



The Grape Vine

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Church Office Hours This Week

The church office will be closed, Thursday, October 8th and have limited hours on Friday, October 9th. Email and voicemail will be checked both days.

Worship This Week

October 11: Access Sunday

Outdoor Worship & Livestream

9:00 am

Text: Exodus 32:1-14

“ God’s Light is More Real than the Darkness ”

Because “this fellow Moses” took too long in returning to the people of Israel, they turned from the One who truly brought them out of slavery in Egypt and created their own God to worship. Patience is truly a gift of the Spirit of God, and we can rely on God to continue to work in and through us to shine the light of Christ into the darkness that surrounds us.

Looking Ahead

October 18

Children’s Sabbath Sunday

Text:



1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon:

“ Faith, Hope & Love, Incarnate ”

The *Bible in a Year* reading list is available. It can be sent electronically or you can pick up a copy at the church office. Please contact the Church Office so that one can be put in the PickUp Box for you.

What's New With Church Council?

The Church Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 6 October 2020, via Zoom. The meeting opened with prayer and devotions. Agenda items that were discussed included preparing for the Annual Congregational Meeting and Nominations, and an update from the Re-Opening Committee. The primary focus of the meeting was the Review of the 2021 Church Budget which was prepared by Lindy Bennetch, Jim Yoder, and Emily Frantz. The structure of the budget has been revised for more clarity, conciseness, and continuity. The Council thoroughly reviewed the new document item by item, adding input and filling in blanks. The 2021 budget was approved and will be distributed to the congregation in a few weeks as part of the Annual Report.

Future meetings will address the continued work of the Nominations committee, a review of the Constitution and Bylaws in regard to the structure and formation of Church Council, creation of a committee to structure and review our benevolence, and decisions regarding re-opening meeting. There will be an additional council meeting scheduled this month to address some of these topics. After the closing prayer by Pastor Paul, thanks from the Council was expressed to Jim Yoder for serving as Interim Council Secretary. He previously requested that the October meeting be the last one he would attend to take Council minutes. For the sake of clarity, he will remain in the position of Church Secretary.

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Birthdays

Givelify

We started using Givelify in April. At the end of September we received almost \$15,000.00 in "envelope" contributions. It is a safe and secure way to "send" money to the church. If you prefer having a check reference, please continue what you are doing.

NOTE: The birthday list includes at least 10 days. If your birthday is within the next 10 days and not listed, please contact the church office and provide the month, day and year. Shhh! We won't tell anyone the year. Honest!

- 1 Brittany Hartman
- 3 Lee Smith
- 4 Lois Werner
- 8 Marianne Boltz
- 9 Louise Seifert
- 12 Wanda Miller
Holly Rosen
Terry Schott
Jim Yoder
- 13 Amber Beamesderfer
- 16 Lindy Bennetch
Bryson Runz
- 17 Ronald Baum
- 20 Dallas Noll
- 22 Tina Beamesderfer
- 24 Debra Arnold
Lynne Risser
Kenneth Salem
- 28 Mason
Bennetch