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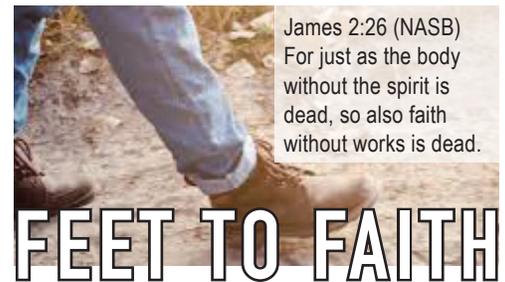
Elder of the Month
Diana Stout

Deacon of the Month
Sherri Richards

Laws of Attraction

What brings us together,
rather than what divides us.

I went to bed last night with the surprising news of (RGB) Ruth Bader Ginsburg's passing. The Supreme Court Justice of the United States was a fighter. Though we knew she had health issues, she seemed invincible. What struck me beyond the sadness for her family and friends, was the relationship she had with former justice Antonin Scalia.



FEET TO FAITH

By: Dave Micksch

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

For upcoming outdoor & indoor services see below page: 10 for details & protocols.

Virtual Worship online: www.cpclombard.org

- **Sunday, Sept 27**
Virtual Worship - available online
Special Outdoor Service 10:00am
Worship, Prayer, Plus New Interim,
Pastor Susan introduction
- **Sunday, Oct 4**
Virtual Worship - available online
Outdoor Service 10:00am
Communion Sunday - Bring your own
communion (BYOC)
- **Sunday, Oct 11**
Outdoor Service 10:00am
Virtual Recorded Worship - available
online by the following Tuesday
- **Sunday, Oct 18**
Indoor Service 10:00am
Virtual Recorded Worship - available
online by the following Tuesday
- **Sunday, Oct 25**
Indoor Service 10:00am
Virtual Recorded Worship - available
online by the following Tuesday

These two were polar, opposites as well as best friends. Antonin was a devout Conservative-Constitutional jurist and passionate Catholic. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a fierce Liberal-Constitutional jurist and passionate follower of Judaism. Both were devoted to their beliefs. Those beliefs helped form their character and love for the law. As they worked together and clashed over the ideals of constitutional law, they discovered that mutual love and then discovered similar interests in music and travel. Out of those interests, a deep friendship blossomed.

At times, you could see them on a panel debating law, sharing their wisdom, poking fun, and laughing. Though they were serious about their beliefs, they did not take themselves too seriously that they couldn't laugh at themselves or each other. Even when the "shots" could be sharp, they never assumed the worst in each other, never making it personal. This unlikely duo knew something the current world is losing.

You don't have to sacrifice who you are, what you believe, and what you fight for to work together or be friends. They **chose** to respect one another, appreciate one another, and allow one-another to be themselves. I don't think there could be two better models for society today. If it were up to me I'd make it a prerequisite class for an entire semester of high-school and college students to study their relationship. Whether they understood it or not, they represented three Biblical truths.

Iron Sharpens Iron - Proverbs 27:17, **Be devoted in love** - Romans 12:10, **The image of Jesus is in us all** - Genesis 1:26. **"I see Jesus in every human being ..."** - Mother Teresa. If you see Jesus in others, it's hard to hate them and it's easier to work with, live next to, and love them. They appreciated what each other brought to the relationship, and we are the better for it. For our future, let us do likewise. - Bible verses from NASB

MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

EVENTS, CRUX, FAITH WEAVER FRIENDS (FWF), KIDS' CLUB, & THE GROWING PLACE

SUNDAYS

- Join us for pre-recorded Worship Service
Videos <https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-video>

****NOTE all meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise stated by the committee.**

TUESDAYS

- Oct. 6 / Adult Ed 3:00pm / Worship Committee 7:00pm
- Oct. 13 / Missions 3:00pm / Children's Ministry. 4:30pm
- Oct. 20 / Deacons 6:30pm / Trustees 7:30pm
- Oct. 27 / Session 7:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

- Women's Bible Study 10:00am (All are welcome)
- Staff 1:30pm
- Oct. 7 / Communications 10:00am
- Oct. 14 / Finance 6:00pm

SATURDAYS

- Prayer Group 8:30am (All are welcome)

The Growing Place: We are working on preparing to open our program this fall. Watch for updates on our website, as well as the CPC website, and the CPC Facebook page. To learn more about our Pre-School program: to register or for updated information, go to the website: www.growingplacepreschool.org

After Sunday worship service are you Zoom'n for some coffee and conversation?

Join us every Sunday at 11:30am Coffee Hour.

Link provided in our Sunday morning email. If you do not receive our emails, please contact us at connect@cpclombard.org.



Tithe

Go to our website "Donate" page: www.cpclombard.org/donate and click on "Donate Now" button, and you can use your credit card to make a donation. To use your smart phone to donate: **(TEXT - DON'T CALL) 855-913-0299** and type in the amount to be given in the MESSAGE LINE. If this is the first time you have used this method, it will come up and ask you for your credit card information. Or, if you prefer, mail a check to the office at 1111 E Madison St, Lombard, IL 60148-3198.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. We will be back together soon.
Finance - Don Gilliard & Carol Kloster

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CPCLOMBARD.ORG

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<https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-covid19-info>

The CPC COVID-19 Info page will provide updates, plans, and practices in response to the COVID-19 crisis. All information will be updated as it changes. Any plans and practices will be in conjunction with state and federal governing body recommendations, along with the guidance of the Session of CPC. Please refer to this page for your information. In addition, CPC will provide updates in our email blasts and in the CPC Life Newsletter.

Adult Ed



Where are you at in your life now compared with 7 months ago? Today, many people in our society are just holding on tightly, hoping against hope that the life and happiness they have lost will somehow return. To whom does one turn to in such a situation? What does Jesus offer?

We in Adult Education hope that you are healthy, safe, and experiencing Jesus' love and joy.
Ron Zabel, Chair, Adult Education Committee

Source of Joy

John 15:4, 11 [NASB] *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*

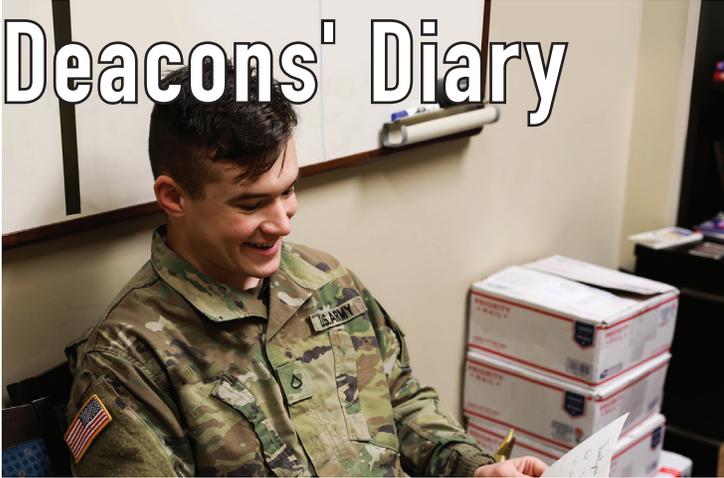
Christ Himself is the source of joy. The sap of the vine that surges into the branches is grace – unqualified love. The words grace and joy come from the same Greek root. Joy is the delight of being loved. Everything that Christ said and did and continues to do in our lives today tell us that we are cherished, valued, and loved. He died for us, rose from the dead for us, and is with us now and is ready to heal us with accepting and affirming love.

There is no authentic joy apart from being loved by Christ. His joy persists regardless of life's circumstances. On the other hand, happiness is conditioned by what's happening to and around us. The word happiness comes from hap ("chance"), and chances change. That's why there is such a great difference between happiness and joy. Life is undependable; human affection is often conditioned by our adequacy or performance, and situations we counted on remaining stable can fluctuate and scuttle our carefully-laid plans.

Whenever our security is in people or possessions, we may know a measure of happiness for a time, but not joy. That precious spiritual gift is the result of experiencing a love that will never change, that not even our failures will diminish in the least degree, and that will remain constant, whatever people do or say to hurt us. Where do you find a love like that? Only in Christ. And from that gracious love, joy flows.

Lloyd John Ogilvie, *Turn Your Struggles Into Stepping Stones*. 1993

Deacons' Diary



All of the Deacons have you in our thoughts and prayers. The Deacons are most concerned with the needs of the members of our congregation. If there is anyone who needs support, please email our church's new private email - see right column under Joys and Concerns.

College and Military Connection

The Deacons will not be able to send our usual "goodie" boxes to our college students and military personnel, but we are still going to be sending cards to them with gift cards enclosed.

Please send us the name and correct address for each college student/member of the military in your family ASAP. Our lists need to be updated, especially this year. The Deacons will be preparing the cards to be mailed at the Deacons' meeting on Oct. 20th.

What do the Deacons do with the money donated to the Deacons Fund?

While everyone is trying to figure out the new "normal" for everything, the Deacons are trying to define where and how the Deacons' fund, can help our church family and our community. In our quarterly funding, we continue to donate funds to the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, York Township Food Pantry, Love Christian Clearing House, and PADS. Even though PADS no longer has a Lombard housing site, DuPage County PADS has been helping the homeless during this pandemic by renting motel rooms to house them. As you can imagine, that is costing a great deal of money. If you can possibly donate to our Deacons' Fund, we will be able to increase our support to PADS and the other organizations in our next quarterly giving.

What Next?

The Deacons are evaluating how our Thanksgiving and Christmas projects will be done this year, so we will be discussing

ideas, and we will let you know how you can support those projects. The information will be included in Nov. Life@CPC, the church website, our Facebook page, and in the weekly bulletin. Blessings and good health to you all!

There's still time for the welcome basket for Pastor Susan, and we would like to include items like gift cards to local grocery stores, restaurants, and local businesses (like Dairy Queen!). You can send your gift cards and a note to the Church, or you can send a contribution to Deacons to purchase gift cards on your behalf. Pastor Susan's first day is September 28th, and we would like to have the welcome basket on her desk by that day. We'd like all contributions to be received by Friday, September 25th, but we'll be accepting them over the next few weeks. If you are sending a contribution to the Deacon's please mark your donation "Pastor Susan's Welcome gift".

The Deacons are always interested in your suggestions of new ways we can help, so don't hesitate to contact Sheri Richards or Jan Jackson.



joysandconcerns@cpclombard.org

Prayer is an indescribable journey that takes us through the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's saving love for us. Prayer unites us with God himself.

We remain committed to keep in touch with our CPC family. In that regard, you are invited to share your joys and concerns, and your prayer requests. As you may recall when you were in our church building, you could jot down your prayer requests in a book and our pastor would include them in the Prayers of the People. With our church just beginning to transition to "soft openings," you are still welcome to submit prayer requests, at the email address above.

Philippians 4:6 [NIV]

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Mission Minutes

www.frontierfellowship.com / www.newsfromthefrontier.com
958 Pine St. Winnetka, IL 60093



Dan has led a fruitful partnership with his church, the Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook, IL, and a local Bosnian mosque. Dan now helps churches across America to build bridges of friendship and witness opportunities with local Muslim communities.

From Dan's e-newsletter August 2020:

Never Bored

There is one word you will never find in the Bible: boredom. I must admit when I listen to people who use the word, boredom, I see a red flag and become concerned for them. God created us to have a vibrant, joyful, and peaceful life – provided we stay close to Him, His grace and guidance. Boredom and the Christian life are antithetical. The Lord loves adventure and delights in showing us something new and beautiful in His creation each day. During this most challenging time in our ongoing pandemic, we could easily become worn-out, tired, and bored. At the end of the summer, we usually get excited with the start of school, the beginnings of a fall schedule full of meaningful work, and family activities. However, many of us are finding ourselves a bit confused and disoriented these days with few things on our calendars; we are noticing a constant stress of sheer survival tugging at our hearts and minds. We might be tempted now more than ever to say we are bored. Yet, how can we resist this temptation? I believe Christianity has an answer to this question. Reading the Bible on a continuous basis has become for me and countless other people for the past 2,000 years, the best medicine available for in-

jecting new life into our spirits. It will not cost you anything to try but your time. It is free and easy to access. If you have not tried it yet, I highly recommend you do!

Many of you know me as this person who flies around the world supporting frontier mission activities in some challenging areas where Christianity is often not warmly embraced. Well, you may not know that when I am not on the road, I am home, enjoying my family and friends, often ministering in my own local neighborhood. One of the things I enjoy the most when I am home is helping to lead three different men's Bible studies each week and throughout the year – whether face-to-face or on Zoom. Few things give me greater joy than seeing men read the Bible for the first time for themselves, enjoying fellowship with each other, and finding new hope and vision for their lives each day. Our lives are not meant to be lived alone in isolation, as we are discovering in spades, during this pandemic.

The Bible is God's greatest gift to humankind, if we will only pick it up and read it for ourselves! Too often, we allow someone else to interpret the Bible for us. As a result, we find ourselves at the mercy of the person teaching us about the Christian life. Without Biblical knowledge, we frequently rush to improper understandings of Christianity and inaccurate critiques of the Church, not knowing what Jesus actually taught, said, or did. Reading the Bible is not the same experience as reading Shakespeare, beautiful poetry, or any other highly-regarded piece of literature. The Bible was inspired and designed by God to put us in direct communication

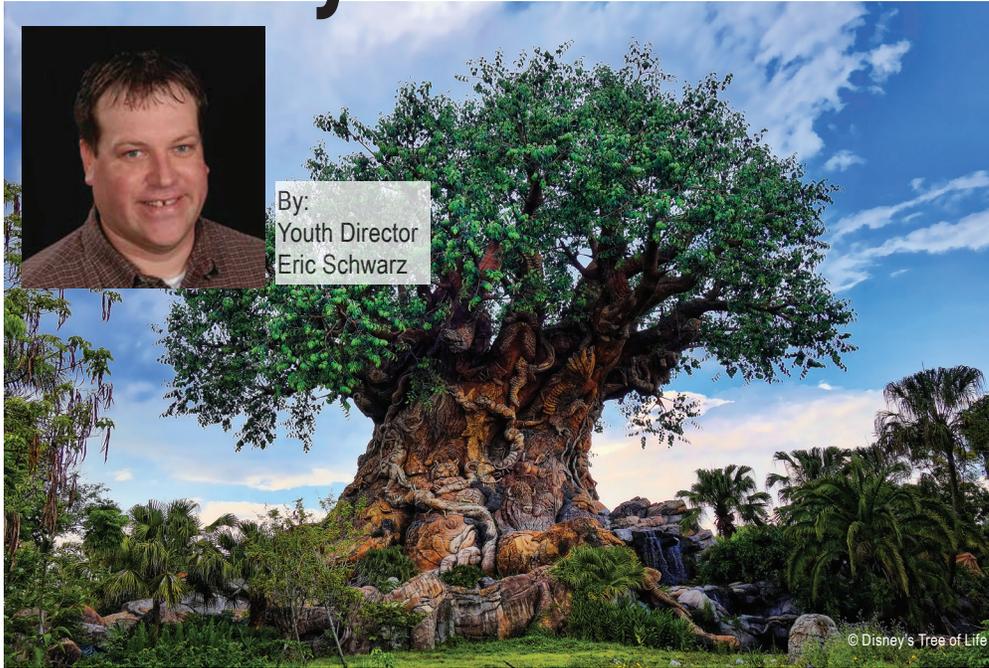
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Rev. McNerney is an associate director for Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, a mission support group of the Presbyterian Church worldwide. He joined FF in 1996. He and his wife, Sharon, live with their five children in Winnetka, IL. Dan's primary areas of responsibility are in the Middle East, Latin America, Europe, and the United States. For the past 18 years, Dan has become heavily involved with mission work among Muslims, including forging interfaith dialogues and relationships with local Muslim communities in the United States.

Dan is a graduate of Yale University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. For five years after college, Dan was an agricultural commodities trader for Cargill, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. During that time, he came to know the Lord; eventually, he felt a call into ministry. In the mid-1980's, Dan lived and worked in San Jose, Costa Rica, helping start a new church. After seminary, he worked as an assistant pastor for the Winnetka Presbyterian Church in Illinois for seven years. In 1996, Dan was ordained and became a member of the Presbytery of Chicago.

Since 2002, Dan has led numerous vision trips to Egypt, Turkey, and the Arabian Peninsula. He is also helping the underground Church in Iran. For several years,

Youth Ministry



September 15 marked the 6 month anniversary of us not being together as a congregation. While I'm a little nervous about us being together again, I am very excited that we will be able to see each at outdoor services coming up.

I am also very excited that we have another interim Pastor, Pastor Susan, that will be working along side of us again. I am glad that it is feeling like we are at least taking some steps forward.

I am sure, like many of you, we have had many ups and downs as our family during this time of being separated. I know personally for myself, I have really missed being around out CPC family. I look forward to catching up with you in person soon. I look forward to being able to see you face-to-face and not over the phone. I look forward to seeing kids and teens again, once we have a safe plan in place to do so.

It's been a long six months, and this isn't how God intended us to be, separated. We see in the first chapter of "Genesis verse 26 [NIV] Then God said, let us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

God has seen all we have been through the last six months. God knows the good and the hard times we been through. He has been with, like always, every step of the way.

Eric Schwarz

CPC Memorials & Special Gifts

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The Session of Community Presbyterian Church, in consultation with the Finance and Memorials Committees, has approved the following items for memorials and special gifts to the church. **Current list:**

Changing Table for Growing Place

Sponsor: Children's Ed
Approx Cost: \$950



Paper Cutting Machine

for CPC & Growing Place
Sponsor: Children's Ed
Approx Cost: \$399



Replacement of leaking Sanctuary

Air Conditioner
Sponsor: Trustees
Approx Cost: \$6,000



Personnel



We are looking forward to our new interim pastor, Reverend Susan C. Finley joining us in our service on September 27! She will officially start on the 28th and will preach on October 4th. Look at the re-opening announcement for more information see page 10!

Rev. Susan C. Finley just completed her fifth year serving as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Hartford City, Indiana, a congregation focused on fellowship and community mission. She

has always enjoyed serving people, whether in pastoral or secular positions, and worked in Chicago (Logan Square) from 2011-2015 for the US Hereditary Angioedema Association, a rare disease organization, dedicated to patient advocacy and research while preaching on rotation at Humboldt Park United Methodist Church prior to accepting a call to Indiana. In her pastorate in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, her congregational employment and life skills transformation program among new immigrants was highlighted in the 2009 PC(USA) video series Servanthood: "Deep and Wide." Rev. Finley focused on church history and urban ministry during seminary years in Boston, Massachusetts, and has also served churches in Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois. While in the Chicago Presbytery, she moderated the Transitional Mission Collaboration Team as it began two years of Presbytery redesign. She currently serves as Moderator of the Council for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. Rev. Finley's parents are both graduates of McCormick Seminary, and two of her children, her oldest son, and one of her twin sons, live in Chicago. Rev. Finley also has a daughter who lives in Arlington, Virginia, a son, the other twin, living in St. Louis, and a dog named Calypso, also a Chicago native. She tries to stay fluent in Italian, and enjoys all types of music, movies, and art.



Personnel is also pleased to announce that Dave Micksch has accepted our newly developed and part-time position of Communication Specialist. Our church functioning has changed dramatically during this time of COVID. We no longer meet in person for meetings and services in the same way. Our church building itself has been shuttered since the middle of March.

We find that our need of improved communication with our congregation and the community at large has become increasingly important and vital to maintaining our spiritual community. Personnel and Session have made the decision to invest in this position to improve this outreach. Many of you already know Dave Micksch. He is a long-time member of our congregation and has been involved with our Communications Committee for years. He will be doing this position for us on a part-

time basis, 25-30 hours/week. Some of the work will be done from home. Dave will be responsible for the development and execution of overall communication for all church activities. He will provide administrative and technical support for planning, evaluation, and continuous improvement of CPC ministries and activities.

During these past months while preparations to re-open The Growing Place have been in progress, more than 50 children are signed up to attend whenever we open. Session and The Growing Place board did decide not to open the preschool in September, mainly due to the fact that the main elementary school districts that feed into our school (44 and 45) are starting virtually. We are still planning to open as soon as possible. The director that we hired in July, Kelly Reynolds, resigned from the position as her own children will be studying from home; we are in the process of searching for a new Director. The Growing Place staff have been busy working with the DCFS and Department of Health requirements and will be ready to open whenever possible this fall. They thank you for your prayers.



For all open position descriptions:

Growing Place Director

www.cpclombard.org

Send resumes or inquiries to:

resumes@cpclombard.org

**(Frontier Fellowship:
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with Him, His Son and Holy Spirit. Our hearts are often warmed and changed when we allow the truth of what we read in Scripture to wash over our souls. Our days become brand-new when we confess our waywardness and present our anxieties to our Lord and Good Shepherd. New friends and opportunities greet us each day, quickening our God-given talents and interests, and enabling us to help and serve others through greater capacities of love, which are not our own.

So, why in the world would people not want to read the Bible for themselves in a small group with other friends, or alone in the comfort of their own homes? Too often, we grab onto other more-worldly entertainments, rather than search and provide for ourselves a quiet place to think, meditate, and pray on our own. Rather than view this current pandemic as a curse and insurmountable obstacle, could we instead view it as an opportunity to read the Bible and talk more often with God? Especially now when political parties, angry mobs, and terribly misled people on social media are luring us into greater hatred, fear, and anxiety – as if humanity itself was the only thing in control. God is a lot bigger and more powerful than those kinds of forces. Being rooted in him each day is a big gift. If we fail to pursue it, we will continue to be blown back and forth like trees in a strong windstorm.

In the United States, we are surrounded by opportunities to purchase Bibles for ourselves. Numerous translations are available, excellent commentaries can be purchased, and other materials can be found to help us read and understand the Bible. However, it is sad to say that what is true in the United States and in much of the Western world is not true everywhere. My other colleagues and I are highly motivated to help new believers in other areas of the world where possessing a Bible is against the law. The



two Middle Eastern countries most in the news today, Iran and Saudi Arabia, actively try to keep people separated from access to the Bible for no other reason than fear that these seekers of truth may conclude that Jesus is the Messiah and son of God.

For the past five years, I have been actively involved in supporting the printing and distribution of Bibles for the underground church in Iran. The underground church in Iran has become the fastest growing church in the world. Nowhere in the world is the hunger for God's Word greater than in Iran. There are just not enough Bibles to go around! I have heard numerous stories of old, worn, heavily underlined Bibles being shared amongst new believers, secretly passed between cars at stop lights, handed to people in outdoor markets via food baskets, or through the internet and pizza truck deliveries. The Bible has become the most treasured and sought-after possession for these new believers in Iran. At the cost of \$6.00 per Bible, I can help you deliver God's Word to these dear people who are starving for the Lord's presence found in reading the Bible for themselves. Please let me know if you or your church would be interested in helping to supply this need. Also, please pray for the brave people who are secretly printing these Bibles. Already, a few of these efforts have been discovered, resulting in the forced closing of businesses with owners thrown in jail and harassed for indefinite time periods.

When we read the Bible, our souls and spirits are enlivened and expanded more than we know. Reading the Bible is not just a cognitive experience; our entire being is involved. If we allow God's Word to confront, encourage, and cleanse us, give us new life each day, our hunger for wanting to read it on a regular basis grows. My favorite verses which describe the beauty and wonder of reading Scripture are as follows: "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before His eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable." (Hebrews 4: 12-13)

Please do not allow yourself to be bored. It is not a great place to find yourself. It is actually one of the saddest places you can be when you consider the new life, excitement, and adventure the Lord has waiting for you each day if you take the time to read His Scripture, meditate, and pray. The Bible even goes so far as to say that we are not fully alive until we are resting in His forgiveness, grace, and wisdom. When our spirits finally find rest in His care, become humble and wanting to learn from a power and love greater than ourselves, we take the first steps toward the greatest adventure of our lives, going wherever the Lord may lead us that day and throughout our future days as well. We will never be bored again.



CPC Senior Outings

For more information, go to CPC website, Facebook, Sunday Bulletin, Hallway Monitors, Sunday Services, and Event Contact.

Hope that everyone is doing well. We continue to miss seeing everyone. Until that time when we can gather again, we would like to keep in touch with all of you. Please call any of us on the committee if you have a need, prayer request, or just want to talk. We are hoping to set up a Zoom meeting between the Seniors and Pastor Susan. Watch for this. We are praying for all of you.

The Senior committee: Carol Brunton (630-620-4571), Carol Kloster (630-903-4847), Nancy Bane (630-917-7128), Gail Smith (630-629-0475), Cheryl Williams (630-284-9474), Jeanne Logan (630-629-7641), and Diane Gilliard (312-502-4751).

Join Our Prayer Group



In these times of uncertainty in so many areas, the one thing we can trust in is God. We know He hears us and longs for us to talk with Him. "For where two or three come together in My Name, there I am with them." Mathew 18:20. Please join us Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. for a prayer group that meets over the phone to pray for our church, our pastors, staff, The Growing Place, our families, and the world. Everyone is invited to join us on the conference call: It is VERY easy. Dial 425-436-6381, when asked for the access code, enter 366209#. You will be asked to announce yourself and will be in! If you prefer, just let one of us know and we can join in a regular call. Hope to pray with you. Joan Marlow and Diane Gilliard



CROP Virtual Hunger Walk

1:30pm at CPC Parking Lot - October 4th

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lombardil>

Please donate to help feed people throughout the world including our local food pantries.

The world-wide food shortage is affecting people around the world, CROP Hunger Walk donates to 5 different local food pantries, but also addresses hunger in many parts of the world through, among other projects education, and the construction of irrigation and water purification systems. This year the CROP Hunger Walk will be a virtual walk to be held on October 4th. It is an important fund-raising event that needs to be different this year. Registration and donations will mainly be done online, and instead of walking in one large group, churches and other organizations are forming teams. These teams are asked to think up their own type of hunger walks, such as walking around their church parking lots, encouraging families to walk pushing strollers, walking on treadmill machines, and other inventive ways to show support for CROP Hunger Walks.

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CPC Reopening



CPC's Return To Worship

The seasons once again change from a difficult time of planting and growth to a season of harvest. So, too, it is with the church, that we go through difficult seasons. 2020 especially has been a challenging one. With a worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 and all of its symptoms from the physical, to the financial, and even the spiritual. God created us to have relationships; with Him, His Son, the Spirit and with others. During this time, by using knowledge and discernment, while all of us try to do our best to manage these seasons we've found ourselves in; we faithfully pray and plod forward. It is in that vein, that we are excited to announce our return to worship!

Over these many months, with many groups like Session, Committee to Reopen (C2R), and Trustees meeting virtually, planning and researching that we are able to reopen safely. Here is the list of preparations for our reopening:

- Enhanced Risk Management Plan (ERMP)
- Outdoor & Indoor Worship Protocols
- CPC Member Survey
- Full & Deep Clean of CPC
- Hiring CPC Cleaning Staff

- Upgraded Air-Filters for HVAC
- UV Disinfecting Lights for - Sanctuary, 2 Upstairs Classrooms, Geneva Parlor, & Youth Room
- Sanitizing Stations
- Supply of Masks, Gloves, and Wipes
- Thermometers (from Growing Place)
- New procedures for Sunday Services
- Training for Ushers & Member Support Sun. Oct. 11, following outdoor 10:00am service. Appx :20min at CPC. If you'd like to participate, contact Dave Micksch (at email in next column).

As we've gone through these difficult few months, we've continued to worship together virtually. CPC will continue "Virtual Services" going forward for those who are unable to attend a service as well as those watching around the world. We would not have been able to accomplish this feat without the Interim Worship Group (IWG) – Ruth Sweetser, Scott Watkins, Teresa McClow, and Eric Schwarz coordinating all of the presenters: welcome, scripture readings, children's message, music, prayers, and sermons. And because of the ground that they tilled, we do plan on moving to a "live-streamed" service in the not too distant future. We'll let you know when that will take place. So, stay tuned!

Full details and documents for our return are available on our website COVID-19 info page. You can check them out at any time via this link

<https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-covid19-info>

If you have any questions, email dave@cpclombard.org
Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, September 27th at 10:00am - Outdoor Service (Special introduction to New Interim – Pastor Susan Finley)
- Virtual Service online by Barb & Len available that morning.
- Sunday, October 4th at 10:00am - Outdoor Service (Communion Sunday – Pastor Susan)
- Virtual Service online by Barb & Len available that morning.
- Sunday, October 11th at 10:00am – Outdoor Service Pastor Susan
- Recorded Virtual Service online by Tuesday.
- Sunday, October 18th at 10:00am – We resume our Indoor Services
- Recorded Virtual Service online by Tuesday.

There are a full list of protocols that we've put in place to ensure a safe and worshipful experience. Announcements will be made through our weekly eblasts, CPC Life Newsletter, and postings on Facebook. If you know of anyone who does not use email or the web, please pass this information along to them. Our protocols will be listed on our website COVID19 page. Below are bullets of the protocols.

<https://www.cpclombard.org/cpc-covid19-info>

"Outdoor Attendee Protocols":

- BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair
You may remain in vehicle if you like.
- Seat yourselves 10ft apart from other individuals/families

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- Remain 15ft from Pulpit area
- Wear a mask
- 6ft Social Distancing when interacting with others
- Remain home if you are at high-risk or have been recently ill.

Weather:

- Morning of eblast & Facebook announcements if rain/poor weather is expected.
- If weather is bad, outdoor services will be cancelled.
- Virtual Service available morning of 9/27 & 10/4
- 10/11 Service will be recorded and posted by midweek.

Indoor Attendee Protocols:

- Enter/exit CPC building only thru West Ramp Entrance & Northeast Narthex Doors
- Enter/exit Sanctuary only thru North Narthex Doors. (Only service staff may enter pulpit area thru South door).
- Must wear a mask
- Temperature check upon entering building
- Sanitize hands at sanitizing stations
- Ushers to seat you row-by-row distance 6ft apart from other individuals/families by utilizing the ends of pews and leaving center space open.
- No physical passing-of-the-peace
- Gatherings – Pre/post service must be held outside.
- Bathrooms upstairs available – Must follow guidelines listed on mirrors.
- Remain home if you are at high-risk or have been recently ill

CPC Return To Worship Survey Results

8/26/20 - 9/6/20

32% of those emailed responded
Typical response rate for customer surveys
10 – 30%. Survey Monkey

1. Given your current understanding, when do you predict you might feel comfortable attending in-person worship?
 - 42% Immediately
 - 23% 30 or more days after CPC has opened.
 - 9% December/holiday services
 - 26% First quarter of 2021
2. How comfortable would you feel returning if it were mandatory to wear a mask, sanitize your hands, have a temperature check upon entering, social distancing, only 2 entrance exits (West ramp door & East Narthex door) into CPC, and forego singing?
 - 50% Comfortable/Eager
 - 28% Somewhat cautious
 - 10% Very uncomfortable
 - 12% Will not attend
3. Would you be more likely to attend a service of :30 - :40min in duration, in order to add another layer of protection while still maintaining; wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands, temperature check upon entering, and social distancing?
 - 37% I would attend
 - 38% I would likely attend
 - 19% Not sure that I'd attend
 - 6% I would not attend until we have a full service.
4. Given your current understanding of COVID-19, which of the following is necessary for you to attend an in-person worship service? Check all that apply.
 - 67% Stay-at-home orders have been lifted by State and/or local officials for the time being.
 - 42% Other public gatherings have resumed (concerts, theaters, sporting events etc.)
 - 33% When a treatment for COVID-19 become widely available.
 - 35% When a vaccine for COVID-19 becomes widely available.
5. Which of the following describes the attendance level with social distancing, at which you would be comfortable attending a worship service in the sanctuary if it was:
 - 12% Filled to capacity
 - 36% Half-filled
 - 33% Limited to 100 attendees

- 19% None of the above
6. If you have children who typically attend Sunday School, would you plan on attending if:
 - 13% We had no Sunday School class
 - 10% If we had Sunday School by RSVP only
 - 7% A limited time e.g. :15min (see question 3)
 - 70% Does not apply
 7. Beyond online worship services, which of the following have helped you feel connected to CPC during COVID-19 (check all that apply)?
 - 68% Calls from pastors, staff, session, Stephen Ministers, or other members
 - 46% Weekly email blasts
 - 6% Virtual prayer gatherings
 - 30% Church website or Facebook page
 - 15% Receiving cards or letters
 - 35% CPC Sunday 11:00am Zoom Coffee Hour
 - 15% None of the above
 8. Would you be willing to serve as an?
 - 10% Usher
 - 7% Set-up and/or clean-up crew person
 - 19% Entrance screener
 - 64% Not at this time
 9. Do you consider yourself to be in one of the "high-risk" COVID-19 categories (e.g., older adult, with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, or heart disease)?
 - 67% Yes
 - 33% No
 10. If you've worshipped with us online the past few months, what has been your experience?
 - 9% Exceeded expectations
 - 49% Met expectations
 - 22% Below expectations
 - 14% I did not worship online
 - 6% Worshipped online and/or in-person elsewhere.
 11. Personally, how much anxiety are you experiencing over COVID-19?
 - 2% Extreme anxiety
 - 16% High anxiety
 - 42% Moderate anxiety
 - 28% Slight anxiety
 - 12% No anxiety at all
 12. What is your age?
 - 0% Under 18
 - 7% 18 – 35
 - 20% 36 – 55
 - 30% 56 – 70
 - 43% 71+

Congratulations!!!

(CROP Virtual Hunger Walk - continued from pg: 9)

Our team, CPC Lombard, would like to invite anyone who wishes to support us and the CROP Walk to gather at the church at 1:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 4th for a short walk around our parking lot and around as many blocks as you feel like. Wearing masks and keeping social distance is important, but it would be fun to physically see our members unite as our church community to show support.

If you are interested in donating online, check out the website link under the title. If you would prefer to write a check made out to CWS/CROP or give cash, Sheri Richards and Betsy Swinson will be in the church parking lot from 1pm - 3pm on Oct. 4th collecting donations. Donations will be accepted up until Oct. 31st.

For more information on donating before or after Oct. 4th, please call Sheri Richards at 630-627-2739

Dear CPC,
Getting to know you over the years and working alongside you has been a great joy in my life. Thank you for being the generous and loving people that you are.
I will miss you greatly.
Thank you also for the farewell gift.
I truly appreciate it.
May God's blessings be upon you always.
Melody

October Birthdays

- Steve Sweetser
- Emily Hoffmann
- Mara Richards
- Eric Morgan
- Kayla Vicelli
- Kendall Kloster
- Lynda Stahl
- Terry Keith
- Madison Mancione
- William Stout
- Antonio Celio
- Emily Hanson
- Benjamin Badalamenti
- Ethan Casey
- Celia Dizonno
- Trent Richards
- Alaine Resner
- Eva Alejandro
- Scott Engstrom
- Claire Neri
- Terri Johnson
- Steven Wendt
- Ashley Kesten
- Joe Innis
- Diane Karrow

October Anniversaries

- Tim & Ellen Baffa
- Bruce & Betsy Bell
- Jeanne & Richard Thiele
- Scott & Sandra Rennie
- Ricardo Alejandro & Melissa Pagonis
- John & Amy Kirby
- Jeffrey & Martha DeJong
- Michael & Joan Marlow
- William & Pamela Forsberg
- Alan & Christi Woolbright
- Stewart & Bonnie Pattison

November Birthdays

- Diane Grek
- Arthur Bell
- Glenn Brunton
- Josh Strange
- Joan Marlow
- Charlie Campbell
- Scott Rennie
- Sheri Richards
- Catherine Berner
- Beth Haaker
- Mike Berner
- Charlotte DiMaso
- Logan Hanson
- Lisa Szostak
- Terry Jackson
- Andrew Mancione
- Karen Cline
- Nancy Hollenbeck
- Gary Shorter
- Phil Capuzelo
- Lindsey Grek
- Karen Selby
- William Brabec

November Anniversaries

- Michael & Diane Vargo
- Arthur & Kelly Bell
- Eric & Rachel Schwarz
- Matthew & Robin Jungblut