

# The Country Courier

News from The Sower's Chapel

March 2020

## CHURCH COUNCIL | TUE., MAR 3, 7:30 PM

Everyone is invited – encouraged – to attend Church Council gatherings. In February we discussed the Memorial Day service, set for May 24, 2020, and the Golf Scramble, set for Sat., September 5th. Please consider attending council meetings and adding your thoughts and ideas.

## FROM THE TREASURER

At the outset I thought it was important for the congregation to know the financial situation for the Sower's Chapel for the last month. Our income for the month of January was \$5,692.70. Our expenses were \$2,297.01. As you can see, once again, we are building up our treasury.

I also had an analysis done of last year's income. The total income for the year 2019 was \$74,543.79. I thought it would be useful to determine what the average contribution was from the various contributing units in the Society. There were 18 members of the Society who contributed, by check, to our treasury on a regular basis. I subtracted cash donations and one-time donations and divided that figure by 18. The resulting "average" contribution of regularly contributing members was \$3,886.33. This is very high in comparison with other New Church Societies.

I requested information from David Frazier, the Treasurer of the General Church concerning contributions per average contributing unit. They do not keep track of those statistics. Instead the church uses contributions to church per "average weekly attendance." To a certain extent we are comparing apples to oranges. However, by rough comparison, our average contribution per contributing member would be second only to the Washington Society. And, of course, we are a Society currently without a resident pastor. We are way above any other such society.

I thought it would be useful for you to know this. We are doing better than we think we are.

– Al Lindsay, Treas.

## YOU ARE INTEGRAL TO THE EFFORT!

We need to plan for Spring Cleanup Day(s) at The Sower's Chapel. Many things around our church need attention. The porch columns could use some touch up paint, and the front doors could use an entire paint job. There will be trees in need of a trim, weeds to pull, and mulch that will need to be spread. Windows, siding and the porch will all benefit from a thorough cleaning. A more involved undertaking will be repair of the concrete walkway.

Additionally, the large sign at the corner of Sarver and Iron Bridge Roads requires a major cleaning and replacement of lightbulbs. It is our window to the neighborhood and all who pass through, and should be a positive representation of our church family.

Here is what I consider might be a problem. Imagine six or eight geriatric couples/individuals limping about inside and out trying to recondition our 33 year old building (some of us might chafe at that description, however true it may be...). What would be enormously helpful is the commitment of some of the younger couples/families to join in the effort. Our older generation built this building; picture Betty Lindsay standing in the septic drainage field holding a story pole, or Carol and Claudia attempting to control a jackhammer while working on the drain for the kitchen sink. Simply offering a part of *your* day would be so very helpful in keeping our physical presence in the community a positive, well maintained one.

We're not ready to set a date(s) for a work party(s) just yet, but we need to get the maintenance ball rolling. I'm going to post a list at the church so you can sign up to help. If you see something that could use some attention add it to the list of projects so we can have a plan - rather than showing up and not knowing where to start. I am not interested in wasting anyone's time, I just want to improve our usefulness and appearance inside and out.

If you commit to work I will commit to having kielbasa, onion and pepper sandwiches for lunch; all are welcome to contribute additional lunch peripherals.

Please commit to helping, and let us know if there is something specific that you want to tackle.

– Bill Kronen

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

From the Dole Notes

3/1/20, Jesus' Ministry, Matt. 8

3/8/20

3/15/20, Jesus' Transfiguration, Matt. 17: 1-13

3/22/20, Jesus' Last Days, Matt. 26; 27

3/29/20, Palm Sunday, Matt. 21; 1-27

4/5/20, Easter, Matt. 28

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Anne and Elsie Lindsay on their recent individual achievements in the regional PJAS (Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science) competition! Anne won 1st place in her division, as well as the Directors Award for Microbiology. Elsie won 1st place in her division, as well as the Directors Award for Ecology. Both of them will compete at Penn State in the statewide PJAS competition in May.

## DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS...

...of The Sower's Chapel, I was totally surprised to receive the lovely cards and gift from our Society on the occasion of my birthday. Thank you.

This Saturday Kenneth and I were cleaning the church and thinking about how lucky we are to be part of this Society and to share worship in this little white church.

*Love Always,  
Zarah*

## VOLUNTEER STAFF:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Glenn Heilman - Chair, Dan Heilman - Secretary, Al Lindsay - Treasurer, Alfred Brown, Mike Brown, Ben Brown, Bill Kronen, Jr., Jim Lindsay

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR: Travis Lindsay

COURIER & CALENDAR: Miriam Heilman,  
miriam.heilman@gmail.com

BIBLE SCHOOL: Michelle Hardt, Maureen Rodgers

MAINTENANCE: Alfred Brown

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: Kate Kronen, Travis Lindsay

MOWING: Jim Lindsay - Coordinator, Alfred Brown, Jonathan Hardt, Dan Heilman, Al Lindsay, Jim Lindsay Jr, Travis Lindsay

MUSIC: Sally Lindsay, Anne Lindsay, Michelle Hardt

NURSERY: Emily Fennell, Rachel Gruver, Miriam Heilman, Carol Kronen, Theresa Poe

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR: Zarah Blair

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS: Zarah Blair, Marlene Brown, Theresa Poe

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mary Lindsay & Trish Lindsay - Coordinators, Michelle Hardt, Travis Lindsay, Lauren, Miller, Maureen Rodgers, Laurel Walsh

USHERS: Alfred Brown, Ben Brown, Mike Brown, Dan Heilman, Jim Lindsay, Travis Lindsay, Russ Poe, Paul Shuttars

VISITING MINISTER LIASON: Kate Kronen & Bill Kronen, Sr.

SIGN: Rachel Gruver & Dan Heilman

INFORMATION FOR THE SUNDAY BULLETIN: Bill Kronen, Sr.,  
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## BOWLING FOR BLESSINGS

Benefits Allegheny Valley Association of Churches  
Let's Strike Out Hunger & Homelessness

March 8, 2020

12:30 - 4:00 pm

Everyone is welcome,  
individuals, groups, families, all ages.

You do not need to fill up a lane in order to bowl.

Cost: \$15/bowler, which includes:  
Three hours of unlimited bowling (1-4 pm)  
Shoe rental

One pizza & one pitcher of soft drinks per lane  
6 bowlers per lane

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.  
Submit reservations with total number of bowlers to  
beth@avaoc.org or 724-226-0606 x10  
NO LATER than March 2, 2020

Event Registration begins at 12:30 pm.