

Weekly News from Johnsville United Methodist Church

April 5, 2021



Society of St. Andrew

GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS - FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

The Four "Rights"

[Philippians 2:3](#)

In the Bible, the word “humble” sometimes is used to refer to a situation of lowness or affliction and sometimes to a characteristic way of acting toward God and others; i.e. opposite to pride, arrogance, and violence.

In our church, there are people that model humility. Their light shines to show God’s love and not on themselves. If you asked, people would tell you that they want to be more like them.

In a book, I once read, *First Things First* by S.R. Covey, A.R. Merrill, and R.R Merrill, it talks about three “rights” in relation to working and living with others regardless of any faith tradition. I have added a fourth, and how I view each of the “rights” from my faith tradition.

1. Do the right thing: the thing that God would have us do.
2. The right way: the way God would have us do it.
3. At the right time: when God wants it done.
4. For the right reason: to bring attention to God and his love for all his creation.

If we are following these four “rights” others will see God’s light shining and not us.

Prayer

Loving God, help us to see others as you see them, and then to act as you would have us act, so that they see your love for them in our action and not us. Amen.

Alvin Jenkins — Lenoir City, TN

Envisioning a world without hunger, in which physical and spiritual hungers are met by God's abundance and grace through Jesus Christ, the Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The Society of St. Andrew is a 40-year old national nonprofit hunger-relief ministry that improves the environment by keeping good food out of landfills and feeds hungry people by sharing rescued fruits and vegetables with front-line feeding agencies (soup kitchens, shelters, food banks and food pantries, etc.) across the country. More information is available online at EndHunger.org.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of my family I wish to thank you for the shower of cards we have received regarding the passing of my mother-in-law, Lucia McCourt. Your kind words, and prayers have been greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Pastor Shari, Pat and family

Many thanks to all those who helped with the new outdoor devotional service! Special thanks to: Rebecca Price for singing, Kit and Dan Hartzler for setting up the sound system, Larry Thompson and Neal Roop for contact tracing detail, and Larry Lease. There were many "Praises to God" for our time together at last. We will continue to have the outdoor Devotional service in addition to our regular virtual worship service. IF IT RAINS-WE ARE VIRTUAL ONLY!



Devotional Service

Sunday Mornings 9:30-Weather Permitting

This outdoor service will be on the lawn the month of April at St. Paul United Methodist Church. In May we hope to have this service in the prayer garden at Johnsville United Methodist Church. This will be a time for us to be face-to-face for those who feel comfortable to do so. As we are sister churches, the hope is to have devotional time together in a brief outdoor service to keep our connection as we worship our Lord and Savior.

Social distancing is required of us all with masks. Attendance is required for the purpose of contact tracing. A group picture will be taken and filed in the church office to be used for contact tracing if the need were to arise. The CDC guidelines are that singing is prohibited for the group of us. We can hum! I will try to have someone sing a hymn weekly. We will have a devotional message, joys and concerns will be shared, and we will pray together. You will want to bring your own lawn chair, and a heart willing to lift praise and pray to the Lord. The virtual worship service will be available on each church's website as it has been, and sent out to those who have email. The paper copies will continue to be mailed to those without computer access. I will look forward to seeing those who feel comfortable.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Shari McCourt



Johnsville Church Council will meet on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm.



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- Louise Grabill
- Pam Bailey – sister of Wayne Trout
- Peace for the unrest in our world.
- Brantley Hess – recovery for healing following surgery and fighting leukemia
- Dempsey Price
- Joe Cavanaugh III
- Carla Wilhelm
- June Keck
- Ruth Lease for healing
- Charles and Valerie Tucker for healing
- Sharon, sister-in-law of Cathy Flinn for healing
- Jean Fitschen
- Phillip, son of Becky and Mel Gress
- Shirley Flohr
- Jennifer and Mark Wachter
- Manro Koontz, brother-in-law of Bonnie Siebel-Talbert, for healing
- The husband, sons and family of Pam Rhodes for grieving
- Prayers for Buck and his wife Sarann, for healing
- Prayers for Tiffany Younghein, cousin of Amanda McCourt
- Patsy Eyler who is preparing for surgery
- Ethel Herling has been moved to hospice care
- Wayne, Debbie and Charlotte for healing

- Judy and Allen Saylor for healing
- Debbie Ridgely for healing
- Jack Harden for healing
- Darlene Siro for healing
- Becky Gress for healing