

Weekly News from Johnsville United Methodist Church

May 24, 2021



Society of St. Andrew

GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS - FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Losing and Winning [Philippians 2:3-11](#)

I'll never forget the day my daughter came home from elementary school all excited that she'd participated in a geography contest and had known all of the answers. She described how as the teacher asked questions, students dropped out one by one.

It finally came down to my daughter and one other girl. "So you won?" I asked gleefully. She shook her head no. "I knew the answer to the last question," she said but went on to explain that the other student had wanted to win so badly that she decided to let her.

I remember congratulating her but am ashamed to say I was sad. I wanted her to have the victory. Unlike me, instead of being disappointed, my daughter was proud she'd given her fellow classmate this gift. I should have been too.

In a world where winning is everything, this kind of altruism is often hard to understand. The Bible says, "Do nothing from selfishness ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others."

Peter encourages believers this way. "Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind." My daughter's tender heart and humble mind taught me a lesson that day.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, teach us to love one another even in our ambition. Amen.

Regina Carson — Chesterfield, VA

Sunday Mornings 9:30am, weather permitting. In the event of impending inclement weather, a decision will be made no later than 8:15 am determining if the service will be held. Please check your email for verification of this decision.

This outdoor service for the month of May will be held 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 to 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

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Worship

Beginning June 6th, we will move worship service into our building at St. Paul UMC. During the month of June, we will have a joint service with Johnsville UMC, our sister church, at 9:30am. Pastor Shari will be on vacation. She will be covering pastoral emergencies, 410-596-4040.

Beginning July 4th, we will be meeting in our church building at Johnsville UMC. Church Council has voted to change the worship time to 9:00 am. We are excited to be back in our church to worship. This will be a time for us to worship face-to-face for those who feel comfortable to do so. As a Christian community we will continue to provide a safe, comfortable environment to worship our Lord, and Savior. As the world situation concerning the COVID-19, is an ever-changing climate, we will strive for the safety of all. Social distancing is required of us all

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We will revisit these guidelines monthly to access the best ways forward for all of God's people. I will look forward to seeing those who feel comfortable.

agencies (soup kitchens, shelters, food banks and food pantries, etc.) across the country. More information is available online at EndHunger.org.



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- Louise Grabill
- Pam Bailey – sister of Wayne Trout
- Peace for the unrest in our world.
- Joe Cavanaugh III
- Carla Wilhelm
- June Keck
- Ruth Lease for healing
- Charles and Valerie Tucker for healing
- Friends of Valerie and Charles
- Sharon, sister-in-law of Cathy Flinn for healing
- Cathy Flinn for healing
- Jean Fitschen
- Phillip, son of Becky and Mel Gress
- Becky Gress for healing
- Judy and Allen Saylor for healing
- Debbie Ridgely for healing
- John, and Jen, cousins of Amanda McCourt, for healing
- Continued prayers for Tiffany Younghein, cousin of Amanda McCourt

- Prayers for Kenna Haj for healing
- Prayers for healing for Carl, Matt, Jamie and family
- Prayers for healing for Wayne Trout
- Prayers for Master Deputy Brian Colussy in his time of grief
- Prayers for healing for Amy Lentzner
- Prayers for healing for Mary Jane Ecker
- Prayers for healing for Patsy Eyer who is recovering from surgery
- Prayers for healing for Don Elliot
- Prayers for the Tastos Family in their time of grief
- Prayers for the Faulkner Family in their time of grief
- Prayers for healing for Russ McMullen following surgery
- Prayers for healing for Jess
- Prayers for relief from pain from radiation therapy for Roger Shewell
- Prayers of healing for Israel and surrounding areas
- Prayers for Bruce Westervelt
- Prayers of healing for those suffering in India