



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 19

**Online Abbreviated
Worship Service**

9:30 AM

Live on Facebook

The Presbyterian Church at
Woodbury

This will also be sent out
through email afterwards and
will be available on the church
website: www.pcwoodbury.com

FELLOWSHIP ZOOM MEETINGS

are held on
Sundays, at 10:30 a.m. to provide
a fellowship time for our
members to connect and “visit”
with each other. An email will
be sent out Saturday or Sunday
morning with the details. You
will be able to click on the link in
the email to connect using your
computer, phone or iPad.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, August 2 at 9:30 am.
Join us for our online worship
service and communion with
the congregation through
Facebook Live. Preparation
and instructions will follow in
an email on Saturday, August
1st.



NORMAL

In his 1920 Presidential campaign, Sen. Warren G. Harding of Ohio, pledged a “return to normalcy.” Now, Harding, for the most part, was not a man of vision; unless you count looking backward; but he was a Senator from a key state who “looked” like a President and thus, seemed the right man for the time. That is; he was someone who wouldn't get in the way of the “real” decision makers, and thus would be allowed ample time to play golf during the day and cards at night.

The country was coming off the horrors of WWI and perceived hidden risks of stepping into the international scene as a world power. The message to the voters was that we have had enough of meddling in foreign affairs. Let us return to a more tranquil time, let the power brokers rule, let us be concerned only about the America we knew and not the America that could be. Let us calm down and get back to normal.

Now, normal is not necessarily bad. Your temperature is down and back to normal. Your heart rate is normal – good. Your blood work and blood pressure are normal. That is comforting. We get all of this and we like it. But in these cases, normal is easy to define. Not so easy to define is what normal means as far as cultural inclusion, human rights, or pandemics; a place in which we now reside.

Truth be told; I don't think we really should limit our goals in these troubled times, to just returning to normal. We must do better than to see each other and see our country maintaining a status quo mentality when it comes to dealing with a horrible disease or pandemic, or when confronting our failing to “secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”

Our dilemma is formidable, our challenge great; but our opportunities are even greater. We hold in our hands the chance to really make a difference; to create a nation that more closely mirrors the aspiration penned in Philadelphia almost 250 years ago. We stand on the threshold of not returning to an old normalcy, but creating a new vision of normal based on the message of Jesus Christ. It was a challenge for the original disciples and it is a challenge for us as well; but we are called to take it on, with all our heart and soul and mind. We must preach His message and we must live His message; and then the face of normal will be changed forever. Thanks be to God.

Milt Fredericks
Lay Pastor of Congregational Care



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS:

Since the church has been closed and members aren't able to pick up the written copy of the Upper Room devotionals for July and August, it is available electronically. It is being sent as an attachment with the email for this newsletter.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN MOVING FORWARD: Session had been given information from the Presbytery on all that is needed in order to reopen. We know there are many questions and issues; so, in line with WJP recommendation there was a MOTION to form a Covid 19 committee to explore all of this and report back in mid-July to Session and Trustees. The committee consists of Eric Campo, Janet Edick, Rose Fredericks and Dale McIntyre. It was seconded and carried. The committee has representation from Session, Trustees, staff and someone from the Health Care field. They also reserve the right to invite other staff as necessary.

THANK YOU for continuing to send in your offerings and donations! We are very grateful for your financial support during this difficult time.

Online Donations: We are finally set up for **online giving**. You can go to the website: pcwoodbury.com or click on the **Give Now** button below. You can also continue to mail in your check made payable to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury to the church or to Kathi Lynch, 1510 Manduit Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086.



PAST WORSHIP SERVICES AND SERMONS are available to read on our website: www.pcwoodbury.com. Last weeks Virtual Service had some Facebook connection problems, but you can still read the service online.



**DRIVE BY FOOD PANTRY
DROP-OFF JULY 19, 2020
1PM-3PM**

The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury, in cooperation with the churches of the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministry, is sponsoring a food drive on **Sunday, July 19** from 1 to 3 PM at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Evergreen Avenue in Woodbury. It will be a drive-up drop off in the parking lot of the church (330 E. Barber & Evergreen Avenues, Woodbury, NJ 08096)

Directions to drop-off: Go east on Cooper Street to S. Woodland Ave. Enter the church parking lot from Woodland and exit onto Barber Ave. Place contributed items in the trunk of your car or the rear of your SUV or pickup truck. They will be removed by volunteers.

Items needed include:

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| COMPLETE PANCAKE MIX | PANCAKE SYRUP |
| COLD CEREAL | JELLY |
| CANNED TUNA | PEANUT BUTTER |
| SPAGHETTI | TOILET PAPER |
| SPAGHETTI SAUCE | MAC & CHEESE |
| COFFEE | TEA BAGS |
| LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT | SOAP |

Please **NO** pork products, including pork & beans and no items past their expiration date.

If you are interested in volunteering contact Dot Harris by email at rwhvmd@hotmail.com

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family of Sally Love, John Atkinson and family, Sam Speers and family, Pat Davis and family, Wendy Kunz, Fred Hills, Kay Black, Cheryl Schad, Ron Mohring, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Clara Petry, Florence Hillman, Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, Amelia Exley, Alex Jenei, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

