

Hayshire Community Garden?

Council has discussed the possibility of a Community Garden in the past, and now our youth have expressed an interest in the idea of a garden and composting area, which we would like to help them pursue.

Our resident horticulturist, Sally Dietz, is being consulted for guidance on this project, if we decide to proceed. And we would appreciate your input concerning this project, as we are all novices at this. Also, if we do proceed, we will need everyone's help, from your supportive prayers to your help with seedlings to start our plantings, as well as the ongoing care of our garden.

We are planning to use the fenced in area that was created originally because of State regulations when we were hosting the YWCA youth, so it will finally be nice to put it to good use.

Just know we could develop the garden into a true Community Garden will need creative discussion and research with the Township.

Of courses, considering that we are all still required to remain at home, we do not know if or when such a project could move forward, but now is the time for discussion, decisions, and planning. While being at home, perhaps a good project for children could be the starting of seedlings in plastic cups, or whatever you have at home.

//JoAnn Stoner



Can You Believe It?

Can you believe it has been five years since Pastor Brenda has joined us as our settled Pastor here at Hayshire UCC?

April 3, 2015 Pastor Brenda joined us for our Easter Weekend celebration. Council had planned a celebration for Palm Sunday, but of course, the current pandemic crisis shut down that plan, but we will reschedule a celebration as we start back to some sense of normalcy, so stay tuned for future plans.

At the 5-yr anniversary period, all UCC churches plan for their pastor's sabbatical, which Council has been addressing, and will provide information on such plans as they develop, as they have been compromised as a result of the current crisis we are all dealing with.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 • Douglas Wolfgang
- 4 • Claire Teyral
- 8 • Carl Gladfelter
- 9 • Whitney Snyder
- 10 • Susan Herman
- 11 • Taylor Daniels
- 13 • Erin Gross
- 14 • Krishan Kumar
- 16 • Karl Hassler
- 16 • Laurie Strausbaugh
- 17 • Helen Bair
- 20 • Lois Immel
- 20 • Eric Stausbaugh
- 23 • Randall Sipe
- 29 • Harry Householder, Jr.



ANNIVERSARIES

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- 9 • Tom & Joyce Gross
- 14 • Bob & Mae Duncan
- 18 • Kermit & Bev Hoke



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A Message from Community Aid

"Our stores and donation centers are closed in compliance with the Governor's order. We are legally prohibited from picking up at bins or receiving at donation centers. We need your kindness now and when we re-open, so please, keep your donations safe for us by keeping them at home. We will see you soon! THANK YOU!"



Pastoral Reflections . . .

Over the past 6-8 weeks, life has changed dramatically. We have watched the panicked shopping that too many engaged in during March when we first started to hear words of caution and potential “shut downs.” Those shut downs and “stay at home” orders have come to fruition, and we are surviving them.

Too many, though, are still panicked and worried about what tomorrow will bring; and what will happen when the restrictions are lifted and we can get back to more normal activities.

- Will there be work for everyone?
- Will our economy recover?
- Will the stock market bounce back?
- How will we pay the bills we haven't been able to pay without regular income, with delayed unemployment benefits, etc.?
- What if the virus comes back, and we have to shut down everything for a 2nd time – how will we survive?
- When will we have a vaccine so we don't have to worry about this anymore?

These are just some of the real and serious questions that we all are wondering about. Unfortunately, we don't have answers for them, and can't do anything about them today. We must wait until we are given the “go ahead” to resume our more normal activities. There is only so much we can do to plan ahead, to help place ourselves in the best possible position to come out of this crisis well.

Waiting is so hard! Most of us are people of action, we want to do, and we hate being told we can't do anything right now. We must wait. And we are beginning to see the toll that waiting and uncertainty is having on folks – by the number of protests, the “rants” on Facebook, and the angry and sometimes abusive behaviors aimed at others

who are merely doing their jobs to ensure the safety of all, but many see them as preventing us from living our lives the way we want and need to.



So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

-Matthew 6:34

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Unfortunately, these restrictions are necessary to preserve the health of everyone – whether we want to hear that or believe it. For those who have major health conditions already, it is a matter of life and death. And none of us want to be separated from our loved ones as they struggle and sometimes die alone. So, we are all asked, requested, required to do the loving thing and stay home for a while longer. Those who are making the decisions are not making them without balancing all the effects on everyone –

financially, emotionally, and physically. And those who have been working tirelessly to keep us going – keep us clean, fed, and cared for health wise – need us to show our appreciation and love for them by doing as we are asked, for the near future.

The tough reality is, that all we know we have for certain is today – this moment in time. Tomorrow is not guaranteed for any of us. Hopefully over the past 6-8 weeks you have been able to slow down a bit and focus on present time – to find some comfort, peace, and even joy in the present – allowing yourself to just “be”, to allow your emotional and physical batteries to recharge.

May you cherish the moments you have, cherish the people you have them with, and don't take for granted the gift of life that God has given you. And may we have the strength and wisdom to leave tomorrow in God's hands, resting assured that God is already there ahead of us, working to bring us through it. God, in your love and mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Brenda

From your President---

As our lives continue to be consumed each day by the coronavirus, there is one of our dear friends that I truly miss. That individual would be Freda Smith. How I miss being around her and being able to talk to. Freda was one of the most inspirational people that I have ever met in my life. Knock on wood, but physically I am doing fine. I am not so sure about the psychological part of dealing with this virus.

Freda knew how to pick up your spirits. It is hard to believe that she has been gone almost 5 years. Everyone that knew Freda was a better person for having known her. Despite everything she had been through earlier in her life and the late stages of her life, Freda maintained her unwavering faith in God. Keeping your faith when things are going smoothly is the easy part. Keeping your faith when life is a struggle is much tougher.

I only took Freda one time to her radiation treatments at John Hopkins, but it is a day that I will remember and cherish for a lifetime. The love each of those patients and family members shared with one another was truly amazing. Whenever one of the patients would be finished with their last treatment, they would ring a bell and everyone in the waiting room would cheer. Small victories were definitely worth celebrating. Unfortunately, in most cases, the patient would only be taking a break from their radiation treatments. They would not be cured.

I had a chance to speak to her family a few days before her death. I told them how inspirational Freda had been to me and would continue to be throughout the rest of my life. Freda did not feel sorry for herself nor was she angry about her condition. She enjoyed each and every day that she had left. She was willing to do experimental treatments. It may not benefit her, but if it helped to save someone else's life. That is what was important to Freda. I hope that I can have the same dignity, as Freda exhibited, dealing with any health issues that I may experience.

During this very difficult time in our lives, think about those special people that have had an impact on your life. How would they be

dealing with this virus and the emotional toll of being in a lockdown? I know Freda would be handling this pandemic much better than I am. I miss Freda, but remembering the strength she showed, will go a long way towards helping me cope with the psychological battle.

Please stay safe and healthy.

//Scott Shue

Special Worship Music Planned



June 28, 2020 we have scheduled Re-Creation to present their special musical talent and worship for us to appreciate and join in as they use their God-given talent to praise God. Re-Creation USA is based in Selingsgrove, Pa., and has been blessing many congregations all over the country for many years with their musical worship. This is a group of young adults who commit 10-17 months of their lives to Re-Creation, traveling and performing at their own expense to praise God with the talents He has given to them.

We will honor them with a free-will offering and a luncheon immediately following the service.

We are just hopeful that the current pandemic we are dealing with now will diminish substantially to allow us to enjoy this special worship as scheduled. We will keep you advised of any change in this plan.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- We are accepting monetary donations for the food bank.
- We will be starting a vegetable garden in the fenced area behind the church.
- We will continue our church service via zoom until further notice.

The Best Laid Plans.....

I think most of us like to, or feel the need to, plan things out – at least to a certain extent. We like to have something to look forward to, like prom, graduation, a vacation, a special holiday or a family get together.

Most of the time our plans work out like we hope they will, or with a little modification, and then there are the times like this year when all bets are off.

Well, as you can guess, Mark and I have postponed our wedding, which was originally scheduled for May 8. We have moved it to June 12, and we'll see if that date works based on the gathering guidelines, or we need to push it again. It will also depend on when marriage licenses are being issued again. Right now, they are on a limited basis. So.... Our plans are flexible.

Another plan that has become flexible is for time off. This year, is my 5th anniversary with Hayshire UCC. It's hard to believe that 5 years have already come and gone. Where has the time gone? We have been very busy with activities and worship together, and it has been a lot of fun!

Every 5 years or so, the United Church of Christ recommends and encourages all clergy to take Sabbatical time in order to rest and renew themselves and their ministry. When I was called by Hayshire to be your settled pastor, part of my contract stated that after every 5 years of full-time employment, I am eligible, and encouraged, to take some Sabbatical time. After 5 years here at Hayshire and 3+ years previously working in other forms of ministry, I recognize that I need the time to recharge my own batteries.

Sabbatical time is usually 3 months of paid time off, in addition to my regular vacation. I have discussed the matter with both the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) and Council, and we have agreed that I will split the time into 2 segments and take 6 weeks this year (2020) and 6 weeks in 2021, thus lessening the burden on our finances.

The original plan is for me to take my 6 weeks of Sabbatical time from June 15 – July 26 this year. Whether or not I am able to take my time as originally planned will depend on when we are able to resume in-person worship. If we are able to

resume in-person worship by Mid-May, I will be taking my Sabbatical as planned. If we do not return to in-person worship until the beginning of June, I will be postponing my Sabbatical until August 31 – October 11.

I wanted to give you a heads up about scheduling moving forward and will keep you posted as things are firmed up. Pastor Curt will play a large role in providing my Sabbatical coverage no matter when I am able to take it, so you will be in good hands! More information will follow soon.

~Pastor Brenda

What Can We Do?

In this time of crisis for the whole world, what can we do as members of Hayshire UCC? There are so many needs out there, and I know I feel like I just don't know what or how I can help, and I do feel frustrated with that.

But the one thing we can all do is just what Hayshire has been doing for years--- support the Northeastern Food Bank. So many people are in tremendous need of food, diapers, other baby needs, toilet paper, cleaning products, etc., all the things we all need for our families to survive, while incomes are lost or reduced because of this pandemic we are all dealing with for who knows how long.

At this time food banks everywhere are asking for financial donations to support their particular needs for the communities they serve.

So, at this time we are asking for your financial support for the Northeastern Food Bank. Whatever you can offer to support our community will be greatly appreciated. This is just another way we can come together as a congregation to do whatever we can for our community.

Please forward whatever you can to Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr., York, Pa. 17406, specifying it is for the Food Bank. Dawn will forward a total check from the Church to the Northeastern Food Bank on a weekly basis.

God Will Bless You.

//JoAnn Stoner





May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 10, 2020
Mother's Day
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 24, 2020
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-4
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Worship News

Come join us as we break bread together by celebrating communion.

June 7, July 5, August 2



“Messy Church is more than a church. Its a way of being for all-ages to join in experiencing fun & faith formative activities found throughout the globe.”

Although we find it necessary to postpone Messy Church for May, please mark your calendar for Friday, June 19th, 6:00-7:30pm for our next gathering.

Worship via Zoom and Conference Call

Worship will continue via Zoom (video) and conference call until further notice. All members and regulars will receive word of when we will resume in-person worship with as much notice as possible. Our goal is to communicate this at least one week in advance. Creative Worship Team and Council are discussing using media in an on-going basis as we resume in-person worship. More info to follow soon.

Calling all Graduates!

Are you graduating this year or have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew - a close family member who is graduating this year? Please send your information to Dawn in the office by May 22. She will need the following information about your grad: their NAME, SCHOOL they are graduating from, DEGREE they are receiving (diploma, BS, Masters, etc.), and PLANS for the future along with your name and how they are related to you. This is a big achievement and we want to celebrate with you!



We will lift up all our grads during worship on May 31st - whether we are worshipping in person or via digital means. And their information will be shared in the June Newsletter.



CALENDAR //May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Council Meeting 6PM	12	13 Choir 7PM	14 YA Clergy Support 10AM Book Club 2PM	15	16
17	18	19	20 Choir 7PM	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day Office CLOSED	26	27 Choir 7PM	28	29	30
31 Pentecost Sunday						



WORSHIP SUPPORT //May

*Due to worship services being held via zoom and conference call, no volunteers are needed and altar flowers will not be ordered.

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Worship Leaders					
Greeters					
Nursery					
Bulletin Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor
Altar Flower Sponsor	* Be a Sponsor				
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Head Usher	Scott Shue				
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