

The Carillon Newsletter

August 2020



Dear Church,

It's summertime and Covid is still happening. I know it is rough on many of us with how our lives have changed so much, and it's hard that we cannot gather together as a community safely for worship yet. In the midst of these times we are still living into our call and our mission as a church. What's our mission? Glad you asked! Our mission statement is:

As one united congregation, we stand as a beacon of hope in Grays Harbor, by sharing God's message of love through acts of service, outreach, education, and worship.

Even now, we are living out our mission. We are providing **worship** online. We are providing **education** for children and adults through weekly Kids' Corner and Word and Prayer videos. We are **reaching out** to our neighbors online. We are providing **service** and care by checking in on one another. People are living into their call for **outreach** by growing food at the community garden or their homes and donating it to the food bank. We are providing **service and outreach** still with our monthly meals to the Union Gospel Mission. {continued...}

*Our Vision:
Welcoming all to
a faith community
of service and
love.*

Church Staff

Rev. Michelle
de Beauchamp
Senior Pastor

Teri Julian
**Administrative
Assistant &
Bookkeeper**

Kari Hasbrouck
**Music & Worship
Director**

Troy George
Choir Director

Lillian Matheson
Coffee Hour Minister

Council Members

Sue Varland
Howard Morris
Eric Shofner
Tony Enzler
Ingrid Larson
Nola Bell
Sharal Whitecliff

Speaking of the monthly meals to the mission, more than ever we need help with providing these meals. Their numbers are up and some of our members need to “retire” from years of doing this. If you are willing to sign up to be part of a team, please contact the office. We desperately need your help.

With the passing of Pastor Jeani I would like to lift up a new opportunity that Pastor Jeani was thrilled about that is happening because God is on the move. Jeani and I along with all of you dreamed that the 1st Presbyterian building would be used for something like a feeding program. And guess what? Now, this month, we enter into a new outreach partnership with Chaplains feeding program in Aberdeen! This would not be possible without all the hard work and grants to remodel the 1st Presbyterian kitchen. Chaplains provides weekly, 120-150 meals on Sundays to the homeless in Aberdeen. They have been looking for a new place for their staff to prep the “to go” meals that they hand out in a parking lot. Council approved that their staff of 3-5 (following detailed protocols of disinfecting and wearing masks) will be using the kitchen at 1st Pres on Sunday afternoons. This is exactly the example of use for this kitchen that we envisioned years ago! And now it will be getting used! Even in these Covid times, service is happening!

We as a church are living into our mission. 2020 might have thrown our strategic plan and hopes for ministry out the door but we just had to pivot and find new ways to live into our mission. Church is still working to support and care for our neighbors. We are living into our call to be a welcoming faith community of service and love. Thanks be to God that even in times such as this, God is still on the move and calling us in new ways.

Peace,
Pastor Michelle

Important Schedule Changes

Please note the following changes and adjustments to the church schedule. In order to be present and support the Shofner family and also to assist the congregation during this time of great loss, Pastor Michelle returned from her vacation. Pastor Michelle will create a special worship service for this Sunday, August 2nd, in Pastor Jeani’s memory. Following this service, Pastor Michelle will resume her vacation and will be gone August 3-18th. The hymn sing service will be held on August 16th and the original worship service, that was planned and recorded for the 9th, will be still held that day. During her absence, Pastor Michelle has arranged for the local pastors (Pastor Val, Pastor K, and Pastor Karen) to be on call for emergencies. If there is a pastoral emergency call the church line for the pastor on call number. If you need any support during pastor’s vacation, please reach out to the church council.

In addition, several of our online church activities will be on a "summer break" during the last three weeks of August. During that time, we will be reposting the "best of" for Morning Music (Mondays) and Daily Word and Prayer (Wednesdays and Fridays). Kids’ Corner will be back up and running at the start of the school year.

<This letter was emailed out to the congregation on Tuesday, August 29th>

Dear Church,

It is with a heavy heart I write that Pastor Jeani Shofner passed away last night (Monday, July 27) in her sleep at Grays Harbor Community Hospital. It was due to her cancer and complications with an infection that she quickly had a downturn in her health.

Ed, her husband, is still in the hospital at St. Peter's in Olympia trying to get better from his congestive heart failure and dialysis. We are hoping he will soon be transferred to a rehabilitation center. Please keep Ed in your prayer for a safe and quick recovery as he mourns the loss of his dear wife of almost 50 years. Pastor Jeani passed in her sleep and her daughter Sarabeth, her sister Joan, Eric her brother-in-law, and all the extended family were able to go and say goodbye and see her one last time. I was able to go in and see her, pray over her and read to her from the Bible as she was asleep.

Please keep all the family in your prayers during this time of deep loss and so many unknowns. Plans for any memorial or burial services will be scheduled at a future date will all the family can gather together again. We will notify the church members of any plans when they are made—any questions about this please contact the church office directly.

As of right now the family would only like to receive cards. Cards can be sent to Ed and Sarabeth at:

Ed and Sarabeth Shofner
422 Chenault Ave.
Hoquiam, WA 98550

Peace,
Pastor Michelle



Church Council News

The Church Council and Pastor Michelle held our regular Zoom meeting on July 19. A priority to discuss was reopening the church building. In light of the increase of local Covid cases, and taking into consideration the recent state restriction on indoor gatherings to 10 or fewer, the council voted to keep the building closed until September 16, making September 20 the first possible Sunday to hold services inside the building. We have seen this local rise in Covid cases occur during the two weeks following the Fourth of July holiday. Since Labor Day weekend is September 5-7, the council thought it wise to delay our opening for roughly two weeks following Labor Day. Please keep in mind that it is certainly a possibility that the building closure may extend past this September date. The Church Council is evaluating it month by month.

We are going to try to hold an outdoor coffee hour toward the end of August on the First Presbyterian property, if, and only if, we can meet the state guidelines regarding size of group and social distancing, etc. This, too, is not a definite.

The council approved for the group, Chaplains on the Harbor, to have use of the kitchen at the First Presbyterian building each Sunday to prepare a meal to feed the homeless. Chaplains on the Harbor needed to find a new location for food preparation, and we are delighted to be able to meet that need. The food will be prepared in the First Presbyterian building, then taken to a distribution site in Aberdeen. The group's meal program feeds 100-150 each Sunday.

Once again, on behalf of the council, I want to thank you for the tithes you make. Despite the building closure, those darn utility bills keep showing up! We are so very grateful for all the community volunteer work, the looking after each other and our neighbors that you do. It is God's work!

Sue Varland

Office News

During this unprecedented time of change in our daily lives, we want you to know that we are expecting questions. Please ask for help with anything that you may need, especially when it comes to technology. We have the knowledge and resources to help. If you have questions about Zoom, we can answer them (you could even practice with your Admin during the day). If you would like to watch worship on a DVD, we are able to get a Worship DVD to you. If you do not have a DVD player, or internet, please contact the office. We can help. We want you to get everything out of what we can give right now. Please email or call the office. The building is closed, but we are available.

PRAYER PAGE

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did,
this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

Empty Vessel Prayer – Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; Warm me and make me fervent That my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; Thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In thee is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive but to whom I may not give. Amen.

Lead Me – Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers...

*The family of Pastor Jeani Shofner,
The family of Julianne Smitt,
The family of Jane Goldberg,
The family of Phil Olafsen,
The family of Bob Carlson,
The families and friends of Dylan Furford
and Cole Rutzer
Ed Shofner, Vada Kohn,
Hank Bilderback, Elan Isacowitz,
Teri Julian & Kids, Wil Russoul's family,
Sarah Alvarez and Brandy, Magnolia,
John & Sarah Leigh Sullivan, Liz,
Stephanie, Julie, Joe Pearson,
Sunshine Obi, Jose and Naomie, Troy,
Andrea and Ryder, Leah and her family,
Lillian Matheson, Ken Matheson,
Gus Schmidt, Michael Fleming,
JoJean Young, Steven McFail,
Charlene Hood, Nancy Nisinger,
Alex Reid and family, Brendan,
Leona Anderson, Toni Black, Crissy,
Gary Evans, Doris Rosenbach, Simon,
Cindy, Sarah Powell, Tom Petrich,
Connie McCroskey, Angel Temaj,
Val Rhodes, Andy, Andrew,
Robert Holladay, Diane Mann,
Arbie & Bonnie Irwin, Mackenzie Murray,
Wayne Carter, Yvonne,
1st Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen,
Police Officers & First Responders.*

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Every Wednesday at 10am meet us on Zoom for “face to face” fellowship. On Mondays or Tuesdays when the Rose Blast is published, the link for the Zoom conference will be included. You do not have to have a computer to join as there is a way to simply call in. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

L^3+P=(RIOT)

Thursday, August 20th at 1pm is the next meeting of L^3+P=(RIOT) Book Club and it will be held in Judy Brady’s backyard. Her address is in the directory.

RELAY FOR LIFE IS STILL FIGHTING

The main virtual Relay for Life event was held Saturday, July 25th. We've raised \$24,540.91 with a goal of \$150,000.00. If you have raised money to support this fight or wish to donate, you may turn it in to Teri at the office or go to https://secure.acsevents.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=relay_donate_now to donate. Search for Saron Lutheran to donate to our team for Grays Harbor Relay for Life. Donations will be taken and credited to the Saron team until the end of August. The fight against this disease is still on and can't be postponed! Cancer did not go away when COVID-19 hit. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY HYMN SING—AUGUST 16th

Worship on August 16th will be a Hymn Sing! We will have many of the regular parts of worship including a short message but there will be tons of hymns you can sing-along with! We have a PDF of the lyrics that will be sent out as an attachment to the Rose Blast so you can follow along. However, if you just want us to mail you a paper copy of the lyrics, we will gladly do that— just call or email the office to let us know you need one. People without internet that have requested DVDs we will be sending you the lyrics along with your DVD.

ONLINE WORSHIP ASSISTING MINISTERS

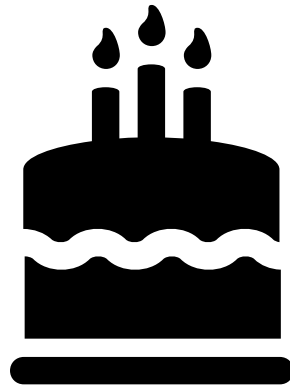
If you are interested in reading or reciting prayers for worship service online, please contact Pastor Michelle about the possibility of adding recordings to the worship service. You do not have to be an expert – we can help!

AUGUST @ Home with Saron 1st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All *in-person* activities and Worship is postponed. Please see schedule below for online services. They can be accessed on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Saron1st/ as well as on our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZNdVOZECCOpZ0ZZQBVU2Zg</p>						1
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10a Virtual Worship w/tribute to Pastor Jeani	5p DW&P	8a Music w/David 1p Kids Corner	10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p DW&P	8a Music w/Kari	5p DW&P	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10a Virtual Worship	8a Best of Morning Music		10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Best of Daily Word and Prayer		5p Best of Daily Word and Prayer	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10a Virtual Worship w/Hymn Sing	8a Best of Morning Music <i>UGM Team 2</i>		10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Best of Daily Word and Prayer		5p Best of Daily Word and Prayer	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10a Virtual Worship Council Meeting	8a Best of Morning Music		10a Virtual Coffee Hour 5p Best of Daily Word and Prayer		5p Best of Daily Word and Prayer	
30	31					
10a Virtual Worship w/Communion	8a Best of Morning Music					

August Birthdays

4-Aug	Dara Gaddis
9-Aug	Leona Olson
9-Aug	Pat Warren
13-Aug	Aaron Dyer
14-Aug	Isabelle Dyer
15-Aug	Jenny Fisher
18-Aug	Amy Ballard
19-Aug	Sue Swantek
25-Aug	Lois Carroll
28-Aug	Pr. Michelle de Beauchamp
30-Aug	Ed Rosi



Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting will
be August 23rd.



Assisting Minister Schedule

Please stay home and stay healthy! We will be together again!



Union Gospel Mission Dinner

August 17th

Team 2 will be organizing the *August* meal for the Union Gospel Mission Dinner.

We need volunteers to help with these dinners! Please contact us and let us know how you are able to help and we will get you on at team. You can make it at home and drop off items right to the mission with social distancing.

Collecting Hygiene Items

We are still collecting hygiene items for our friends who come to the community meal. Once we can host again, these items will go fast. Looking forward, we could use a bit of sunscreen/sunblock and lip balm. **We would also like to add masks to our stock.** Socks & hand/feet warmers are always appreciated. We would also like to be able to provide soap, shampoo, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and pet food (we split up bags into baggies, feel free to donate a large bag). Protein bars, granola bars, instant coffee and hot chocolate are a nice touch as well. Please contact the office to schedule a time to bring your items. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Property Reports

Parsonage

Phil and Pastor Michelle have fixed the sink in the kitchen and put in a new faucet. The old one was leaking bad and had a hole form.

The outside spigot for the hose near the carport was not able to shut off completely so Phil replaced it with a new one.

Phil and his dad enclosed the backyard! They replaced the fencing that had holes (2 full sides of the chain-link was completely rerun with new fencing), laid the new poles, built a wooden gate in the carport that matches, etc. The only place we are using a removable "baby gate" is on the porch, but other than that it is enclosed and looks beautiful.

Phil will be fixing the places inside where the plaster has worn off, cracked, or is a hole. He will redo that, sand it, and paint with the matching paint in the shed

1st Presbyterian

LouJean, Maggie, Joyce and Teri have been working hard to put the kitchen back together after the construction phase. At this time, it is almost complete, just a few organizational tricks are needed to finish up so we can welcome Chaplains in on Sundays as well as future endeavors.

Marilynn has been working tirelessly in the garden, weeding beds and covering them up for future planting.

Cathy, Tony and Dryden have been working to maintain the grounds around the building. The grass is mowed, and Cathy has repainted the bell and cleaned up the front entrance.



Saron

Task List – what can you help with? Please let the Office know!

Thank you, Mark & Karla for tackling the office door!

Do you know someone with a 50'+ man lift who would be willing to help us investigate the condition of the steeple and adjacent roof?

Can you help repair the damaged accordion wall that gets rolled out monthly for community dinners?

There are more projects to do! If you are interested in receiving Property Committee emails and are willing to put your hand up to help, please let the office know. You will be added to the email list and receive occasional notifications of projects that need to be done.

July Contributions

\$7213

July Finance Recap

Gen Fund Income: \$7213
Normal Expenses: \$ 11,137
Difference: (\$3924)



**Thank you for mailing in and dropping off your contributions!
We can do this!**

Office Hours

The office is currently closed. Please contact the office if you need access.

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