WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

In gladness, like our ancestor, King David, we proclaim:
“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” (Psalm 122:1)

And so, we did! On Sunday, May 22nd, we returned to the house of the Lord for in-sanctuary worship.

Sisters and Brothers, we have so much for which we can be thankful! The Holy Spirit is indeed alive and blowing in and through us.

On Thursday, May 13th, the Mask Mandate was lifted for fully vaccinated persons in the State of Pennsylvania. This directive follows that of the CDC, which rescinded masking and social distancing requirements for fully vaccinated people.

Starview United Church of Christ will no longer require masks to be worn indoors during worship for people who are fully vaccinated. People who are not yet fully vaccinated or are immunocompromised should still wear mask indoors, in keeping with guidance from the CDC.

Additionally, anyone who is not comfortable being unmasked indoors should feel free to continue to wear a mask.

Children, kindergarten age and older, who are not yet fully vaccinated will continue to mask while meeting indoors.

Exuberant singing is encouraged, but while wearing a mask. COVID is an airborne virus, and since both vaccinated and unvaccinated people are able to transmit it, masking while singing reduces everyone’s risk of transmitting or contracting the virus.

Pre-registration is not necessary. A greeter will take your information when you arrive. Should we discern that in Sunday morning worship, you were potentially exposed, we will use the collected information to contact you and the PA Health Department.

Virtual worship via Facebook Live is always an option. A Facebook account is not needed in order to participate in this way. A family member or friend who does have a FB account can simply email or text you the service link and you can then, click on the link and participate in worship too – as it is happening – live with everyone else! As has been done in the past, for later viewing, the service will be made available on church website on Sunday afternoon.

Offering plates will continue to be located at each entrance/exit for your safety. E-tithing forms are also available for your convenience.

Both entrances/exit to the sanctuary will remain open with hand sanitizing stations located at each, for your convenience.

The Christian life is meant to be one marked with self-sacrifice and love, integrity and honesty, yet because we all sin and find it easy to do so, these are things we must work hard at. Knowing this, we turn to the words of scripture for encouragement and guidance.

Jesus calls us to love one another. He said, “As I have loved you, you must love one another.” (John 13:34) and “Do unto others as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31) The Apostle Paul pointed out that “we should take pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord, but also in the eyes of man!” (2 Corinthians 8:21) and we should “not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.” (Colossians 3:9).

As a community of faith-full followers of Jesus, we trust one another. We trust in the Christ-like, sacrificial love we have for one another, and are called to be truthful in our actions as well as our words; we trust one another to do what is right and safe for everyone – that we might continue worshipping safely in the house of the Lord, together.

May it be so…

It is exciting to take these steps with you in safely returning to life as “normal” and hope to see you in-person, inside the house of the Lord, for worship this Sunday.

Pastor Laura
**Welcome!** We rejoice at your presence today! If you are a guest, please take a moment to sign the Guest Book in the entry and/or pick up a salmon colored visitor form in the pew holders. If you are interested in a pastoral visit or in becoming a member of Starview UCC, please speak with a Church Council member, an usher or greeter, or phone the church office.

**Hours of Services:** Worship 9:00AM

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**2021 Starview UCC Church Council/Officers/Committee Chairs**

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With Jesus Christ as the foundation, Starview United Church of Christ values:

- Worship
- Bible-centered preaching and teaching
- The Sacraments of Holy Communion & Baptism
- ALL people
- Tradition and purposeful change
- Spiritual Growth
- Ministries of Outreach
- Stewardship of our time, talent & treasure
- Fellowship

**ON THE CALENDAR AT STARVIEW UCC THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, July 25th**
9:00 AM  **Sunday Worship Service**

**Wednesday, 7/28**
7:00 PM  **Worship in the Woods (Parsonage Lawn)**

**Next Sunday, August 1st**
9:00 AM  **Worship Service**

**Worship in the Woods Mid-Week Worship Series at 7 PM**
This summer, we will gather to worship God in nature. We will begin on the parsonage lawn that first week, but on other occasions, we may move our worship time to a local park, a church member’s garden, or even a local body of water. No matter where we worship in nature, we can be certain God will speak to us through creation.

So, I hope you’ll consider participating in this “all-age” time of outdoor worship. Below is a tentative schedule with the corresponding theme or focus listed. Remember to bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on, dress comfortably, and wear sunscreen and/or bug spray as you feel necessary.

**July 28 – Fungi…** *(In the Parsonage Lawn)*

**August 4 – Flowers** *(Allen & Judy Dove’s home: 11 Oak Drive, Mt. Wolf, PA 17347)*

**August 11 – Fruit**

**August 18 – Water**

**August 25 – Birds**

**Mid-Morning Devotions – 9AM**

**Tuesdays Under the Shade Tree with Pastor Laura**

(A shortened online version of each devotion time will be posted on the church Facebook page and to the church website, for the convenience of those who work or are unable to attend in person or at the scheduled times)

**JULY BIRTHDAYS!!!**

July 29 - Earl Caswell
July 29 - Candy Lau
July 31 - Betty Couch

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!!**

August 1 - Thelma Plowman
August 1 - Michael Wertz
August 2 - Tom Hoover
August 2 - Nathan Plowman
August 5 - Olivia Lizano
August 7 - Trishann Zorbaagh
August 8 - Connie Eckenrode
August 10 - Ryleigh Clancy
August 11 - John Heck
August 12 - Rick Peterson
August 16 - Faye Schaeffer
August 17 - Emily Moyer
August 17 - Rachael Wertz
August 19 - Denise Hopstetter
August 19 - Mike Nace
August 20 - Deb Pdegraaff
August 20 - Wendy Helke
August 23 - Tristyn Zorbaagh
August 28 - Morgan Edlebulte
August 29 - Judy Dove
August 30 - Claire Moore

**SERVANTS NE HOME HELPS WORKCAMP**

**JULY 25TH – JULY 30TH**

Please contact JoAnn Kreeger for volunteer opportunities in the kitchen.