

Weekly News from Johnsville United Methodist Church

June 14, 2021



Society of St. Andrew

GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS - FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Blessed Beyond Words

[Proverbs 14:29–31](#)

It is easy to make assumptions based on the few facts we may have at hand. Many times I have looked at other families—couples who find each other, marry, and have seemingly picture-perfect lives. They may be beautiful in appearance, successful in their careers, have highly achieving children, magnificent homes, vacations abroad—the whole package, the stuff of dreams and Hollywood movies.

More than once, I have found myself envying the good fortune of others. I dwell on my personal failures, what I lack in material things, and even wallow in self-pity. My foolish attitude is often stopped short when I learn, as Paul Harvey used to say, 'the rest of the story.'

These supposedly beautiful and successful families have sometimes suffered horribly—the loss of a child, domestic violence, drug abuse, financial hardship, suicide, divorce, terminal illness—the painful list goes on.

In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, while watching news reports of those who have lost businesses, jobs, homes, basic human necessities and comforts, food to eat (in this country!)—Americans by the thousands—I am reminded that I am much more fortunate than I deserve.

I have a beautiful and loving family, fantastic children and grandchildren, a home, a job, good health. I have more than enough. I have no reason to envy anyone—I am blessed beyond words.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the many, many blessings you extend to us each and every day, and remind us to share them with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Amen.

Kathi Wise — McLean, VA

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.



Worship

Beginning June 6th, we will move worship service indoors at St. Paul UMC. During the month of June, we will have a joint service with the St. Paul UMC, our sister church, at 9:30am. For the month of June 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 with masks. Attendance will be taken 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 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.

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.



The church office hours through June will be Mondays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Thank you to those who sent cards, texts, and messages during my recovery and for the prayers and well wishes. I am happy to be back to work after an extended medical leave. A special thank you to Rebecca Price for covering the office responsibilities in my absence. Sincerely, Kenna Haj



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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 healing for Carl, Matt, Jamie and family
- 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 Eyler 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 and peace for our World
- Prayers for Bruce Westervelt
- Prayers of healing for those suffering in India

- Prayers of healing for Stan Crawford
- Prayers of healing for Dottie Ramsey
- Prayers of healing for Bonnie Snyder
- Prayers of healing for Wayne Trout as he faces additional surgery
- Prayers of healing for Ruth Lease
- Prayers of healing for John D. Uncle of Pastor Shari and his wife Sandra
- Prayers of healing- Rick Bartel
- Prayers for grieving- Ann John's family
- Prayers for grieving- Ludke Family