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ST LUKE JOY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

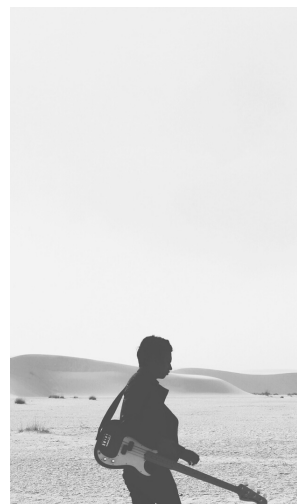
Encouraging one another, giving grace with your words.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7

The Lord your God is with you,
He is mighty to save. He will
take great delight in you, He
will quiet you with His love, He
will rejoice over you with
singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

Jesus answered, "I am
the way and the truth
and the life. No one
comes to the Father
except through me."
John 14:6





By Pastor Luke Johnston

Happy October, church family. I pray you are well and strong in the Lord. Keep on keeping on.

Session has decided we will be returning inside on October 18th for Sunday worship. What does this mean for virus safety?

We will have the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall set up for social distancing. Each row will be scattered to separate family units and we will have two overflow options if needed with the stream in the Fellowship Hall and choir room. We ask that everyone wear a mask while inside the building. If you need to take it off for any reason please make sure you are 6 ft distanced from anyone else.

Livestream will still be available for those who choose to stay home.

It is going to be on us to keep each other safe and follow all indoor rules. We hope to make things inviting and comfortable as well as safe. We will also be regularly cleaning the spaces.

There will also be a Congregational Meeting on the 18th immediately following the service. Please do your best to attend as we will be nominating new officers and taking a vote on amending our by-laws.

If you have any questions please call the office.

God bless you! I look forward to seeing your faces again in worship!

Session Report to the Congregation for September 2020

Clerk of Session, Debra Blackman

A group of Elders met with Pastor Luke to pray for our congregation and the church prior to the Session meeting, which was held on Sunday September 27.

The meeting was opened at 6:00pm with prayer. The Session discussed this month's reading of the book *Experiencing God* by Henry and Richard Blackaby, as we seek to grow in our knowledge of and relationship with God.

After much discussion, it was decided that the church would open for in-person worship beginning Sunday October 18. Adult classes and town hall meetings have met safely during the month of September. All those attending will be required to wear masks. Seating will be adjusted for appropriate distancing, with additional seating in the Fellowship Hall and, if needed, the choir room with live streaming. The services will continue to be live streamed via Facebook as well.

The two Town Hall meetings in September were discussed. Links to videos of those meetings have been made available to the congregation via email and Facebook. The October meeting will be a Congregational Meeting, where the nominating committee will present the new officers for approval, and there will be a vote on changing the bylaws to include the name change to GlenHaven and any other amendments. The November Town Hall meeting is planned for November 8.

There was continued discussion of our replanting strategy and progress with inviting others to assist our launch team, including support from other area churches and interested Christians.

Clerk of Session Debbie Blackman shared a report on the Town Hall meetings, as well as the progress of the nominating committee. They are still working on the right person to serve as an Elder beginning in 2021.

Ideas on strengthening the connection with our Scout groups and assisting in planning the Scout Sunday next February were discussed.

Ministry teams reported as follows:

Hospitality- Meals will not be served for Open Table through the end of 2020. Intern McKayla Stabler will be working alongside the dedicated members of this team, focusing on the greeter team.

Christian Education- Elder Al Steed reported that two adult Sunday School classes started on September 6 at 9:00am in the building. Health and safety protocols have been followed. A men's *Man in the Mirror* study group will begin Tuesday October 6 at 7:00pm, and Open Table discussion groups will begin in-person October 7 at 6:30.

Session Report to the Congregation for September 2020 Continued

Christian Education - Cont.

Elder Janice Stewart shared that Donna Shetler has agreed to assist the Children's ministry team on a more limited part-time basis through December. She would work with Janice and the teachers to help with Sunday School and Wednesday night program planning, as well as offering guidance on Art in the Park and other outreach programs. Terms of this part-time relationship were discussed by Session and will be finalized by Personnel and Placement.

Personnel and Placement- Elder Pat Schoenrade proposed clarifications in hourly compensation and vacation policies, which were approved by Session. She shared her gratitude for the service of Donna Shetler, who resigned from her position as Director of Children's Ministries and Outreach in mid-September. Vacation for Selina on October 12-15 has been approved. Pat and Selina are working on an "Office Volunteer" training for those willing to help cover some of her duties when she is not in the office. A person to cover alarm calls has been found to take over for Bob Busch. He has tirelessly served in that capacity for a very long time, and the church is very grateful for his service to us.

Outreach and Missions- Pastor Luke shared that the team is working on ways to reach out to our neighbors at Forest Park Apartments, and Brenda Hunnicutt continues to lead efforts for continued involvement with Golden Oaks School. Ideas for Christmas box projects serving local groups, in the absence of a chairperson for Operation Christmas Child, are being discussed. A "Pastors' Outreach Summit is being planned for October 24 here at our church. \$3000 was donated to Classical Conversations on behalf of Tom and Beulah Rule through a donation by Joe Pallikkathyil, which was warmly and gratefully received. Communication with International missionaries is ongoing, though many programs are limited by the virus at this time.

Building and Grounds- Elder Don Smith reported he is getting bids on resurfacing the parking lot before winter weather sets in. Worship- Elder Debbie Blackman reported that the team will be working on safely opening up the sanctuary for worship in October. She recognized Ted Horowitz for going above and beyond in setting up the sound system and drive-in worship when Pastor Luke was on vacation and Lester was unable to be here. His dedicated service is very appreciated.

Stewardship- Elder Kim Smedley presented the financial report for this month, which showed an increase again in donations and a positive gain in the value of investments for this month. She shared information to assist the teams in working on budgets for 2021.

Elder Pat Schoenrade closed the meeting in prayer.

Returning Indoors

Men's Bible Study will begin meeting in person on Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm. Other indoor meeting include: Wednesday Women's Bible Study and Sunday morning Bible Study.

Open Table will begin meeting in person on Wednesday, October 7, please note the change in time, which will be at 6:30pm. A Zoom link and dial in number will continue to be provided for those that wish to participate from home.

Worship will begin meeting indoors on Sunday, October 18.

As we return to indoor Church worship and indoor meetings, you may notice a few changes, these are due to following safety procedures due to Covid-19 awareness, especially as we gather in larger numbers.

- **Mask/gloves:** Masks must be worn indoors, if you don't have one, the Church has provided some for your use. Gloves are *optional*, if you would like to wear them.
- **Social Distancing** - 6 feet away is the recommended distance to each other to stop the spread of Covid-19.
- **Wash hands:** Wash your hands, if you can for at least 20 seconds
- **Hand Sanitizer:** Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church, use often especially after touching high touch things - door knobs, light switches, handles, books, pens, etc.
- **Water fountains:** Water fountains have been taped off for sanitation reasons. Use a disposable cup should you need water or coffee. Also, use a new disposable cup and discard the old one should you need a coffee or water refill, sugar and creamer are available in individual packets for your use.
- **Disinfect:** Disinfecting wipes are available throughout the church, ensure you wipe down any areas you use - tables, chair arms. Disinfecting spray is available for larger areas.
- **Sign in sheets:** Sign in using the attendance clipboard upon any indoor Bible Study meeting or Church Sunday Service. In the Fellowship Hall, there will be an attendance sheet on the podium. This is a procedure that is used for contact tracing should an outbreak occur.
- **If you are sick stay home:** If you feel ill, cough, fever, please seek medical treatment and do not attend in person activities.

Thank you for following these safety rules to help each other stay healthy. Following rules such as these ensures that St. Luke Joy is in compliance and not violating the Kansas City Code of Ordinance, which includes penalties such as: suspending business operations, fines and other restrictions.

Family Service Trip 2021

Another early reminder that the Family Service Trip is scheduled for next June 12th through June 19th, 2021.

Unfortunately, our trip in 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. This trip is to the XLazyF Ranch outside of Crawford, Colorado and has always been a fun and enlightened trip.

Feel free to check out the ranch website at XLazyFRanch.com for information and pictures.

Further information will be promulgated in January, 2021. Contact Bill Stewart at 816-863-9199 for questions.

Westminster College Young Presbyterian Scholarship

Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA invites Presbyterian congregations to identify & nominate rising high school seniors to receive a \$19,000 scholarship annually for four years. This scholarship is available to students who possess a 3.5 GPA and are members of a Presbyterian church and are formally nominated by the Pastor & Church. Nominations are due prior to December 1. Call the office for additional details.

Mariner Meetings

The monthly Mariner meetings have been cancelled for the rest of 2020. The meetings will be revisited in 2021.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Al Steed and his fiancée Judy Diane Whitley! Their wedding ceremony will take place in Mt. Vernon, IA
October 17, 2020

Ring Found

A men's silver ring with the Tree of Life was found in the rear parking lot. Call the office if it's yours.

Honoring Jim McHenry

A Wildfire Black Gum tree was planted last week to honor our dear friend Jim McHenry. It is located in the front lawn. A memorial plaque is currently being prepared and will arrive soon.

Free Covid Testing in your Area

October 8th:
Gillham Park
3915 Gillham Rd
Kansas City, MO

October 9th:
Blue Valley Park
2301 Topping Ave
Kansas City, MO

October 10th:
Tiffany Springs Aquatic Ctr
9400 N Congress Ave
Kansas City, MO



Happy BIRTHDAY

- 1 Steve Bozarth
- 2 Ted Horowitz
- 4 Bill Stewart
- 7 Christi Haines
- 10 Amy Erickson
- 16 Pat Meyer-Depugh
- 20 Shelby Erickson
- 21 Don Smith
- 24 Jeanine Clark
- 27 Lisa Goddard
- 29 Callista Drydale
- 30 Amanda Drydale



Happy ANNIVERSARY

- 17 Ted & Julia Horowitz
- 21 Brad & Lisa Goddard
- 23 Ralph & Pat DePugh

Special Events

- 1: 6:30pm Classical Conversations Tutor Meeting in Education Wing
- 2: 9:30am Classical Conversation Parent Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 3: 11:00am Boy Scout Court of Honor in Sanctuary & Outside Lot
- 6: Men's Bible Study Begins at 7:00pm
- 7: Indoor Open Table begins ** New Time at 6:30pm**
- 12-16: Selina Garcia out of the office
- 17: 5:00pm Consuno meeting/outdoors
- 18: Indoor Sunday Church Worship Begins
- 18: Noon Congregational Meeting
- 24 9:00am Pastor Summit in Fellowship Hall
- 25: 2:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor Outdoors
- 26: 7:00pm Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 31: 10:00am Boy Scout Merit Badge Class in Basement

COMING IN OCTOBER

01 THURSDAY

6:00pm GS972
6:30pm CC/Tutor Mtg

02 FRIDAY

9:30am CC/Parent Meeting
7:00pm CA Group

03 SATURDAY

11:00am BS
COH/Sanctuary
9:00pm CA Group

04 SUNDAY

9:00am Bible Study
10:30am Drive In Church
3:00pm GS1677

05 MONDAY

6:00pm Boy & Cub Scouts

06 TUESDAY

7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm CA Group

07 WEDNESDAY

Noon Bible Study
6:30pm Open Table
7:00pm CA Group

08 THURSDAY

6:00pm GS 972

09 FRIDAY

7:00pm CA Group

10 SATURDAY

9:00pm CA Group

11 SUNDAY

9:00am Bible Study
10:30am Drive In Church
3:00pm GS1677

12 MONDAY

8:00am Classical Conversations
6:00pm Boy & Cub Scouts
7:00pm Ministry Teams

13 TUESDAY

7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm CA Group

14 WEDNESDAY

Noon Bible Study
6:30pm Open Table
7:00pm CA Group

15 THURSDAY

6:00pm GS972

16 FRIDAY

7:00pm CA Group

17 SATURDAY

5-7pm - Consuno/outdoors
9:00pm CA Group

18 SUNDAY

9:00am Bible Study
10:30am Indoor Worship
Noon Congregation Meeting
3:00pm GS1677

19 MONDAY

8:00am Classical Conversations
6:00pm Boy & Cub Scouts

20 TUESDAY

7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm CA Group

21 WEDNESDAY

Noon Bible Study
6:30pm Open Table
7:00pm CA Group

22 THURSDAY

6:00pm GS972

23 FRIDAY

7:00pm CA Group

24 SATURDAY

9:00am Pastor Summit
9:00pm CA Group

25 SUNDAY

9:00am Bible Study
10:30am Indoor Worship
2-5 Boy Scout COH/outdoors
3:00pm GS1677

26 MONDAY

8:00am Classical Conversation
6:00pm Boy Scouts
6:00pm Session

27 TUESDAY

7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm CA Group

28 WEDNESDAY

Noon Bible Study
6:30pm Open Table
7:00pm CA Group

29 THURSDAY

6:00pm GS972

30 FRIDAY

7:00pm CA Group

31 SATURDAY

10:00am BS Merit Badge Class
9:00pm CA Group