

Summer 2020

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Pastor's Corner

“Take heart, daughter,” Jesus said, “your faith has healed you.”

Matthew 9:22 (NIV)

As I sit here thinking of what I can say to you as we move toward our fifth month of the COVID-19 pandemic, I find myself thinking about how in scripture God confronts those who are facing the unknown. For the response required from God's people to the self-revelation of God through God's Word is grounded in FAITH, not verifiable fact! The promises of God to Abraham that he would be the father of many nations was far from a sure thing, especially since he was childless at the time. The call for him to move from his established home to “a place as yet to be announced” was total folly by worldly standards. Yet Abraham did it! In spite of what people said, in spite of the economic bottom line, and in spite of his own doubts and fears, he packed up and departed. The reason he did this was FAITH! He knew in his spirit a reality that was not of this world, and he was willing to say “yes” to that reality in word and action.

In chapter 9 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said in verse 9 to Matthew the tax collector, “Follow me,” and he did. Matthew saw the reality of life that was not of this world and he said “yes.” The ruler who came to Jesus later in that same chapter said in verse 18, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” This definitely was not a sure thing. This was “hoping against hope” in the reality that was not of this world. Finally, also in Matthew 9, there was the woman who had been ill for twelve years. She followed Jesus and held that reality of life so strongly that she knew if she just touched his robe, she would be healed.

Folks, the God of Scripture is creator, provider, redeemer, and healer. God is the source of all hope and promise. So, how do we respond? Do we give God an unqualified “yes” in word and action, or do we hold back? Do we think we know it all, thinking we can get through this on our own, and shun and ignore all reality that is based on hope and promise alone? Let me tell you something, nothing has changed! The response required by God through God's revelation to us in life and Scripture is still FAITH!

As I have said before, all we have to do is “hold fast” to our FAITH and trust God to see us through this pandemic. Just as God guided Abraham and Matthew, healed the ruler's daughter and the woman who was subject to bleeding, God will guide us past COVID-19 and heal our land in the reality of life that is not of this world.

So my friends, let us pray that God will help us to not focus on all those things that would keep us from responding to God in FAITH. Pray that God will give us the gift of FAITH that will enable us to face the reality of life in this troubled world! May God Bless you and keep you safe, Amen!

**IN PERSON
WORSHIP HAS
RESUMED ON
SUNDAYS AT
10:00 AM**

Internet worship will continue to be available on our website and Facebook page, as well as by email for those who are unable to join us in person.

*Please stay safe
and stay healthy!*

Buddy 

June Events 2020

Lay Leaders

- Jun 07 Bill Gross
14 Anne Ward
21 Susan Stout
28 Chris McClellan

Greeters

- Jun 07 Lynn Collins
14 Jim Reese
21 Gary Olson
28 Gloria Lindell

Sound Booth

- Jun 07 Kelley Wood
14 Rick Blumquist
21 Jim Ashbaugh
28 Hayden Turner

Sanctuary Flowers

- Jun 07 Mary Sue and David See
14 Lynn Bricker
21 Denny and Chris McClellan
28 Judy McElhatten

Ushers

- Maureen Gonano
Gloria Lindell
Maracia McKown

Hospital Visitor

Mary Putnam

After Church Coffee

For the present time, we are not planning to hold Coffee Hour after worship

No Nursery Scheduled for June

Birthdays

- Jun 02 Stephen Ashbaugh
02 Cade Poston
08 Kristie Reynolds
09 Denny McClellan
12 Richard Cederquist
12 Bonnie Reynolds
13 Douglas Megill
15 Philip Nickerson
18 Martha Brackemyre
19 Russell Johnson
19 Fred Rulander
19 Thomas Swartz
20 Grady Decker
21 Lovena Rulander
22 Maureen Gonano
25 Marcia McKown
25 Tim Swanson
27 Rudy Rudolph
29 Celia Gross
29 Jeff Scott

Anniversaries

- Jun 04 Joseph & Heather Nelson
05 Joseph & Tricia Poston
06 Kevin & Sarah (Dyke) Ford
08 Wayne & Judy Grosch-Rudolph
12 Brett & Amanda McElhatten
19 Douglas & Laura Megill
19 Mark & Sara Nickerson
22 David & Andrea Larsen
25 Brooks & Ivy Whilton
27 Gerald & Sandra Gilman
29 Shawn & Emily Jones
30 Frederick & Lovena Rulander

July Events 2020

Lay Leaders

- Jul 05 Marcia McKown
12 Lynn Bricker
19 Ruth Morrison
26 Mark Ash

Greeters

- Jul 05 Nancy Bullock
12 Joe Poston
19 Darrell Pusateri
26 Sandy Bilman

Sound Booth

- Jul 05 Teresa Blumquist
12 Kelley Wood
19 Rick Blumquist
26 Jim Ashbaugh

Sanctuary Flowers

- Jul 05 Buddy & Anne Ward
12 Penny Wolboldt
19 Bill & Sandy Ransom
26 Jim & Ruth Morrison

Ushers

- Mark Ash
Sheryl Ash
Bill Gross
Celia Gross

Hospital Visitor

Lynn Collins

After Church Coffee

Presently, we are not holding Coffee Hour.
If this changes, we will list in the bulletin.

No Nursery Scheduled for July or August

Birthdays

- Jul 01 Cora Lawson
02 Joe Nelson
04 Jacob Bullock
05 Cathy Davies
06 Sarah Ford
07 Theresa Parkinson
10 Lois Gettings
12 Joan Butt
14 Jaxsen Kiser
15 Eunice Bish
16 Scott Reynolds
19 Derek Lucks
21 Susan Benton
22 Jessica Ashbaugh
22 Chloe Dunbar
22 Joshua Ward
26 Bill Stevenson
27 Donna Caito
27 Kelsey Campbell
27 Isaiah Clark
27 Barbara Hoehn
29 Gracie Wood
30 Grayson Grinnell
30 Nathan Lucks
30 Riley Lyle
30 Natalie Mashensic

Anniversaries

- Jul 05 Jerry & Jill Lester
08 William & Celia Gross
09 Robert & Rachel Hughie
11 Denny & Christina McClellan
17 Randy & Marge Jones
17 Gary & Donita Redick
20 Brian & Casey Ferry
24 Bryan & Lynn Olsen
30 John & Donna Caito

August Events 2020

Lay Leaders

Aug 02 Anne Ward
09 Celia Gross
16 Bill Gross
23 Susan Stout
30 Gloria Lindell

Greeters

Aug 02 Donita Redick
09 Jim Reese
16 Marian Hartman
23 Gloria Lindell
30 Ivy Whilton

Sound Booth

Aug 02 Hayden Turner
09 Teresa Blumquist
16 Kelley Wood
23 Rick Blumquist
30 Jim Ashbaugh

Sanctuary Flowers

Aug 02 Gary & Kathy Olson
09 Bill & Joann Stevenson
16 Darrell & Carol Pusateri
23 Mark & Sheryl Ash
30 Sally Clark

Ushers

Maureen Gonano
Gloria Lindell
Marcia McKown

Communion on August 2

We will serve communion following
social distancing practices.

After Church Coffee

Presently, we are not holding Coffee Hour.
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Hospital Visitor

Karen Ashbaugh

Birthdays

Aug 02 Rob Port
04 Hayden Turner
05 Jack Collins
07 Sarah Goodwill
07 Anna Megill
07 Don VanOrd
08 Lainey Devore
08 Darrell Pusateri
08 Deborah Ward Owen
09 Kelly Swanson
11 Kendall Cook
12 Gary Redick
13 Bill Gross
18 Dave Sowers
20 MacKenzie McElhatten
20 Nick Swanson
21 Gloria Lindell
22 Leslie Devore
23 Dixie Brumagin
24 Ruth Morrison
25 Tim Reynolds
25 Grant Wood
26 Kiki Gardiner
28 Richard Blumquist
28 Sam Pusateri
29 Donita Redick
30 Emily Ashbaugh Emmett
30 Jameson Curtis
30 Joe Poston

Anniversaries

Aug 03 Samuel & Denise Pusateri
21 Darrell & Carol Pusateri
30 Chase & Mary Putnam



Start of Worship Service

Sunday June 14, 2020, we had our first live Worship Service since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is currently no Sunday School since we are on our summer schedule.

You are required to wear a mask while entering or exiting the Sanctuary. The latest announcement from the Governor states that you must keep your mask on while attending any inside gathering. If you have a medical issue that prevents you from wearing your mask, feel free to remove it once everyone is seated and proper social distancing has been maintained. You will need to wear your mask while singing, since it has been proven that the COVID-19 virus can spread while singing. We will also be keeping the six feet distance between other members of the congregation. Portions of the pews will be marked off and you will not be allowed to sit in those areas. Please be considerate and sit only in the areas designated.

We will not be doing our normal collection of tithes but will have collection bowls in the rear of the church for your offerings.

Instead of passing the friendship registers, there will be a separate form in the pews for you to fill out, letting us know that you are in attendance. At the end of the service, please bring your slip to the back of the church and place it in the collection bowl.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but we want to keep our congregation safe.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 723-5060 or Donna Caito at 814-313-1647.

Hope to see everyone soon. Stay Safe. God Bless

Ladies Bible Study

We will continue our study by Becky Kopitzke – Generous Love; Discover the Joy of Living “Others First”

Due to our time apart, the dates are revised for the study topics

- July 6 –Blessing Near & Far
- July 20 - Four P's of blessing-#2 Possessions
- Aug 3 –Olivia's Heart
- Aug 17 – Four P's of Blessing #3 Perspective
- Aug 30 – Loving People Who Aren't Like you



Graduates

Aldyn Poston graduated from Penn State Behrend and will attend Ohio State to pursue a degree in Optometry.

Grant Wood graduated from Grove City College with an Education degree and is currently residing in Virginia.

Congratulations to Aldyn & Grant.

After Church Coffee

During this COVID-19 pandemic, we have all been practicing social distancing measures to protect ourselves from this virus.

For now, to protect all of you, we will not be holding After Church coffee until Session feels it is safe to do so.

We will put a notification in the bulletin and also send out an email when we are once again going to be gathering for fellowship and refreshments.

David Oyler's Retirement

The Presbytery of Lake Erie announced the retirement of our General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. David Oyler. He has been a tremendous blessing to the Presbytery and will be greatly missed by all of us.

Session Meeting

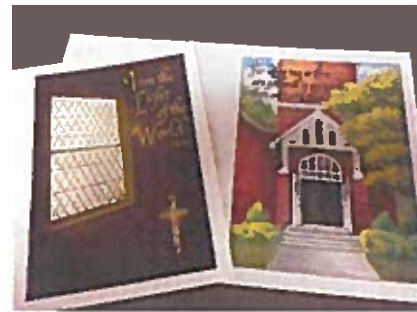
The August session meeting has been moved to August 30 at 6:00 pm.

New Address

Andrew & Deborah (Ward) Owen,
1237 Pitchkettle Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

New Note Cards

Rick Blumquist has designed two new beautiful Note Cards. They are available in the church office.



• Cancellations

- In the best interest of the adults & children involved, we will not host Day Camp this summer.
- The annual Community Worship Service held at the Struthers Library Theater has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions.



**Marriage of Deborah Ward
and Andrew Owen**



May 30, 2020 Suffolk, Virginia



Rev. Buddy and Anne Ward would like to announce that their daughter, Deborah, and Andrew Owen were united in marriage in Suffolk, Virginia on May 30, 2020 by her father with close family members in attendance. We were blessed to be able to have a Warren, Pennsylvania ceremony and celebration at North Warren Presbyterian Church on July 5, 2020 for church members and community friends. Deborah has worked for the city of Suffolk since December 2017 as a Senior Librarian. Andrew was born and raised in Suffolk and works for the city of Suffolk as a Deputy Treasurer. They met through a young adult Bible study at church. Buddy, Anne, Deborah and

Andrew want to thank our church family and friends for your attendance, prayers, and support for our celebration! Special thanks go to Gary Olson for the flowers, Ruth Morrison for the cake, Sandy

Ransom for the mints, Kathy Whittemore for the cole slaw, Nancy Bullock for getting servers, and Marcia McKown and Gloria Lindell for ushering.



**July 5, 2020
North Warren, Pennsylvania**

**Deborah & Andrew Owen
1237 Pitchkettle Road
Suffolk, VA 23434**





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On the Wings of Prayer

Just close your eyes and open your heart and feel your worries and cares depart
Just yield yourself to the Father above and let Him hold you secure in His love—
For life on earth grows more involved with endless problems that can't be solved—
But God only asks us to do our best, then He will "Take Over" and finish the rest—
So when you are tired, discouraged and blue, there's always one door that is open to you—
And that is the door to "The House of Prayer" and you'll find God waiting to meet you there,
And "The House of Prayer" is no farther away than the quiet spot where you kneel and pray—
For the heart is a temple when God is there as we place ourselves in his loving care,
And He hears every prayer and answers each one when we pray in His name "Thy Will Be Done"—
And the burdens that seemed too heavy to bear are lifted away on "The Wings of Prayer".

By Helen Steiner Rice