



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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## HARD DECISIONS

There is no question that all of us have had to make some exceedingly difficult decisions in our lives over the past six months. The global pandemic has changed the way we live, work and communicate with each other. We have struggled over who we can visit, reopening of churches, businesses and schools and how we can safely survive in this new environment.

Many traditions, customs, and practices have been dramatically altered—graduations, weddings, vacations, even funerals. Things, for now, cannot be the same. So it is within our church; even if we can reopen on September 20<sup>th</sup>, one of our major events for September each year, Rally Day—the official opening of Sunday School and the Christian Education year, will not be taking place. The worship and CE Task Force has decided to forego this monumental tradition for this year. We are trying to reopen for worship; but that does not include Sunday School or small groups for now.

It is a bitter pill to swallow. But like most pills, even the bitter ones, it will help us to start healing and grow as

individuals and as a church. We can increase our daily reading of scripture and devotionals and encourage our children and families to do the same. I will continue to send out packets to children and families for activities they can do at home. We can encourage our young children and all adults to stay in touch with those they have met in their class or small group; and thus, be a support system for one another.

Truth be told, there are more hard decisions yet to come like the realization our Advent Party may also be in jeopardy. Let us recognize this is not only a church dilemma—it is a cultural one as well. There is no doubt that all holiday customs and gatherings will need to be examined by families across our nation.

We cannot wallow in pity, however. We need to rise up to this oncoming challenge and move forward to worship and praise He who gave everything for us.

Blessings,  
Kristen Franchetti  
Director of Christian Education

**SUNDAY**  
**August 23 and 30**  
**9:30 AM**

**Online Worship Service**  
**Live on Facebook**

The Presbyterian Church at  
Woodbury  
Milt Fredericks  
preaching

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

[www.pcwoodbury.com](http://www.pcwoodbury.com)

**IN PERSON WORSHIP  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020  
9:30 AM**

**I N M E M O R I A M**

**Amelia Exley**

**November 1, 1944 – August 16, 2020**

*“I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.” John 11:25*

The service for Amelia will be Saturday, August 22 at 11:00 AM at Kelly Funeral Home in Pitman. Visitation is from 9-11. Internment to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Hurffville.

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The Session met and approved opening the sanctuary for worship on **Sunday, September 20** with a safety protocol. Yes, we will be able to worship in the sanctuary, but it will be very different from pre-Covid 19 events. The church leadership has diligently worked to have a plan to keep everyone as safe as possible with best practices from the CDC and recommendations from West Jersey Presbytery. The protocol for worship was printed in the last newsletter and will be printed again closer to opening in September. If you feel the need to worship from home, we will be continuing our FB Live services. Again, thank you for your prayerful patience during this difficult time, and I look forward to joining you for worship in the sanctuary next month.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The family of Amelia Exley, The family of Kay Black, The family of Sally Love, John Atkinson and family, Sam Speers and family, Pat Davis and family, Al Edwards, Fred Petri, Wendy Kunz, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Clara Petry, Florence Hillman, Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, 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.

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

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** The GWCM Food Pantry is still open, but with new guidelines. Because of COVID19 restrictions, the pantry can no longer buy items in bulk and is short on several items. They especially need: cereals (hot and cold), jelly (lots), pancake mix, syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper. All items can be dropped off at the Seventh Day Adventist Woodbury Church at 330 East Barber Avenue in Woodbury. Donations need to be left at the SINGLE door of the church which faces the large parking lot (Barber Ave. side). Donations are only accepted on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS between 9:30 and 11:00 am. Covid19 policies are practiced. THANK YOU to all who can help at this much needed time!

**Online Donations:** We are finally set up for **online giving**. You can 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.

