

# UNION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



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## Pastor's Corner - Moving into the Neighborhood

I finally moved into the neighborhood. Whoop Whoop! My dog Seamus & I are settled comfortably into the manse & have almost emptied our boxes. Moving into a new neighborhood can be stressful, but my new church family have made me feel welcome. God has blessed you with the gift of hospitality. From the session including me in the renovations at the manse, to the bouquet of flowers, gift basket and food on moving day, and your calls, cards, & emails, I praise God for them all.

As our Covid restrictions begin to let up, my prayer is that you get your vaccine and re-join us in worship and activities in the life of the church. Going forward, the session and I are working through plans to continue our hybrid model of worship with both in-person and online opportunities for you to continue worshipping Almighty God. We plan to fellowship and celebrate safely both inside and outside at events with options to socially distance and remain masked for those who choose.

We recognize you may still want to wear masks and we respect your decision. No judgement here! As your new pastor, I am learning to quickly recognize you with your masks adorned but look forward to seeing your beautiful faces with or without them.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Heb. 13:2)

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Diane Flynn 412-997-0642 cell



**Seamus  
exhausted on  
moving day**



## Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Join us in worship as we celebrate our graduates.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Anthony Flick – Lenape Technical School  
Jonathan Boltz – Geneva College



## Men's Group Yard Sale June 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 2:00pm

Have you cleaned out your closets & garages during the pandemic? Bring your gently used items in good working order to the annual Men's Group yard sale. We are collecting items in a room off the fellowship hall and will be glad to sell them for you. Want to sell them yourself? Rent a table for \$5 and do just that. One person's trash is another person's treasure (but please don't send us your trash).



## Summer Worship Hours – 10:00 am

Worship will begin at 10:00am from  
May 30<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup>



**Kyle Plansinis**  
**New I.T. Media Coordinator**

From the beginning of the pandemic, Kyle Plansinis and Chris Toy led the charge with Rev. Colleen McFarland, former interim pastor to immediately switch our worship to livestream online through Facebook. We quickly became aware that livestreaming our services has now become the front door of the church in this digital age.

As we continue to offer opportunities for hybrid worship both in-person and online, the session is excited to announce the hiring of Kyle Plansinis as I.T. Media Coordinator. Kyle will work part-time with Rev. Flynn and others as the point of contact and support for the electronic & Wi-Fi systems, digital media, church website, presentations for worship & other events.

This is a new position that we are confident will evolve over time. We are thrilled that Kyle has felt called to serve God in this emerging ministry to the people of Cowansville and beyond.



Memorial Day honors all those lost to war and conflicts while fighting for

our country. May we honor and remember the brave warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice with a holy memory and a grateful heart.



You are cordially invited to attend the Service of Installation of

**Rev. Diane C. Flynn**

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

Dinner to follow in the outdoor pavilion

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to the church by phone or email 724-548-5758 or [Cowansville.Church@gmail.com](mailto:Cowansville.Church@gmail.com) **By June 19, 2021**

Masks and socially distanced seating will be available for those in need.

In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish... In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been (previously) ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament, and are now called anew to service in that ministry.

Occasions of...installation have to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual. Those ordained and installed to ordered ministry fulfill a particular role in the larger ministry of the church. (Excerpt from The Book of Common Worship, p. 457)



Steve & Teresa Geidel – May 31<sup>st</sup>

Roger & Chris Freehling – June 11<sup>th</sup>

David & Jackie Scotka – June 15<sup>th</sup>

David & Colleen Flick – June 17<sup>th</sup>

David & Melissa Cushey – June 19<sup>th</sup>



Barb Johns – May 30<sup>th</sup>

Ted Geidel & Pat Robinson – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mike DeBacco – June 5<sup>th</sup>

Jake Shrekengost & David Snyder – June 7<sup>th</sup>

Pat Boltz – June 8<sup>th</sup>

Linda Shankle Costanzo & Taylor Rumbarger –  
June 9<sup>th</sup>

Bobbi Jo Tatters – June 11<sup>th</sup>

Arn McAuley – June 14<sup>th</sup>

Keri Weaver Cerutti – June 17<sup>th</sup>

Kelly Snyder Holmberg – June 18<sup>th</sup>

Curt Reep – June 20<sup>th</sup>

Gabriel Elder & Stephanie Douglass – June 21<sup>st</sup>

Sue Geidel – June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Richey Toy – June 25<sup>th</sup>

Paige Gray – June 27<sup>th</sup>

Juliann Patton Yockey – June 28<sup>th</sup>

Bradley Patton & Steve Evans – June 29<sup>th</sup>

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the following whose loved ones have entered the Church Triumphant:

Sherree, niece of Curt & Patti Reep – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Larry Cogley, cousin of Kathy Harris – May 13<sup>th</sup>

Mike Titus, brother of Tom Titus– May 23<sup>rd</sup>

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

Congratulations to Mike Toy and his new bride

Holly who were married May 25<sup>th</sup>.



The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Alleluia!

### June Meetings & Events

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am – Mug & a Prayer, Conference Room

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm - Deacons Meeting, Sanctuary

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm -Worship Committee, Session, 7:00 pm