc. at the church website, christlc.org, on Facebook, @ChristKulps, on Instagram, @clccomm and on Twitter, @CLC_Kulpsville.

We meet every other month.

If you have communication skills and would like to be a part of the team please, contact Dann or Linda and come out to a meeting.

Chair: Dann Stephens

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Council Liaison: Linda Nyce Landis

lindalandis7@gmail.com

Current Members: Marlys Thomas, Brooke Kuhlen, Michael Hillegas and Kim Itterly.

Montgomery County Health Services: For general health and other questions related to Covid-19: COVID-19 Help Line: (610) 631-3000

Overwhelmed? Lonely? Anxious? The Peer Support Talk Line lets you can speak anonymously about any issues or problems you are facing without fear of judgement. Peer Support Talk Line: (855) 715-8255

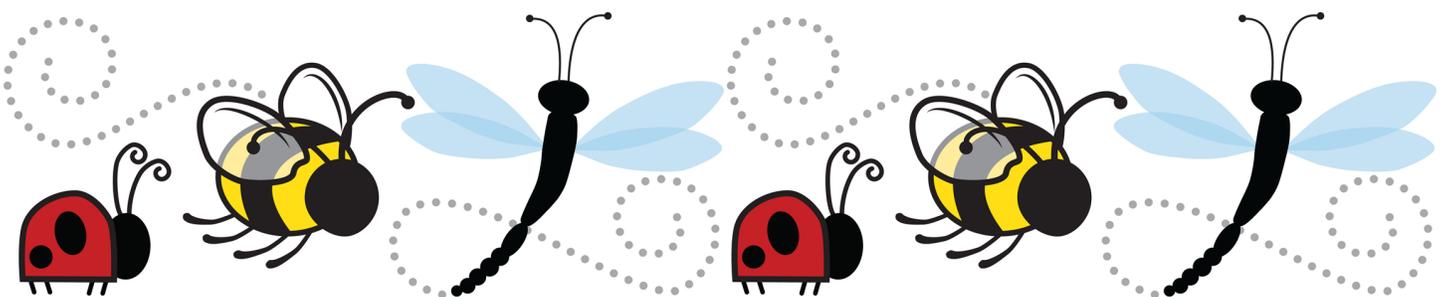
If you are experiencing a mental health emergency: Mental Health Mobile Crisis: (855) 634-4673

Bucks County Covid-19 Behavioral Health Helpline: Feeling anxious? Need help managing stress, anxiety, drugs or alcohol? Need to talk to someone? 215-399-5681 Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

SCAM ALERT

On June 22 an email was received by many of our members. It came from pastorss.christlc@gmail.com but it was not from the pastor. None of the church addresses are "gmail" accounts. All official communications from the church are from addresses ending @christlc.org The scammers were very clever.. It was not easy to detect. Several members called the office, because they wanted to help at a time of need – but it didn't feel quite right to them. As soon as we became aware of the scam an email went out to the church to warn people away from the scam, but unfortunately the warning did not go out soon enough. A few folks were caught and sent gift cards to the scammer. It is a terrible thing that someone would exploit the church in this way – but the desire to help shows what a kind and loving congregation we have. Jesus told his disciples to "be wise as serpents, and innocent as doves." So how do we follow that advice?

- We have a Helping Hands fund at the church. The pastor will never ask you to send money or gift cards to her directly. She will encourage you to consider making contributions to the fund, but that can be done through regular offering channels.
- Does an email ask for personal information? Never give access to bank account information or other personal information over an email. Secure sites at your bank or with other businesses may be safe – but if someone emails you saying they need personal information always verify with a phone call to the publicly listed phone number of the company or organization.
- Look very carefully at the email address of any communication from the pastor or church staff that makes an unusual or urgent request. If it doesn't end with @christlc.org it is probably a scam. Don't open it. Report it.
- Is it addressed to you specifically? Does it sound like the pastor? If the tone isn't right, it might be a scam. This scammer apparently hit the right tone, even signing off "Peace," to lure folks into comfort. If it seems "off" in any way – it is better to check.
- **Finally, if you suspect a scam report it to the church office right away**– even if you aren't fooled. If we had caught this one earlier, we might have saved some heart ache.



Children's Activity Page



UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.

PUZZLE

WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.

 + e Water changes to _____
JOHN 2:1-11

 - k + d Heals a man born _____
JOHN 9

 - op +  - w Calms a _____
MATTHEW 8:23-27

f +  - d Catch of _____
LUKE 5:1-11

 - ch + er Walks on _____
MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answers: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

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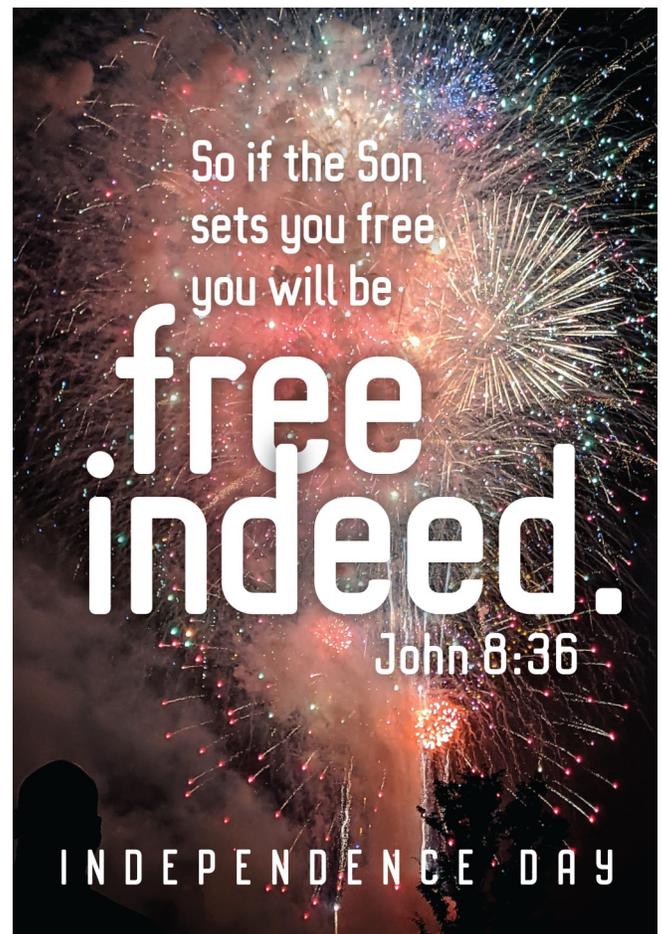
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