

UNION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



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I finally moved into the neighborhood. Whoop Whoop! My dog Seamus & I are settled comfortably into the manse & have almost emptied our boxes. Moving into a new neighborhood can be stressful, but my new church family have made me feel welcome. God has blessed you with the gift of hospitality. From the session including me in the renovations at the manse, to the bouquet of flowers, gift basket and food on moving day, and your calls, cards, & emails, I praise God for them all.

As our Covid restrictions begin to let up, my prayer is that you get your vaccine and re-join us in worship and activities in the life of the church. Going forward, the session and I are working through plans to continue our hybrid model of worship with both in-person and online opportunities for you to continue worshipping Almighty God. We plan to fellowship and celebrate safely both inside and outside at events with options to socially distance and remain masked for those who choose.

We recognize you may still want to wear masks and we respect your decision. No judgement here! As your new pastor, I am learning to quickly recognize you with your masks adorned but look forward to seeing your beautiful faces with or without them.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Heb. 13:2)

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Diane Flynn 412-997-0642 cell



**Seamus
exhausted on
moving day**



Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6th

Join us in worship as we celebrate our graduates.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Anthony Flick – Lenape Technical School
Jonathan Boltz – Geneva College



Men's Group Yard Sale June 18th – 19th 8:00am – 2:00pm

Have you cleaned out your closets & garages during the pandemic? Bring your gently used items in good working order to the annual Men's Group yard sale. We are collecting items in a room off the fellowship hall and will be glad to sell them for you. Want to sell them yourself? Rent a table for \$5 and do just that. One person's trash is another person's treasure (but please don't send us your trash).



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Worship will begin at 10:00am from
May 30th – August 29th



Kyle Plansinis
New I.T. Media Coordinator

From the beginning of the pandemic, Kyle Plansinis and Chris Toy led the charge with Rev. Colleen McFarland, former interim pastor to immediately switch our worship to livestream online through Facebook. We quickly became aware that livestreaming our services has now become the front door of the church in this digital age.

As we continue to offer opportunities for hybrid worship both in-person and online, the session is excited to announce the hiring of Kyle Plansinis as I.T. Media Coordinator. Kyle will work part-time with Rev. Flynn and others as the point of contact and support for the electronic & Wi-Fi systems, digital media, church website, presentations for worship & other events.

This is a new position that we are confident will evolve over time. We are thrilled that Kyle has felt called to serve God in this emerging ministry to the people of Cowansville and beyond.



Memorial Day honors all those lost to war and conflicts while fighting for

our country. May we honor and remember the brave warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice with a holy memory and a grateful heart.



You are cordially invited to attend the Service of Installation of

Rev. Diane C. Flynn

Sunday, June 27th at 4:00pm

Dinner to follow in the outdoor pavilion

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to the church by phone or email 724-548-5758 or Cowansville.Church@gmail.com **By June 19, 2021**

Masks and socially distanced seating will be available for those in need.

In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish... In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been (previously) ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry.

Occasions of...installation have to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual. Those ordained and installed to ordered ministry fulfill a particular role in the larger ministry of the church. (Excerpt from The Book of Common Worship, p. 457)



Steve & Teresa Geidel – May 31st

Roger & Chris Freehling – June 11th

David & Jackie Scotka – June 15th

David & Colleen Flick – June 17th

David & Melissa Cushey – June 19th



Barb Johns – May 30th

Ted Geidel & Pat Robinson – June 3rd

Mike DeBacco – June 5th

Jake Shrekengost & David Snyder – June 7th

Pat Boltz – June 8th

Linda Shankle Costanzo & Taylor Rumbarger –
June 9th

Bobbi Jo Tatters – June 11th

Arn McAuley – June 14th

Keri Weaver Cerutti – June 17th

Kelly Snyder Holmberg – June 18th

Curt Reep – June 20th

Gabriel Elder & Stephanie Douglass – June 21st

Sue Geidel – June 22nd

Richey Toy – June 25th

Paige Gray – June 27th

Juliann Patton Yockey – June 28th

Bradley Patton & Steve Evans – June 29th

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the following whose loved ones have entered the Church Triumphant:

Sherree, niece of Curt & Patti Reep – April 18th

Larry Cogley, cousin of Kathy Harris – May 13th

Mike Titus, brother of Tom Titus– May 23rd

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

Congratulations to Mike Toy and his new bride

Holly who were married May 25th.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Alleluia!

June Meetings & Events

June 2nd, 9:00 am – Mug & a Prayer, Conference Room

June 6th, 10:00am - Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 7th, 6:30 pm - Deacons Meeting, Sanctuary

June 14th, 6:30pm -Worship Committee, Session, 7:00 pm