

# May 3, 2020

## WELCOME

We count it a privilege to have each one of you who are viewing our Online Service. May you experience God's presence as you worship with us! We want you to know that we are here for you and want to serve you even amid this virus crisis. If you need assistance you can contact the Church Office at 717-762-5432 or Pastor Newsome at 717-404-6231.



Next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is "*Mother's Day*". We regret that we won't be able to gather physically but we'll still honor our mothers with a special message from God's Word. Also, we'll have a gift for every mother in our church family. Feel free to stop by the church office (Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) to pick up your gift, we will hold it until we gather again. We honor ALL mothers (biological, adoptive, stepmothers, mothers who have miscarried, etc.) We appreciate all our mothers and we pray that God will bless you abundantly.

### **An Update on our Church and the COVID-19 Crisis:**

As you've heard, our state's shelter in place order is still in effect. But please hear this, too: church is not canceled. It just looks different. Honestly, this isn't the 2020 we had in mind. Navigating what church looks like during a pandemic has been a challenge, but we find hope in seeking our faithful God and knowing that nothing can cancel the Church.

Our community, all the people of God around the world included, is not canceled. We'll just worship differently from where we are until we can be back together again.

And we will be back together again. I know you're facing disappointment, grief, and other difficulties in this season too, but we're all in this together and we're here for you.

### **Here's how:**

- If you have financial, physical, or other needs right now, please call the church at (717) 762-5432 or Pastor Newsome at (717) 762-1926 (home) or (717) 404-6231 (cell).
- We haven't stopped praying for you!!

Please let us know of any prayer requests you may have. We'll keep updating this page with the latest news about how our church is "meeting" and serving during this time.

What we won't do:

- Meet in person.  
All our in-person events, groups, and other gatherings are on pause as we practice loving our neighbor through staying at home as much as possible.
- Panic.  
God is still on the throne and in control. As hard as it is to rest right now, we can choose to remember this and rest in Him.
- Waste this season.  
All of us have a huge opportunity to connect with people online and serve our community right now. Let's leverage this.

What we will do:

- Stay Connected.  
Isolation isn't good for anyone and we're making sure that having to be physically distanced doesn't mean we're completely disconnected. Check out our online service details.
- Love our neighbors.  
There are needs inside and outside of our church that we can work together to help meet. Even if you're not in a position to donate financially, a kind word through the phone, volunteering in local relief efforts, or spreading a hope-filled message on social media can really help.
- Remember our Hope.  
Our shared faith in Jesus Christ is what brought us together and will help us stick together. We should lean on and remind each other of God's promises when we're feeling weary.

Our church leadership is praying continuously and trusting God. We encourage you to do the same. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Praying for you and missing you,

Dwan N. Newsome

Lead Pastor

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.” (Proverbs 3:5-7)



## RETIREMENT

### HOME RESIDENTS:

Dorothy Kuhn , George West, Albert Keyser, Theresa Keyser, Louise Rotz, Ben Newcomer , Arlene Pentz

## NURSING HOME

### RESIDENTS:

Jean Smith, Vonnie Ashway, Beulah Myers, Dot Yeakle

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- \* Our Nation
- \* Unsaved Loved Ones
- \* Revival in our Church
- \* Peace of Jerusalem
- \* Becky Bricker
- \* Dennis Newsome(Pastor's Brother)
- \* Catherine Pentz
- \* Sue Spessard
- \* Albert Keyser
- \* Bob Bowders
- \* Corona Virus Victims
- \* World Missions Director  
(Greg Mundis) sick with  
Covid-19
- \* Hazel Stauffer
- \* Steven Kulish (Intercultural)