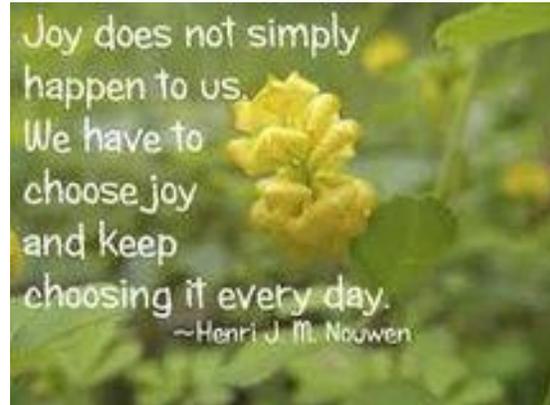


Weekly Newsletter 5.7.21

This week we invite you to worship with us in person or via zoom. We will explore joy, which is the second in the fruit of the Spirit. We will look at Psalm 100 and Habakkuk. We will also celebrate Mother's Day and give thanks for the ministry of Norma Hazelton to our church. It's going to be a day full of joy, looking forward to seeing you!

By Kirsty DePree



Dear fellow travelers,

This week started out dark and gloomy but is ending on a sunny upbeat note. As we navigate this new normal learning how to be the people of God in this fragile world, let us not forget that God has been by our sides the entire way and will continue to be here with us as we move forward.

This Sunday we will be entering back into the sanctuary on **May 9th** for the first time since last fall. While the governor of NH has lifted the mask mandate and relaxed the COVID protocols, there is still a mask mandate in the city and we will continue to ask people to wear a mask inside and sanitize their hands as they come into the church.

It has been decided to **postpone communion until next Sunday May 16th**, so we can focus on navigating our first worship service together again in the sanctuary.

To ensure all feel safe entering the church we have decided to follow the steps we used last fall, along with some new measures to improve the air quality. We have two air purifiers in the sanctuary and will open the window by the organ and the front door of the church. Please be advised it may be a little cooler inside the building.

Here is what you can expect:

- We will enter through the parking lot door and exit through the front door with exception of those who are handicapped.

- There will be a greeter to ask the COVID questions. You will **not** be asked if you are vaccinated, but you will **need** to be wearing a mask.
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- Your temperature will be taken and there will be a sanitation station to sanitize your hands.
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- You will enter the sanctuary in the front, pick up a bulletin and drop your offering envelope.
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- You will proceed to an available seat following the arrows on the floor.

We encourage people to visit outside before entering the church, and to visit with each other outside after the service is over. Let us celebrate being together!

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship continues to meet in person on Thursday morning at 9 AM. We were the recipient of several bins and boxes of yarn from Joann (Austin) Allard. We will be knitting for some time! She also donate some embroidered table linens and a lap robe which we will have for sale at the Christmas Bazaar this year. Thank you! We have donated some prayer shawls that we had put aside last March for the Jack Byrne Palliative Center. They were warmly received at the center.

CHAPMAN/WHITNEY Scholarship Applications

The Trustees will welcome applications during the month of May for the Chapman/Whitney Scholarship. The Chapman/Whitney Scholarship is an educational scholarship opportunity that is available to graduating high school seniors, graduate students, or anyone entering a technical program or other continuing education program. Please pick up your application in the Church Office, Monday – Friday, during office hours from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. All applications are due back by **May 25, 2021**. The Trustees will announce the lucky recipient(s) on Church School Sunday in June, date to be announced. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tracy Bickford or Linda Maynard on behalf of the Trustees.

The Little Food Pantry has seen some withdrawals as well as some additions. Now that the weather is warmer we are accepting cans and jar goods. Some of the items that go quickly are peanut butter, ramen noodles and coffee. At present we have plenty of mac and cheese, pasta and rice, but anything you donate is greatly appreciated. Please pass the word on about the availability of food in the Little Food Pantry.

Upcoming

The trustees and deacons will be meeting this coming **Thursday, May13th at 6:30 PM.** Notice of time and place will go out early next week.

Men's Group

It's confirmed that we will build Cynthia Sleeper's ramp on **Saturday June 5th.** We will **meet at 8 am** and have a breakfast meeting somewhere, and then those that are available, willing, and able will go to Tall Timbers to build the ramp. You don't need to have any experience, special skills, or tools to help. It doesn't matter if you can only work for a few hours or through to the afternoon, your help will be useful.

For the 8 am meeting we are thinking of a restaurant, but we want to know if anyone is hesitant about eating inside? If so we'll look for a place that has an outside eating option.

Please let us know if you are interested in attending the meeting and/or working on the ramp or if you have any questions or ideas.

Attached to this email is a photo of the banner welcoming you all back to church.

Faithfully
Nancy Simpson
for WLCC



