

Lillyville Lighthouse News



“Let Jesus Light Your Way”

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Church Office:

Our church office hours remain limited at this time. Please leave a message and we will return your call. (724-758-8258)

Email and Website :

Email Address: LillyvilleChurchOfGod@gmail.com

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Facebook: Lillyville Church of God

Church Services:

Until further notice we have once again closed the church for indoor services as well as all bible study classes. With covid spreading faster than ever our Covid Safety Committee recommended we close indoor activities until the virus slows again.

Drive-in services will continue to be held each Sunday at 8:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., and 10:30 A.M.

Devotional by Pastor Dennis:

As we enter 2021, we do not know what the year holds but we do know the Sovereign Lord who holds our lives in the hollow of His hand. Isaiah 41:13 says, "I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear, I will help you." What blessed assurance the believer has knowing that the Living Lord will be right by our side to help us throughout this new year. I am reminded of the hymn, "I Don't Know About Tomorrow." Ira Stanphill writes, "I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said, and today I'll walk beside Him for He knows what is ahead." He promises to care for us in 2021 and in return He asks for our commitment to give Him our utmost for His highest. The Apostle Paul made that commitment, "...so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." Phil. 1:20. And Oswald Chambers encourages us when he says, "keep to the point, shut everything else out, keep yourself before God in this one thing only--my utmost for His highest. Be determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and Him alone." When I was a teenager, I was determined to be the best basketball shooter. I practiced everyday, even in the winter I would shovel the snow off the driveway so I could shoot buckets. The goal of eternal life is much more worthy of my determination and discipline and yours as well. So let our theme for 2021 be, "My utmost for His highest!"

The Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Sealed communion pack units are used for your safety. Everyone who loves Jesus is more than welcome to partake. If you are worshipping with us at home please feel free to have bread and juice on hand to participate with us. If you would like phone communion, John and Connie Frochio are heading up this important ministry. You may leave a message on the church answering machine (724-758-8258) and your request will be passed on to John and Connie.

Bible Study and Sunday School:

Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study, both mid-day and evening classes, have been suspended until further notice. A new Bible Study Class is being offered by John and Connie Frochio via Zoom. The book they will study is, "God Breathed" by Josh McDowell. To sign up for this Zoom class you may either contact John through Facebook Messenger or by emailing the church office at: lillyvillechurchofgod@gmail.com. Reference the Zoom Bible Study in the subject line. Zoom is fairly easy to use and John will help anyone who needs help to set up the meeting. Once he receives notice that you would like to attend, John will send the link, meeting ID and passcode to log into the meeting. Zoom is free to use.

Echo Youth Group:

Echo Youth Group is also suspended until further notice. We had a Christmas party on December 2nd and had a lot of fun with a new way to do the gift exchange. Thank you LeeAnn Petrelli. We had Dominos Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes thanks to Julia Arndt.

Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 10:00 A.M. Until covid-19 restrictions are lifted we are packing bags of food ahead of time and have implemented a drive-thru Food Pantry. Our volunteers will deliver the pre-packaged food to each car.

Everyone is welcome who participates at the Lillyville Church or Concord United Methodist Church or lives in Franklin Twp. We would like to thank the Concord United Methodist Church for a large food donation.

Northview Estates Ministry:

Northview Estates Worship services have been cancelled until further notice.

Many thanks to everyone who provided gifts for the residents of Northview Estates. We were able to deliver 60 gifts. Thank you for making their Christmas special. Keep the residents and staff in your prayers.

Weekly Prayer Schedule:

Monday prayer for our Schools: teachers, students, administration and support staff. Tuesday prayer for Nursing Homes: Northview Estates; Grove Manor: directors, residents, staff, Nursing Home Chaplain Mark Yarger; Wednesday prayer for our families: youth and children; Thursday prayer for missions and missionaries, Amelia Kingston serving children in Texas, John and Toni Thumma serving Navajos in New Mexico; Friday prayer for all congregations serving Jesus in our area, New Brighton Church of God and Pastor Lon and Doris Hogue; Pastor Tom and Betty Clyde.

Ad Council:

We want to thank Elder Sue Clyde and Trustee Wayne Peffer for serving on Ad Council. You will be missed. We welcome Elder John Marziale and Trustee Curt Runyan to the board. The rest of the board remained the same: Elders John Frochio and Rick Krokonko; Deacons Gary McKenna, Dave Custozzo and Tony Santagata; Trustees Mark Richards, Denny Cortez, Andy Nye; Deaconesses Cheryl Cortez, Jamie Richards, Kim Long; Assistant Treasurer Dawn Santagata, Sunday School Superintendent Pepe Catanzaro, Secretary-Treasurer Rose Nye, Pastor Dennis Arndt. Council President is Gary McKenna and Vice President is Dave Custozzo.

Notes of Thank you:

Dear Lillyville Church, Thank you so much for your generous donation and for being a sponsor of our 2021 Celebration of Hope Ball. We greatly appreciate your support, especially during these difficult times. The Club Hope Foundation

Notes of Thank You—continued:

Dear Lillyville Church, Thank you for all the printed materials and financial donations and prayers given for the military through the Yellow Ribbon Girls. We sent 600 Christmas boxes to our men and women in uniform. Postage cost was \$14,000.00. We are so thankful to the Lord and the generosity of so many. Yellow Ribbon Girls

Dear Lillyville Church, Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity, cards and prayers for Pastor Appreciation and Christmas. We love serving the Lord with you here at Lillyville. "I thank my God, for your partnership in the gospel." Phil. 1:5 Pastor Dennis and Julia