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Pastor Note

This is the first issue of our newsletter. Our hope is that this publication along with the new website and our Facebook group page will keep us more informed while we are social distancing. Our church office hours remain limited at this time, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Drive-In Church:

We have moved our 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Drive-In Church services to the beautiful outdoor church. This move has provided better visibility, room for the Praise Band to play, better acoustics and a cooler environment. Thank you, Lord, for a such a beautiful outdoor sanctuary. We began Drive-In Church on March 29th and have only had one Sunday of rain to date. The Lord Jesus Christ is so good and certainly the Master of the weather. (Lk. 8:24) July 13th was the first Sunday the Praise Band was able to play since covid-19 lockdown. We arrived early, set everything up and were testing all the equipment when I plugged in the radio transmitter in the outlet and all the power instantly shut off.

I was blamed for blowing the breaker. We checked the breakers on the outdoor church and shelter. None of them were flipped off. Next, we went up to the Church and all the power was off in the Church. We learned that the neighbors had no power. We called Penn Power and they verified the whole area was without power. All we could do was to depend on the Lord to restore power. Five minutes before the 8:30 service the power came back on and the Praise Band was able to lead us in a wonderful time of praise and worship. Lord, You are awesome and your timing is perfect. (Ps. 31:15)

The Lord's Supper:

We celebrated the Lord's Supper on July 5th at both Drive-In Church Services. We purchased communion cups that contain the bread and juice that are mechanically sealed for everyone's safety. Our next communion service will be on August 2nd. If you are worshipping with us from your home you may want to have some bread and juice ready. We celebrate open communion which means, if you love the Lord Jesus Christ, you are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. 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 past on to John and Connie.

A Week Day Bible Study:

There is a bible study group meeting on Wednesday mornings in a volunteers home. The group is currently studying the book of Romans. For more information please call Pepe Catanzaro. (412-913- 6537)

Bible Correspondence Course:

"Understanding the Bible", is offered to anyone who is interested in learning about the Bible. Each week you will receive a lesson to work on at home. You can work at your own pace in this course. Call the church office to begin. (724-758-8258)

Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, has been very busy. We received a large donation of fresh produce from Victory Church of Cranberry. We were able to share this blessing with many people. Until covid-19 is at bay, we are packing bags of food ahead of time and have implemented a drive-thru Food Pantry. Our volunteers deliver the pre-packaged

food directly to vehicles. We have also been delivering food packages to people who are unable to leave their homes due to covid-19. Presently, we are serving 40 families. We would like to thank Concord United Methodist Church for their generosity to our Food Pantry along with many others who have given sacrificially.

Simply Blessed Gift Shop:

The Simply Blessed Gift Shop has been re-stocked. If you are in need a gift please call the church office for information on stock and how to place an order. (724-758-8258)

New Roof and Office Porchway:

The new metal roof and office porchway work has been completed and it looks beautiful! We thank the Lord Jesus Christ, Meno Breneman the contractor, West Banco Bank and the church leadership who worked tirelessly to keep the project moving and all of your prayers enabling us to get the work completed.

Pastor Note:

Nyah, our granddaughter, is almost three and we are constantly encouraging her to say, "thank you," when she receives something. At times she forgets and we need to remind her, "what are the magic words?" She usually responds with a big "Thank You!" Our Heavenly Father is using this covid-19 trial to help us develop the discipline of thanksgiving. Ephesians 5:20, says, "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Each day let us practice giving our gracious heavenly Father thanks for the big and small blessings of our lives. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

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