The Scribe

June 2020

FOMO

Beryl lived in the same neighborhood as our church in Houston. She lived in the neighborhood before the church was built, and the church was built in 1960. Beryl lived in the same neighborhood as the church for nearly fifty years, but she did not join the church until 2004. First, she came on some fun field trips with other members who were on the senior side of life. That led to her joining a Women's Circle for study and fellowship. By that point she was coming to worship nearly every single Sunday. Beryl didn't let her age keep her from trying new things and before you know it, she had joined a yoga class that met on Friday nights at church. Sometime after joining the church, Beryl developed a severe case of FOMO. I didn't make the diagnosis of FOMO. I was describing the symptoms to Julie and after listening for a few minutes she said, "Oh, Beryl has FOMO." I became gravely concerned. FOMO sounded serious. Betraying my alarm, I said "Oh no!" Then I asked, "By the way, what is FOMO?"

I was relieved when Julie enlightened me to the meaning of FOMO. She said, "FOMO is Fear of Missing Out." You see, after Beryl joined the church, she started to refer to the church as "My church." Whenever she would drive by the church, and because the church was in the same neighborhood, she drove by the church a lot, whenever Beryl would drive by the church and see cars in the parking lot, she would ask, "What's going on at my church?" It was really pretty sweet. Beryl had "Fear of Missing Out!" She could not bear the thought that someone was doing something at her church, and she was not there to share in the joy, to share in the excitement, to share in the fellowship.

If you share that diagnosis with Beryl, if you have FOMO, Fear of Missing Out, I want to relieve your anxiety. You have not missed out on anything at church for the last three months! You have not missed out on anything because we have not been able to do anything. Everything has been shut down. And yet it has been a strange time. While it is true that because we were not able to offer anything for these three months, you did not miss out on anything, it is also true that because we were not able to offer anything for three months, we all missed out on everything! And boy, have we missed out.

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We have entered Phase II of Reopening Rhode Island. The Session met on Tuesday, June 2nd and set a goal to begin offering in person worship services for Sunday, June 21st. But to do that, we have to meet all the state requirements for worship services. We will keep you updated on our progress and whether we meet the goal of being ready by June 21st. Whenever we start back up, worship will be different in this Phase II. We can use only 25% of the capacity of the sanctuary. To be safe we are looking at 50 people in worship. Worship will include the wearing of masks (no exceptions), social distancing instructions, a shortened service of 30-40 minutes, and other precautions to keep our gathering as safe as possible. To comply with the state standards, we will even have to have a reservation system to assure we do not exceed capacity. There is lots to do. We hope we can pull everything together for June 21st.

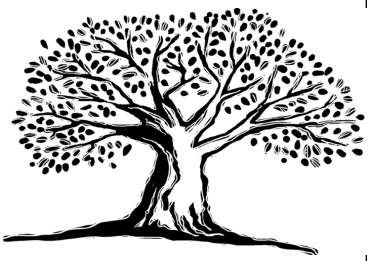
Apart from worship services, all other gatherings have a limit of 15 people. That means our gatherings will be in small groups. I plan on offering informal times to visit, to catch up, to hear how you are doing, to check in on life, and to say a prayer together. This might be a morning coffee, a brown bag lunch, or an afternoon tea. Fellowship Hall is a good place to meet, as 15 people can spread out pretty well so can we observe the distancing standard. If you do come by church, remember your mask. That is part of our life for right now. On a nice afternoon I might ask you to bring a lawn chair and stake out a spot in our upper parking lot and enjoy some outdoor time together.

Because we really do not want anyone to miss out, we will continue with filming our sermons and music and making those available online each Sunday morning. We have put together a 40 Day Daily Bible Reading booklet that will take us through the Gospel of Matthew. For those who are interested we will have a weekly bible study of Matthew that we hope to be able to offer in person or by Zoom. The children have some fun activities that are planned. Things will be different this summer, but we will make the best of what has been a very difficult situation.

If you do feel like you are missing out and you see my car in the parking lot of our church, stop by and say hi. I have missed our time together. This long absence has certainly made my heart grow fonder for you, the wonderful family and friends who make up the Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian. May God continue to watch over and protect us all.

With the love of Christ,
Wayne

News from the Session



The Session held it first in-person meeting in Fellowship Hall with masks and social distancing. The evening was spent developing a process for re-opening the Church. Following the Governor's guidelines, a system is being put in place, which will be very different for our loving and hugging congregation.

The plan is to continue the weekly video worship service, again thanks to Kyle Dodimead. We will hold worship in the Sanctuary when all of the operational pieces are in place (hopefully late June). Services will be short with no music and social distancing. To comply with the 25% occupancy rule, attendance will be limited to 50 or less including the Pastor, organist, and worship assistants. Sanitizing will be in place between services. Entrance and exit strategy will be in place. Gatherings such as Fellowship Hour, breakfasts and luncheons will be curtailed for now and meetings will be restricted to groups of 15 or less. Since the group is small, Vespers will also resume with distancing and masks.

Many of our folks are continuing to do God's work behind the scenes. Our youth leaders are reaching out to our kids, work is being completed on the Meeting House, Jake and Sarah are mowing the grass, Linda continues to do a stellar job of managing our personnel during these strange times, and it goes on!

Special thanks to Pastor Wayne for his daily outreach, working non-stop for all these months! Thanks to Andy for his creativity in keeping us connected. Thanks to Laurie Chipperfield who enabled our "non-tech-savvy Session" to meet online. Thanks also for those who continue to send their tithes and offerings to keep us financially stable.

Remember to take a walk, ride a bike and get outside to enjoy our wonderful woods and seashore!

—Art Ganz, clerk

College/University

- **Celeste Loffredo**, Janet Loffredo's granddaughter, Pennsylvania State University, Smeal College of Business; Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain and Information Systems and a minor in International Business.
- **Jenna Loffredo**, Janet Loffredo's granddaughter, University of Pittsburgh's School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences; Doctorate of Audiology.

High School

- **Jayce Dubrule**, Sylvia Rice's great-grandson and great-nephew of Martha and Sticker Caramiciu.
- **Libby Hancock**, Ken Chaffee's granddaughter, East Bernard Texas High School.
- **Blake Kelley**, son of Lani Kelley.
- **Leo Loffredo**, Janet Loffredo's grandson, Westfield High School, Westerly, NJ; will attend Miami University of Ohio in the fall.
- **Owen Loffredo**, Janet Loffredo's grandson, Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, NY; will attend Miami University of Ohio in the fall and major in business.
- **Hailey Lyon**, Stefanie Gould's daughter and granddaughter of Linda and Mike Olsen, Fitch High School, Groton, CT; will attend Southern New Hampshire University in the fall, major: video game art and programming.
- **Patrick Murphy**, Alanna Murphy's son, Westerly High School; will attend Rhode Island College in the fall majoring in business and playing on the basketball team.
- **Connor Priest**, Don and Martha Geehan's grandson, North Kingstown High School; will attend Roger Williams University, major: Cyber Security; joining the D-1 sailing team.
- **Elizabeth Silvestri**, Jamie and Sue Silvestri's daughter and June Silvestri's granddaughter,; will attend University of Rhode Island.

Middle School

- **Shelby Boylan**, Richard Boylan's son graduated from 8th grade and will attend Westerly High School in the fall.
- **Zachary Synol**, grandson of Dick and Cheryl Ferris, Timothy Edwards Middle School; will attend South Windsor High School in the fall.

Elementary School

- **Malakai Drurey**, great grandson of Hal and Yvette Drurey, Dunn's Corners School.
- **Catherine Gray**, daughter of Paul and Heather Gray, State Street School.
- **Abby Tiernan**, daughter of Matt and Erica Tiernan, Ashaway Elemtary School; will attend Chariho Middle School in the fall.
- **Dylan Yu**, son of Johnny and Mimi Yu, Springbrook Elementary School; will attend middle school in the fall.

Nursery School Graduates on page 11.

Sunday School has continued to meet virtually this past month. Now that we are able to meet in small groups, we will meet for an activity outside at the church. We will have two different times to meet so our group stays small.

Stop and Shop donated seed pod starter kits and the children will be planting them and starting a garden in the preschool playground area.

We are planning on continuing weekly outdoor activities for the summer. If you have an idea for an activity or would like to share a talent you have with the children this summer please contact Nancy Fortin (nancyfortin0921@gmail.com).

Ghana Youth Mission Trip

Because of the world pandemic, our trip to Ghana, originally scheduled for August 2020, has been postponed. Our tentative plan is to go in the summer of 2021.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support of this trip. We will keep you informed as our plans develop moving forward.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

We are deeply grateful for the continued stream of donations the Church has received during the past few weeks of shutdown. These gifts are a beautiful expression of your faith in the Lord and our shared love for our Church. The Church is in a sound financial position because of your faithful giving.

At the beginning of the shutdown, the Trustees wondered how long we could continue operations without income. Even though our church doors are closed, we are continuing an active ministry and paying the necessary expenses to keep the church operating. Our church members and friends recognized the need, even without being asked.

If you are not already giving and wonder how you can help, there are two ways to keep DCCCP financially healthy and strong in this difficult time:

- Mail a check to the Church or send a check through your online banking. We are picking up the mail daily.

- Visit the DCCCP web site ***DunnsCornerChurch.org*** and make a payment using your checking account or a credit card. We use a secure server to process these donations.

As we ask for donations, we do not want to overlook any in our church family who are unemployed or living with financial uncertainty. We pray for you. We are here to help. Please call Pastor Wayne to let him know what we can do for you or for someone you know. Those who can give will support those who live in hardship. As the gospel of Luke 3:11 instructs us, *"Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."* We have an opportunity to put the gospel into action, to give or to receive.

The Church is grateful for your support. Just think of the joy we'll feel when we can gather together again.

We remain united in our love of Christ.

The Stewardship Committee

COVID-19 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION LEGISLATION

There are a few changes in the Income Tax Laws that will affect many of our members and friends who give monies to charity.

- Effective for this calendar year, you will be able to deduct up to $300 in cash charitable contributions "above the line" on your 2020 tax return. This means that you will get this deduction in addition to the standard deduction if you do not itemize your deductions.

- Effective for this calendar year, if you are a senior and receiving a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Qualified Plan or Individual Retirement Account, you can suspend all or any part of the distribution for this year. If you have already taken your RMD, you have 60 days from the day taken to roll it back into your plan.

- There was no change to the provision of the tax law that says that a person who was eligible to receive an RMD can continue to make their charitable contributions out of their IRA;s and such payments will not result in taxable income, the equivalent of getting an "above the line" deduction in addition to the standard deduction.

- There remains no change to the rules that allow you to give long-term appreciated marketable securities to your charity and not have to recognize any taxable capital gain, yet still receive a full charitable contribution for the donation. However, this contribution is part of your itemized deductions and cannot be taken "above the line." Call the church office for instructions to transfer securities.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE

Have you fought and won the battle against cancer? Are you currently fighting the battle against cancer? Do you know anyone in your family, or among friends or co-workers who have been through this battle or who are fighting it now?

Cancer has not stopped for coronavirus—neither will the need for more funds to further research and continue care for cancer patients. However, due to coronavirus, we have been unable to keep DCCCP members and friends updated about the Relay or ask you to join the team.

YES! There will be a Relay for Life this year. However, due to the need for social distancing and masks, it will have a whole new look. The Team Captains have been meeting virtually and have decided a few things.

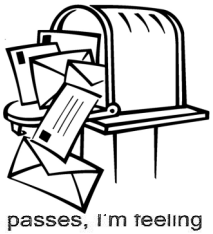
- The date has been moved to August 15th (Saturday), and the hours will be from 12 noon until 6 p.m.
- There will be no overnighters on the track.
- National headquarters for the American Cancer Society has indicated that this year there will be no tee shirts.
- Some aspects of the Relay will be virtual. Exactly which ones is not yet certain but we are looking at Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Presentation of Courage Awards as possibilities.
- Due to the need for social distancing, teams will be signing up for time slots to walk the track together. No one will be on the track the whole time. Sign- ups will become available at a later date. However, in order for this to work we will need an exact number of team members for each team.

So, we can no longer have our usual funds raisers of bake sales or car washes. However, each team member can contact friends and family to raise money for the Relay.

Please sign up to join the Dunn's Corners team. You can sign up online. Look for Relay for Life 2020, Southern New England and find the team. Please join us in this on-going battle.

If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Loeckler at (401)602-3179.

Recently received from Carolyn Belcher:



Spring 2020

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Hudson! It's been over a year since I last wrote to you. As each month passes, I'm feeling more and more settled, and it's feeling more and more like home here. I want to assure you that my health is stable and I am well cared for here at Laurel Lake Retirement Community. For the past month and a half, since Covid19 has been a threat to this area, Laurel Lake has placed some restrictions on us for our safety. For instance, I've been eating all of my meals in my apartment, where they're delivered to me. No one other than Laurel Lake staff members are allowed to visit residents; however, family members are able to drop things off for staff to bring in to us. All the staff are now wearing masks, including my grandson Kyle, who works here part time and sometimes delivers my meals. When he comes, he makes me laugh with his sense of humor, which is similar to Kenny's. I really don't mind being alone. I am able to work on puzzles daily and I sometimes see my close friend Alice. Overall, I have a lot to be thankful for, and I know that "this too shall pass."

Last May, I had the privilege of celebrating my 80th birthday with my twin sister Marolyn Cook from Amherst, NH. Her son Bob and daughter Amy drove her from NH to OH for a long weekend. We shared meals, had long talks, worked on puzzles and took walks together. On Sunday, we shared a wonderful brunch in a private dining room at Laurel Lake that Carla decorated with light blue, lavender, and pink decor along with beautiful, fresh cut flowers for centerpieces. It was a special treat to have grandson Kyle as our server. We had a wonderful time together that included FaceTiming with Jim's family, sharing stories and laughter, and making new memories.

Carla is in her 14th year of teaching special education at Hudson Middle School. Her job is at times quite demanding, but it's also very fulfilling. Her husband Jeff is in his 15th year of hospice work and continues to provide spiritual care to patients and families during their final days, weeks, or months of life. My oldest grandson Kendall is 26 and works as an engineer for Advanced Drainage Systems in Columbus, OH. On January 27 of this year, he married Anna Elsass during a small, intimate service in Lakeland, FL. Granddaughter Kaylyn is now 23. She graduated from North Park University in Chicago last spring, served as a program director at Camp Mission Meadows during the summer, and interned with the Disney College Program in Orlando, FL in the fall. Since returning home in early January, she has taken some much needed time off, began working part time at Joann Fabrics, and is applying to pursue a master's degree in library science at nearby Kent State University. Kyle is 20 yrs old and is a sophomore at Grove City College. Even though he is completing his school year by means of remote learning, he is staying very involved with his college community in numerous "virtual" ways, including serving as sophomore class president in the student government association.

Dana is in his 8th year of working at Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. He works in management with accounting and oversees all of the park's purchasing. He works hard to build community through multiple volunteer collateral duties, including Diversity Council, LGBTQ Employee Resource Group, Housing Exceptions Committee, Employee Safety, Health & Wellness Committee, and BikeShare Bicycle Loan Program Manager. With the latter, he was very pleased when he received a $7,000 grant to upgrade the bicycle share program. Not much time is left in his day when work gets in the way, but he still does his best to enjoy the wildlife, natural landscape, and sunsets from his back porch at the Canyon. In his free time, he continues to be a photographer and takes pictures of many of the Canyon events.

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Jim and Michelle and their 4 children are all doing well. Jim is currently pursuing his long time passion to write books full time. Michelle is in her second year of working from home with Excel Academy, providing assistance to homeschooling families. Jordan is a sophomore at Providence Christian College and was supposed to be studying in Croatia this semester, but now studies remotely, which isn't nearly as exciting but still provides some much needed brain stimulation! Jonathan is preparing to graduate from Maranatha High School in May, although he probably will not have a graduation ceremony to attend. He is undecided as to what he will be doing in the fall, but is excited to continue learning about the stock market and investing. He has considered taking online classes that will allow him to get a financial advising certificate. Lindsay is completing her 9th grade year by learning at home with Excel Academy three days a week and taking classes at a local church two days a week. She also babysits for a couple of hours most afternoons. Meghan is enrolled at Judson International School for her 7th grade year; however, she is also learning remotely from home for now. Both girls continue to ride horses once a week as members of an Equestrian Drill Team.

On March 1, all my children and grandchildren had a grand time of celebration at Kendall and Anna's delayed wedding reception in Uniontown, OH. Although I was unable to attend due to my health, we still had a full weekend of family fun before and after the reception. We shared several meals together, watched movies, worked on puzzles, and just hung out and talked and laughed a lot. It was a wonderful weekend of reconnecting, and I'm so thankful it was able to take place before Covid19 hit our country!

Thank you so much for your prayers, phone calls and cards. I'll never forget the deluge of birthday cards that so many of you sent for my 80th birthday! I think of you often, and although I'm unable to call, write cards, or make pretzel mix any more, please know that you'll always have a special place in my heart.

With all my love,

Carolyn -- Laurel Lake Retirement Community / 200 Laurel Lake Drive, R9 / Hudson OH 44236

Dear Deacons and Friends,

Words cannot express my family's gratitude for the prayers and caring support that has surrounded us upon the loss of my sister, Karen Cole, and during our other sister Donna's Covid-19 illness. You all truly lifted us up and carried us through those difficult days, and we are truly grateful for our Faith Family.

Love and prayers,
Chery and Tony Spino and family

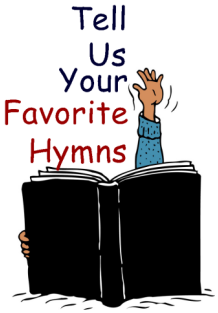
DCC Early Learning Center Preschool Graduates

Gunnar Charette	Hazel Deniger	Brayden Johnson
Ava LaMotte	MiaKoda Lamphere	Aria Manfredi
Charlotte Morse	Haley Nelson	Mia O'Clair
Haywood Rice	Brennan Sisco	James Smead
Samuel Toscana	Cameron Tripp	Tucker Wylie

Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

- Joyce Stahl on June 12th;
- Sylvia Rice on June 24th;
- Nancy Lewis on June 30th.



During the summer months, the congregation is encouraged to request a favorite hymn for an upcoming Worship Service. Please e-mail Andy Wallace directly (wallaceas4@gmail.com) with title(s).

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June 2020

CHURCH RE-OPENING PLANS FOR DCCCP

Session has set a goal to begin having in-person worship services on Sunday, June 21st.

We will be conducting a survey to find out how many of you would come to an "in-person" service. Our initial plan is to have our regular services at 8 am and 10 am, but with shorter services of 30-40 minutes, with cleaning between services. Masks will be required, as well as making a reservation so that we can comply with state guidelines.

We will limit attendance to 50 people, so the reservation will be important. Your response to the survey will also help us know if two services will allow us to accommodate all those who plan on attending.

Please note that we give our wholehearted support and understanding to those who do not feel comfortable coming to "in-person" services yet. Several of our church officers have indicated they will not be joining us in person yet, for a variety of reasons. There is no pressure to attend in person, but we do want to begin offering "in-person" worship for those who feel ready to return.

You will receive information about all the ways we are complying with state standards of safety, and those standards and our plan to comply will be posted throughout the church. Keep an eye out for more information in the days to come, and when you receive the survey, please complete and return it.