



## Dryden Presbyterian Church Newsletter

2020

Greetings,

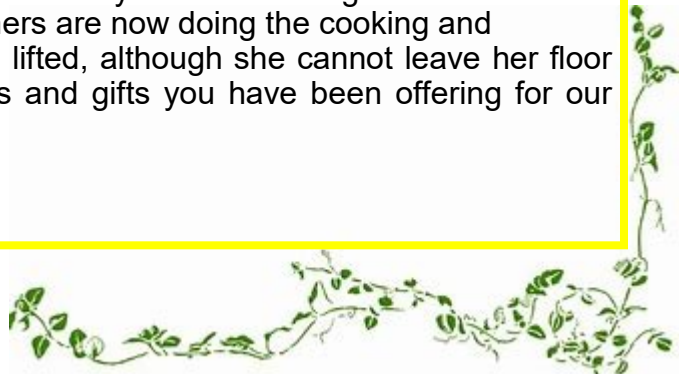
I hope and pray that you are able to find some joy as we journey through the Easter season. I realize that envisioning a journey from one side of the dining room to the other might not be the image we normally have in mind, but it is a journey. As we begin to be able to venture out, please remember that many of the precautions in place are to protect others. These ideas of caring for others can then be continued once we are back in whatever the 'new abnormal' will be.

Worship is continuing with a few in person and many on Zoom. Tim, Scott & Mike are doing a wonderful job of providing a meaningful worship environment for all of us. Rob keeps the building safe for us. Arlene continues to do a wonderful job of keeping everything running well. The Wednesday evening book study has completed with many participating. We will be considering whether to have a new study this spring or to wait until fall. Please let me know of any suggestions for leadership or a book to use or other type of study guide.

Covid is still with us. So while in person gatherings other than worship are limited; the session, deacons and various committees are still functioning. The session will be considering this policy each month, so please let session members know your ideas about how best to function in this strange time. We are looking at changes to our Covid building use policy to reflect where we now are. We are considering masks, distancing and shots as a part of that policy. Please let me or a session member know your thoughts about this as your input is important to us. This will impact groups using the building as well as our use on Sunday morning. The ministry work of the congregation continues both locally and in the mission field. There are great needs around the world (check out the One Great Hour of Sharing info). We will continue to receive gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing through the end of May. Please continue to pray for those with needs and the folks ministering to those needs.

My wife Peg is having some struggles and recently spent a day at a local hospital, but is back in her assisted-living facility near Philadelphia, PA. I am not allowed to visit for at least a couple of weeks as there was one positive test at the facility a few weeks ago. She has gotten both vaccine shots. She still enjoys that others are now doing the cooking and cleaning and is glad the room quarantine is being lifted, although she cannot leave her floor for the time being. We appreciate all the prayers and gifts you have been offering for our family.

Shalom, Dale





## Mission Statement

We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry, welcome the stranger and love our neighbors as ourselves.



## Church Contacts

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**Dale Francis, Interim Pastor**

**Cell 607-793-1852**

**814-739-9537 (farm) or dale@dppjic.com**

Clerk of Session: John Scott (844-9206)

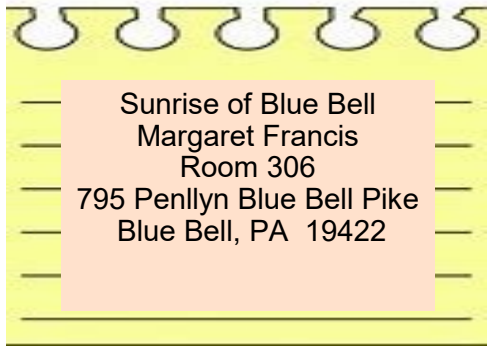
The Church Office Administrator is Arlene Krebs; she can be reached at 844-8321 or email: drydenpresoffice@gmail.com

Information for the  
**June newsletter**  
should be in the church office by  
Monday May 24, 2021.

## Newsletter

**Sermons on the DPC web site:** Thanks to Tim Parsons you can listen to sermons on our website. Go to <http://www.drydenpres.com>; click on "Listen to Worship."

Federal privacy regulations prevent hospitals from giving out the names of people who have been admitted. That means that the Pastor may not be aware that someone in our church family is in the hospital and would like a visit. Please call the church office (844-8321) and let us know if a church member or friend been hospitalized.



Sunrise of Blue Bell  
Margaret Francis  
Room 306  
795 Penllyn Blue Bell Pike  
Blue Bell, PA 19422

Our church family gifted Brenda Carpenter with a framed poem for outstanding leadership of a Lenten Bible Study, "40 Days with Jesus," by Sarah Young. It was a pleasure to meet and connect to our faith with a group of several dozen friends on Zoom for seven weeks.

Volunteers aren't paid,  
"Not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

### Celebrating His Servant

'Follow me, " Lord Jesus said,  
Then twelve men followed where He lead.  
They traveled many miles each day  
As Jesus taught them how to pray

The lame could walk, the blind could see  
He blessed the children at His knee  
Demonic forces ordered out  
Possessed no longer, men would shout.

Five thousand with few fish and bread,  
He, with His Father, got them fed  
Commanding them to "Feed my sheep"  
He passed this on for us to keep

His final act was hard to bear  
He gave His life so we could share  
His love so great, it makes us free  
From Satan's hold on you and me

So as His church (that's all of us)  
Tries very hard to keep His trust  
By feeding people needing bread  
And safe abodes to lay their head

By loving acts of kindness shared  
And passing on how much we've cared  
To helping children learn and grow  
In Heaven's grace we can bestow

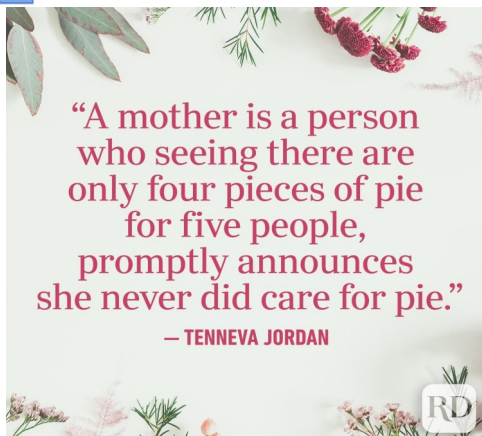
Some wondrous people in our midst  
"I don't do much," they will insist  
But we know better all they give  
To follow Jesus as they live

A gal named Brenda, what a dear,  
Kept us all together through the year  
With skits and her dynamic ways  
Her challenges kept kids engaged

A leader in the greatest sense  
With zoom the challenge was immense!  
The Lenten Study we must say  
Prepared our hearts for Easter Day

So as we celebrate her gifts  
We thank the Lord each lesson lifts  
Whatever comes our way, you see  
Love conquers all for you and me

.....Suzanne Ross Bevan



Suzi Ross Bevan  
The Presbyterian Church,  
Fredericksburg, VA.  
Suzi is Jeanine Scott's cousin.

### January through March Operating Results

	2020 Actual	2021 vs 2020	2021 Actual	Actual vs Budget	2021 Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 23,816	\$ (1,740)	\$ 22,076	\$ (6,899)	\$ 28,975
<b>(Deduct): Operating Expenses</b>	(30,489)	335	(30,154)	(1,207)	(28,947)
<b>(Deduct): Non-Budgeted Expenses</b>	(594)	594	-	-	-
<b>(To) / From Reserve Accounts</b>	(900)	16	(883)	17	(900)
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ (8,167)</u>	\$ (795)	<u>\$ (8,961)</u>	\$ (8,089)	<u>\$ (872)</u>

#### Operating Results...

Most of the shortfall is in year-to-date income is in pledges that will hopefully be caught up throughout the balance of the year. Significant donations, not shown in the figures above, have continued to come in for video equipment and other things outside the budget. The appearance that expenses are higher than the budget is only timing, as the repairs to the walls in the Bell Tower entrance and entrance to the Administrative Building were paid for in March.

#### Florida Property...

Session approved adding the proceeds from the sale of the Florida property, net of current year expenses, to the Capital Reserve. Thanks again, Piers, for your generous contribution.

#### Entrance to the Administrative Building...

Chuck & Linda Nydam have done a beautiful job painting the entry room to the Administrative Building. They also reorganized the furniture and hung the picture of Jesus titled "The Gift of Grace" that was donated by Lynn White. A huge thanks goes out to Linda, Chuck and Lynn.

#### Spring Clean-Up...

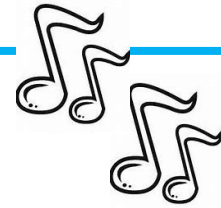
Spring Clean-up Day is **Saturday, May 1st, starting at 9:00**. Coffee & donuts will be available. If it pours, the **rain date will be after services on Sunday, the 2nd**. In that case, treat it like "Blue Jeans Sunday" and dress appropriately. Those on Zoom can join a few minutes late or maybe listen to the last part of the service by cell phone while driving to church. A list of suggested projects is in the Fellowship Hall and will also be circulated to the congregation by email. If you do a project in advance (like wash windows), please reply back to all on the email or call Dottie Slocum at (607) 220-6833 so others don't duplicate. Dave Parsons will put large bins around for workers to put leaves & brush in. He will move them by tractor.



#### The National Day of Prayer - May 6, 2020

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

## Just a Note



Did you know?

I decided to look up the word “Hymn.” It comes from the Greek ὕμνος (Hymnos), which means “a song of praise.” So the “Praise Song” at the beginning of the service is really a “Hymn” and the “Hymn” at the end of the service is really a “Praise Song.”

A person who writes hymns is a hymnist.

Speaking of hymnists, do you know who wrote the most hymns? The answer is not exactly a surprise but the figures are impressive: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915). According to Wikipedia, and this particular entry is well cited enough to be reliable, she penned more than 8,000 hymns and gospel song. If it took three minutes to sing each hymn, a person would have to sing, non-stop, for 16 days and 16 hours to sing all the hymns. If Fanny wrote one hymn each day it would take roughly 21 years, 330 days to write the 8,000 hymns. And, she was blind. In addition to her hymns she also wrote many secular, political and patriotic songs.

Publishers were a little hesitant to publish so many hymns by one person so she used nearly 200 different pseudonyms during her career including: A.V., Mrs. A. E. Andrews, Mrs. E. L. Andrews, James L. Black, Henrietta E. Blair, Charles Bruce, Robert Bruce, Leah Carlton, Eleanor Craddock, Lyman G. Cuyler, D.H.W., Ella Dare, Ellen Dare, Mrs. Ellen Douglass, Lizzie Edwards, Miss Grace J. Frances, Victoria Frances, Jennie Garnett, Frank Gould, H. D. K., Frances Hope, Annie L, James, Martha J. Lankton [Langton], Grace Lindsey, Maud Marion, Sallie Martin, Wilson Meade, Alice Monteith, Martha C. Oliver, Mrs. N. D. Plume, Kate Smiley, Sallie Smith, J. L. Sterling, John Sterling, Anna C. Storey, Victoria Stuart, Ida Scott Taylor, Mary R. Tilden, Mrs. J. B. Thresher, Hope Tryaway, Grace Tureman, Carrie M. Wilson, W.H.D.

None of these pseudonyms show up in our hymnal but we do have 16 of her hymns credited to Fanny Crosby.

This only scratches the surface of Fanny Crosby’s accomplishments, If you would like to read more:

[https://hymnary.org/person/Crosby\\_Fanny?tab=texts](https://hymnary.org/person/Crosby_Fanny?tab=texts)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanny\\_Crosby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fanny_Crosby)

On a different note, this version of “For the Beauty of the Earth” with music composed by John Rutter is well worth listening to. There are numerous performances, all worth listening to. This one is conducted by the composer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bDoMflYErE>

- - - Scott Miller



In celebration of Administrative Professional Day, on April 21 the Deacons and Session honored Arlene with a dish garden and gift card to Dedricks, on behalf of our Church family.

Thanks Arlene for all your expertise and support!

Christian Education News:

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 9! Again this year, many of us are rethinking how to give extra recognition to moms, especially if we’re apart. A day to honor mothers has existed for as long as well, there have been mothers! Festivals honoring mothers in ancient times were often tied to gods and goddesses. Mother’s Day celebrates motherhood and is a day to make an extra-special effort to recognize and appreciate mothers’ roles in our lives. Often this day is extended to generations of mothers—grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers—as well as to mother figures.

In 2021, given the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, many of us are rethinking how to give extra recognition to moms. Some of us are apart from our moms when we’d normally be together. And many of us are worried about our moms, some of whom are in the high-risk age range. However you are able to connect with your "mom" on Mothers Day, remember that her greatest wish is to simply connect with her children and spend time with family in any way possible—if not in person, then with a phone call or video chat! Join the service on May 9th for a special tribute to mothers.

MY MOM’S PICTURE



I LOVE YOU MOM!



My mom's name is \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's favorite color is \_\_\_\_\_

Mom really likes to \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_

My mom is really great at \_\_\_\_\_

My mom cooks the best \_\_\_\_\_

Mom's favorite game is \_\_\_\_\_

I like it when my mom \_\_\_\_\_

I'm thankful that my mom \_\_\_\_\_

I love you Mom because \_\_\_\_\_

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



First Presbyterian Church of Dryden  
Procedure for Church Services and Use during COVID-19 Pandemic

1. The service will not exceed 40 minutes as a safety precaution. The pastor will perform the service from the **pulpit**. Praise & Worship leaders and the pastor will be seated before the congregation arrives. Praise & Worship leaders will be seated at the front of the church and will speak from the podium. The pastor will be seated in the choir loft.
2. Windows and doors will be open as much as possible to increase ventilation. Ceiling fans will not be used.
3. Only the main entrance from the driveway to the fellowship hall will be used so that everyone passes through the screening process. Everyone gets screened.
4. There will be no more than 50 people in the sanctuary at one time. Every “household” group must maintain at least a 6 foot distance from other households.
5. Everyone must wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth at all times while they are in the church building. Masks should also be worn outside when people are within 6 feet of each other. Only the pastor may remove his/her mask when they are at the pulpit. Masks must be either 2 layers of fabric or disposable. Masks will be available for anyone who does not have one. A sign will be posted at the main entrance stating that people must wear a mask at all times.
6. Every person must use hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Hand sanitizing stations will be maintained at the main door entrance and in the fellowship hall. It is recommended that individuals use hand sanitizer when they leave the church.
7. Hymnals and Bibles will be removed for any service held at a time other than Sunday morning.
8. An usher (Usher #1) will:
  - a. meet attendees at the entrance to the church;
  - b. immediately give them a mask if they are not wearing one;
  - c. check off the name of each member/friend on a list provided by the Church Administrative Assistant. If a visitor is present, their name and contact information will be recorded, but no one is required to give their contact information;
  - d. inform people that, if they need to use a bathroom, they are to use the one located in the link;
  - e. take each person’s temperature with a touchless thermometer;
  - f. ask each person if:
    - 1) they feel ill or have had any symptoms of COVID in the past 14 days including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headache, sore throat, nausea, or diarrhea;
    - 2) have tested positive for COVID within the last 14 days,
    - 3) have been in contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID or was suspected of having COVID within the last 14 days,
    - 4) have traveled from one of the states that New York considers high risk (the up-to-date list is at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>). The Church Administrative Assistant will generate an up-to-date list at the end of each week of the high risk states.



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### May Birthday

Cole Cooper	2
Ben Payne	3
Michelle White	4
Jeanine Scott	8
Hope Singbusch	9
Heather Kotula	10
Tyler Engels	11
Dottie Slocum	11
Mary Ann Pearce	17
Karen Cotterill	23
McKayla Macomber	24
Carol Engels	25
Nancy Newbury	25
Corey Cooper	29

The Kitchen Cupboard is open!  
Please direct anyone who needs food to feel free to come to the pantry.  
The Kitchen Cupboard will receive donations of canned goods, fresh vegetables and dry foods.  
Financial donations enable the purchase of other necessities: bread, milk, etc.

The hours that the kitchen cupboard are open are  
**Monday and Friday 11 a.m. to noon.**  
**Wednesday 5 to 6 p.m. and every Saturday of the month 11 a.m. to noon.**



Thank you all for the wonderful card, gift certificate and dish garden for  
*Administrative Professional Day*.  
I feel blessed to work with all of you. This church family is loving and caring, which shows in your everyday actions to each other and the community.

Arlene

Mike and Carol Singbusch now have two grandchildren. Eden Grace was born this March to Hope and Rakesh Gonsalves, and their son is named Gabriel. They are currently living in North Carolina. Mike Singbusch



### Blanket Sunday

Church World Services distributes thousands of blankets around the world.

Your congregation can be part of an even greater response in 2021. You will reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more.

Share blankets, warmth and comfort with your neighbors.

Giving envelopes will be in the May 16th and May 23rd bulletins.

**Please give generously.**

### Flowers

I looked into a flower's face  
And saw a work of love and grace.  
For who but God could even form  
The daffodil so vibrant warm?  
The great Creator has designed  
Sweet violets with beauty lined.  
He made the passion flower rare  
Like tatted lace beyond compare.  
He fashioned lilac's purple hue  
To glisten in the morning dew.  
In all the wonders of God's hand,  
I find a flower the most grand!

Virginia Borman Grimmer










**One Great HOUR OF SHARING**

Thank you to those who have generously supported current Mission Projects.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** donations will be continued through the month of May.

The participation total in 2019 was \$1200. Currently we are only half way to that goal.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 						<b>1</b> 9 a.m.. 
<b>2</b> Worship 10:30 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom	<b>3</b>  KC 11-12	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bulletin items due 10 am  KC 5-6	<b>6</b>  <b>Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00</b>  <b>National Day of Prayer</b>	<b>7</b>  Church office closed  KC 11-12	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>   Worship 10:30 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom	<b>10</b>  KC 11-12	<b>11</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Arlene on Vacation</div>  Finance 7:00	<b>12</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Arlene on Vacation</div> Bulletin items due 10 am KC 5-6	<b>13</b>  <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> 	<b>14</b>  Church office closed  KC 11-12	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Worship 10:30 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom <b>Blanket Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>  KC 11-12	<b>18</b>  <b>Deacons 6:15 Zoom</b> <b>Session 7:00 Zoom</b>	<b>19</b> Bulletin items due 10 am  KC 5-6	<b>20</b>  <b>Prayer Shawl Knitters 1:00</b>	<b>21</b>  Church office closed  KC 11-12	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Worship 10:30  Pentecost	<b>24</b>  <b>Newsletter submissions due</b>  KC 11-12	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bulletin items due 10 am  KC 5-6	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Church office closed  KC 11-12	<b>29</b>  KC 11-12
<b>30</b> Worship 10:30 In-person church service. or join us on Zoom	<b>31</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>   <b>Office Closed</b> <b>KC Closed</b>					

KC= Kitchen Cupboard