



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY Of EASTER April 25, 2021

9:30 A.M.

**WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service**

10:30 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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FIFTH SUNDAY Of EASTER May 2, 2021

9:30 A.M.

**WORSHIP SERVICE
300th Anniversary Speaker
Tawnya Denise Anderson
Communion
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service**

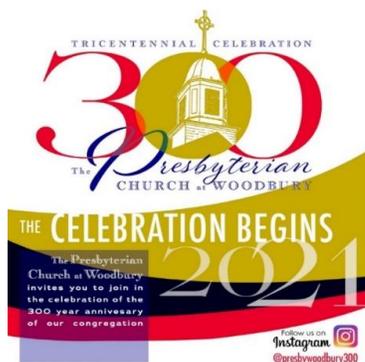
10:30 A.M.

Congregational Meeting

10:45 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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A Matter of Perspective

I was sitting at my computer, with a definite thought about where to go in this month's newsletter article; and the Monty Python song, "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life," kept coming into my head. Now, while I think it best at this time not to travel the background to the tune which first came out in 1975; I think the sentiment, in this time and in the circumstances which surround us; is somewhat fitting some 46 years later.

For many Americans this has been a difficult and challenging 16 months. Lives disrupted, loved ones lost, plans diverted, jobs removed and our state of mind threatened. Even the sanctuary of church, the assurance of a place of rest, protection, peace and hope has not escaped the need to put on hold so many of its core missions and outreach. We have been forced to reexamine on a weekly basis how to best approach the challenges before us and to serve our congregation in their time of need to worship, pray, connect and be comforted. Not everything has always gone smoothly, but we all have to remember this is the first time in 100 years we have faced such a task.

I would like to offer now, that we do look on the bright side and realize where we started and where we are now. The service itself has taken on a totally new dimension with live streaming on face book, the ability to watch the service at any time, new cameras and sound system to enhance the presentation and two screens to help worshipers during the service. Pastor Phil has worked hard to create this new and exciting worship

experience; along with our tech helper Ryan.

With no congregational singing the challenge of a continued music ministry arose; but Jack has provided the answers; in part utilizing a wonderful group of young people who not only provide a choir for us; until our full choir can return; but young people who actively participate in the service as well. Our Sunday school program is basically on hold until, we hope, September; but Kristen has provided learning packets, books, puzzles and more for all families with children each month. And we are grateful that Dave Platt's class is back meeting after worship. Our missions continue as best they can; because volunteers show up when needed and on a moments call. I would like to thank all of the congregation who has been such a help with the care and well-being of their brothers and sisters in Christ. People who have kept Phil and I notified about those who are ill or really struggling. In some ways I feel a renewed vigor because of their care and concern.

The bottom line is that things are looking up, because we are looking out; looking to be the disciples we are called to be. I would add here, that Sunday April 11; when we saw many attend in person who have not been able to come; was such an emotional and heartwarming day. We all look forward to a full opening; but let us keep a smile on our face and in our heart as Day by Day, we see all things more clearly. Thanks be to God!

Milt Fredericks
Lay Pastor of Congregational Care



Hand Painted Slate Tiles Tricentennial Anniversary Online Auction

Slate Roof Tiles from the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury have been beautifully painted by member Becca Brown. There are six hand painted tiles - each with a unique picture of the sanctuary up for auction. Bidding for a slate tile begins at \$100.00 and the highest bidder will receive first choice of the tiles. The remaining five tiles will follow suit in choosing their tile. Bidding has begun *and ends May 16, 2021* at midnight. Winners will be announced on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Please send bids to Mary Lynne Diehlman at diehlman@comcast.net. All bids will be acknowledged by email and you will be notified if your bid falls below the top six bids. Thanks for supporting this fundraising event as we celebrate 300 years as a congregation.



300th Anniversary Speaker: On Sunday, May 2, 2021, we will welcome Tawnya Denise Anderson. Denise is the former Co-moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the PCUSA and is currently Acting Director at Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries in Louisville, KY. She was born in Oxford, England, attended Virginia Commonwealth University and Howard University. Denise is a writer/blogger at SOULa Scriptura and contributor at RevGalBlogPals. We are delighted to have her here to help celebrate our Tricentennial.



A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after worship on Sunday, May 2, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the upcoming year.

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Grants: FEMA is now accepting applications for Funeral Assistance through their "Dedicated Call Center" at (844) 684-6333. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. You may qualify if you paid for funeral expense after Jan. 20, 2020 and the funeral expenses were for an individual whose death in the United States that may have been caused by or was likely the result of COVID-19. For more information and application visit their site at:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>

The Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministry FOOD PANTRY continues to help our neighbors who are struggling with food insecurity. Please consider picking up a few extra items next time you go shopping. Typical items- canned fruit & veggies, tuna, pasta & sauce, complete pancake mix & syrup plus liquid laundry detergent. Thanks for your continued generosity!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wendy Kunz, Joe Leone, Al Edwards, Geri Petri, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, 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.