
HUPC News

Pastor's Message



Brothers and sisters,

I can't believe we are entering the third month of this quarantine. I feel sad that we can't gather together to worship God. Being apart just doesn't feel right. I miss seeing your faces and hearing about what is going on in your lives. Yet, here we are. Keeping people safe is our biggest priority. We are in historic times and each of us are trying to learn how to accept this new normal.

At this time the leaders of our congregation and I agree that we cannot gather in our church building safely, but that doesn't mean we can't worship God. I am thankful that God has provided technology for us to gather electronically. I saw a cartoon this week of Satan and God talking. Satan said, "I finally closed all the churches" and God replied, "No you did not. Now every believing home is a church." Please join us for our Sunday prayer services (information on the backside). I know it is very different from what we are used to. Yet, it is still worship and God hears our prayers. On June 21st we will also be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion with our Lutheran brothers and sisters after our normal prayer service. So, please remember to set out bread and wine (or juice) on June 21st.

If you are looking for more connection in this time I also invite you to join our mid-week Bible study via Zoom. Starting June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. we will begin studying the 1 Thessalonians. To join in this Bible study you will call the same number you call on Sunday morning, and then put in the following meeting ID: 974 6772 2714.

Church family, I too am annoyed and frustrated by the times we live in but I know nothing—nothing can separate us from the love of God. That is our strength in this time.

In Christ,
Pastor Cheryl Khylllep
(330) 464-5862

Join in Worship



Each Sunday a virtual Prayer Service is held at 10:00am. This is possible through the technology of **zoom**. All you need to join is a phone or computer. Below are the instructions on how you can join. We hope to see/hear you there!!

Computer instructions: Go to Zoom.us and create an account (username and password). Download the zoom program onto your computer. How to join the meeting at 10 am Sunday: Open the app and click "Join a meeting". Put in the Meeting ID which is 321 671 659. Choose whether or not you would like to join with video. Click join with audio.

Phone instructions: Dial 929-205-6099. You will be prompted to put in the Meeting ID number: 321 671 659.

You can view previous and current weekly messages from Pastor Cheryl on the church's YouTube page *HomesteadUPC*.

Tithes and Offering

We encourage all to continue giving if you are able while the church is closed. You can mail your offering to the church. The mail is checked regularly and assigned counters continue to prepare and make deposits.



Shopping Assistance

The Wellman Family is at the ready to help!!

If you are unable to get to the store or pharmacy Matthew and Tyler Wellman are available to shop for you. You can contact them at 412-491-4037.



VBS



The CE committee and VBS station leaders have been monitoring the safety of having VBS for a while now. We have decided for the full effect of our VBS and to be totally, personally immersed in the Bible stories as we do, we would not be able to social distance appropriately. We also did not feel that in person VBS without singing out would be fun at all. So it is our decision to postpone and detour Rocky Railway until possibly 2021. The train will just be a little delayed but it will come to the HUPC station! We are working on some kind of one day family VBS type event in our parking lot in August. Stay tuned for more details. Thank you for your patience and we hope to see all of you soon.



The roof replacement is about 90% complete. Burns and Scalo will return to finish the last week of May or 1st week of June. We have mailed the second installment of \$60,893.25 (\$55,000 from the trust fund and the \$5,894 of what was collected from the general fund.) With this pandemic, we have fallen behind on our quest to introduce our plea to the community for support as well as fundraising for this and other missions. Please continue to pray about this funding. If you have not already submitted your campaign commitment for HUPC's Roof and Repairs for Refuge Fund, please prayerfully consider either a one time or an ongoing donation for the building and missions that this campaign will support. Committees and Session will continue to discuss/ conduct fundraisers as part of our review on dealing with this pandemic.

Congratulations Graduates



We would like to honor the following 2020 college and high school graduates.

- **Josette Saunders** - Josette graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education PreK-4 and Special Education PreK-8. She hopes to find a teaching position in Virginia but is applying to school districts all over.
- **Ashley Demartino** - Ashley graduated from Steel Valley High School. She will attend CCAC in the fall with a major in Early Childhood Education and Development. After college, Ashley would like to run her own daycare.
- **Channing Griffin** - Channing graduated from Steel Valley High School. He will attend Seton Hill University in the fall with a major in Musical Theatre. After college, Channing hopes to move to New York to pursue a career in professional theater.
- **Kharissa Kightlinger** - Kharissa graduated from Commonwealth Charter Academy. She is going to take a gap year and hopes to attend CCAC next year with a major in Graphic Design. After college, Kharissa wants to work for a company in her field and show the world what she is capable of.
- **Juliette Saunders** - Juliette graduated from West Mifflin Area High School. She will attend Westminster College in the fall with a major in Business Administration. After college, Juliette hopes to get her Real Estate License and become a Relator.
- **Leah Vinay** - Leah graduated from Steel Valley High School. She will attend Waynesburg University in the fall with a major in Forensic Investigation and a minor in Psychology. After college, Leah hopes to earn her Master's Degree and be a Crime Scene Investigator or Detective.
- **Matt Wellman** - Matt graduated from Steel Valley High School. He will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall with a major in Aerospace Engineering. After college, Matt hopes to work for NASA.

While this time has been difficult and uncertain, we're so proud of the tenacity and courage that the class of 2020 has shown. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing where God leads them in the future!