

Visions Newsletter

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Welcoming Everyone As We
Cherish Our Past

Living in the Present and
Celebrating Diversity

Moving Forward in Faith
With Jesus



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Psalm 23:4

MAY 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

The question I get asked the most is what can be done when the doctor says that a loved one is in critical condition and may not make it through the night? I reply, pray the twenty-third Psalm. I do not say this because it sounds like the right thing to say. I have experienced the desperation, the helpless feeling of not really knowing what can be done. It is then when I know in my heart that God's will must be done, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10. If that sounds familiar, it is because it is said every Sunday during worship, The Lord's Prayer. It simply means that we must put our trust and faith in God's hands. We no longer have control over life, only God does.

And while we are praying for his decision, it is then that we recite the twenty-third Psalm. "I will fear no evil because I know that thou art with me." It is fear of death that grips us with uncertainty. But, "Death in its substance has been removed, and only the shadow of it remains, and then we are comforted. Nobody is afraid of a shadow, for a shadow cannot stop a man's pathway even for a moment. The shadow of a dog cannot bite; the shadow of a sword cannot kill; the shadow of death cannot destroy us." (Charles Spurgeon).

Trust me, it is not easy to surrender to what we cannot control but know that there is hope and God can give life as well as take away. Trust and obey, for there is no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear, can abide while we trust and obey. (Hymn Trust and Obey). "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Amen.

Sincerely,
Pastor Lindsey

TO PREVENT THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

**OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE
PRE-RECORDED AND
STREAMED ONLINE AT 10AM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, GO TO THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE
WWW. WAPC.NET AND CLICK ON THE CHURCH SIGN TO FOLLOW ALONG.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETINGS—APRIL 13 and 19, 2020

- Due to state restrictions on gathering, the church building has been closed since March 16. Worship is online. There has been much positive feedback about the sermons, music and readings. Music director Quinn Degenste is using a keyboard and mixer provided by Elder Roselli and has recorded multiple tracks, providing rich sound. Easter Sunday featured a guest soloist, Joelle Doriani, who also recorded from her home.
- Offertory and Doxology will be added to online worship, including thanks to those who have been sending in offerings and pledges.
- The motion to approve going forward with the replacement of gutters, new framing, wrapping fascia boards in aluminum, at a cost of \$34,500 as quoted by Direct Call Construction, was carried unanimously. It was noted that there is a 15 year warranty covering gutters coming loose or leaking.
- There is leaking from a steam pipe in the basement. Joe Dame, plumber, can replace, but first a licensed contractor must remove the asbestos. We can wait a while for this repair, since the steam heat in the Sanctuary is turned off now.
- A motion was carried on April 13 to send \$250 of the \$1000 grant from Presbytery to El Centro Hispanoamericano in Plainfield to help with their feeding program, providing food to families in need due to the pandemic.
- On April 19, a motion was carried to send the remaining \$750 to El Centro, for their feeding program.
- Pastor Lindsey is sheltering at home, recording the Sunday sermons and calling members to stay in touch.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2020.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session



CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

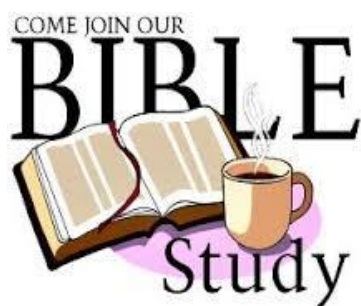
***REMEMBER AND ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE
MOTHERS OF THIS WORLD.***



The FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

at the Perkins on Route 22 in Greenbrook...

***IS CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.***



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

AND

THURSDAY NIGHT SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY

ARE BOTH CANCELLED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC MAY REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1***	2
3 10:00 AM, ONLINE WORSHIP	4 ***	5	6	7	8***	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY 10:00 AM, ONLINE WORSHIP	11*** SESSION MEETING 7pm	12	13	14	15 ***	16
17 10:00 AM, ONLINE WORSHIP ↓	18***	19	20	21	22 ***	23
24 ↓ 31 ↓	25*** MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28 VISIONS DEADLINE	29	30

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Presbyterian Women



HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES

Hearts, Hand & Stitches members create shawls and lap robes to share God's love with those who are grieving, hospitalized, or at home, or celebrating a milestone.

**We are canceling our monthly meetings
until further notice,
in order to stay safely at home.**

We are busily knitting and crocheting at home, working to create shawls, baby blankets, hats, and lab robes (whatever keeps our interest, and uses up our yarn stashes).

**This year's Wool Walk of
local yarn shops is also cancelled.**

Please keep this ministry of sharing God's love through shawls in your prayers, and remember to let one of our members know if there is a need for a shawl.

We do have several available.

Call Gwyn Gronlund, (908) 754-1251,
for more information

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

**THE FELLOWSHIP
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NOTICE**

Every second
Saturday of the
month.

For more info.
call the church
office

Please Help our Kids!

We have many children in North Plainfield going hungry every day.

Please donate **nut free**, non-perishable items.
Here is a list of the types of foods we need:



Beef stew (small can) or Vienna sausages (4.6 oz can)

Chef Boyardee Pastas (cans or microwave packs)

Tuna (Ready to eat pouches)

Milk (8 oz. shelf stable boxes)

Juice boxes (8 oz. boxes)

Microwavable Macaroni and Cheese (either cups or packets)

Cold Cereal (small boxes 1.2 oz)

Pudding Cups or Fruit Cups

Small packs pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, etc.



Donations can be brought to:

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church: 170 Watchung Ave.

Tuesdays - 2:30pm to 5:00pm

Wednesdays - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Thursdays - 12:30pm to 5:00pm

And to the Mayor's office: 263 Somerset St.

8am to 4:30pm

Thank you!



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PRAYER LIST

Healing, comforting, and/or supportive prayers for:

- *Gwyn Gronlund's mother, Margaret Herman-Angely, who is recovering at home after a brief hospital visit.*
- *Bob Montieth, whose symptoms are improving and is being treated at his residence, in Bridgewater.*
- *Lynn Krausse Lampariello, Mark Lampariello and family and friends as they mourn the passing of their family matriarch and active, long time WAPC member, Beverly Krausse on Sunday morning, April 19th.*
- *Former WAPC members, Carole and Jerry Rose, as Carole's brain cancer tumors are shrinking from her chemotherapy treatment and Jerry and his family in the lost of his sister, Claire.*
- *Fran & Wayne Young's son, daughter in-law, & grandson, Tim, Yadira, & Bryan Young recovering at home from COVID-19.*
- *Valerie Reid's great nieces, Elizabeth & Grace, who were born early and are hospitalized.*
- *Marilyn Cortright, recovering at home and continued prayers for her husband, Tim Cortright.*
- *Amanda Lake for health concerns.*
- *Jim Roselli's sister, Joanne, currently in a Kansas City hospital.*
- *Susan Sendelsky & her sister, Kerry, members of Pastor Lindsey's former church family, Oak Tree Presbyterian, both fighting cancer.*
- *Jane Windbush, Pastor's sister & Stephanie Weaver, Pastor's niece, who both suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis.*
- *Jackie Slattery & Sean Slattery, daughter & grandson of Estelle Kennedy during a difficult time.*
- *Gail Schmeisser, continuing to be challenged with mobility issues.*

Continued prayers for those people at home or in continued care:

- *Grace Landsperger and Estelle and Betsi Kennedy at home.*
- *Gail McKenna, at 2225 Kirkland Village Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017.*

Prayers of support and thanksgiving for:

- *Jeff Bunnell, who has completed his radiation treatment.*
- *Jim Roselli*
- *Pastor Madelynnne Lindsey*



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