

Wakeman Congregational Church
Newsletter
June 2020



Worship Update:

We are excited to announce that we will begin meeting together for worship beginning June 7th. All worship services will be held in the pavilion. In early July, the Diaconate board will meet and determine when we will be able to move back into the church. Pastor has purchased an FM transmitter (which was also used for the Memorial Day Service,) that will allow people to stay in their vehicles if they are not comfortable gathering in the pavilion. You must be in the parking lot to pick up the signal. The service will be broadcast on FM 94.1.

What you can expect:

- Picnic Tables will be replaced with chairs for proper social distancing
- There will be a basket for offering placed on a table but it will not be passed around
- Masks can be worn if you feel comfortable doing so
- There will be singing and communion. Individual pre-packaged communion cups with wafer have been purchased and song sheets will be available
- There will be no Junior Church or nursery

Other Important Updates:

- VBS has been cancelled for this summer. The curriculum that was purchased will be used next summer. Keeping the children safe is a priority so we felt that it was best to postpone until next summer.
- The Chicken BBQ has been cancelled. Proceeds from this event have always gone to a mission or church project. This year the money would have gone towards playground equipment. If you would like to make a donation towards that project, it is appreciated.
- The Trail Life Fundraiser has been cancelled this year. If you would like information about Trail Life or to make a donation, contact Kris Green.
- The Free Clothing Giveaway is still being planned for July 25th in the school annex building. After that date, clothing will be available one day a week for 2 hours.
- The community garden is planted! If you would like to help tend to the garden, contact John Douds.



Community Outreach

On May 23rd, members of the church (under the leadership of the Diaconate Board) went door to door in a very special community outreach. The streets in town were mapped out and volunteers paired up, walking to each house. They delivered a note of encouragement and a gift card to one of our local establishments (Cream of the Crop, East of Chicago, or Brew Pot). If no one answered the door, envelopes were taped to the door. 325 envelopes were handed out that day. Thank you to the volunteers and to the Diaconate Board, for planning this wonderful outreach.

Pastoral Search Team Update:

It's past time to let everyone know where the Pastoral Search Team is at in our process! The virus situation has impacted us significantly since our top two candidates opted out during the "shutdown". They felt it would be wrong to leave their current ministries at a time like this. We understood and accepted their heartfelt regrets for taking up so much of our time and efforts.

Jason reposted our job listing and we had a great response. The team met May 12 and reviewed them all. We also had to regretfully accept the resignations of Pat Canfield and Julie Schuller. We greatly appreciate all the work they did. Our current team is now Nathan Murdock, Theresa Murdock, John Douds, Kris Green, Lacie Green, Keely Krumwiede, and Jason Liss. Church Council had a very productive meeting in our newly purchased school building last Monday night and approved our newest members. Please keep praying for us all and especially thank Keely and Theresa for readily joining the search.

We will be looking at a lot more sermons as our most promising candidates post them on line. We'll then review and select the best so we can set up virtual interviews courtesy of our tech gurus Jason and Lacie. Hopefully the travel restrictions will ease this summer so we can have in person visits as the process advances for our top candidates. It's been interesting how the Lord has worked things out!

Again we appreciate your patience and prayers! *-John, Keely, Jason, Kris, Lacie, Theresa, and Nathan*

COVID-19 Survey Questions/Answers

During Pastor Lee's Fridays at 4 Facebook Live sessions, he challenged us to answer 3 questions. We would like to share a few of the submissions that we received.

What has COVID-19 taken away from me?

The stress of a busy schedule. I was blessed to be able to work from home while the children were off school and the stress of overly busy days went away. - Christy

Family togetherness time. It has limited my time with my parents. It has limited my time with my kids and grandkids. I miss just hanging around with all of them. When I do see them, I feel like we have to be so very cautious. I miss my school family a lot, too. My normal routine. Some days things just seem out of sorts. - Darnel

What has COVID-19 not taken away from me?

My faith and love of God. - Carol

Quiet time/ Bible reading time - John

My love for God, family, friends, and my country. It has made us all so much closer. - Patti

My faith if anything it has made it better. - Debi

What has COVID-19 given me?

More time with Olivia and Monroe. I have been working from home for several weeks and being able to spend the mornings getting Moe ready for the day, feeding him, hanging with Dad at the kitchen table aka remote office had been wonderful. Normally I leave for Akron at 6:00, sometimes I only get to see him at "his best" on the weekends. More respect to what happens on Sundays at Wakeman Congregational church when we gather. - Jason

More appreciation of family and friends. More time to spend with God through devotions, prayer, and the Bible. I read two books that were relevant to this pandemic ("What Are You Afraid Of by Dr. David Jeremiah and "Corona Virus/Christ" by John Piper). - Carol

June Anniversaries! Happy Anniversary to:

Bill & Mona Dauch (6/12)

Matt & Julie Murdock (6/15)

John & Sandy Douds (6/18)

John & Keely Krumwiede (6/27)

Paul & Marge Brookover (6/29)

Marco & Tiff Caponi (6/29)

June Birthdays! Happy birthday to:

Jerry Eaton (6/1), Sue Moesher (6/2) Rita Daniels (6/5), Keith Green (6/5), Frank Moesher (6/6), Theresa Murdock (6/6), Ann Todd (6/8), Andrew Gardner (6/8), Beth Proctor (6/9), Bill Sharp (6/10), Christy Brammer (6/13), Jessica Draganic (6/17), Dalane Riffe (6/18), Matt Douds (6/18), Drew Dillon (6/18), Phyllis Brucker (6/20), Ashton Ours (6/20), David Dauch (6/23), Tami Clark (6/24), Amanda Horn (6/26), Cindy Lewis (6/26), Grace Brammer (6/27), Landen & Layken Barnhart (6/28), Brian Costello



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