

Thursday, October 8, 2020

In-Person Outdoor Worship Sunday, October 18!

Video Worship continues every week for those who wish to not participate in person.

Please watch for a survey seeking information from you regarding future indoor services. Currently we are limiting the number of attendees so please contact Pastor June at pastorjune@gethsemane.org or 614-885-4319 to reserve a spot.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ON YOUTUBE: Go to <http://YouTube.gethsemane.org>. Sunday worship services are posted there along with postings from Miss Kendra for the kids in Sunday School. Check it out on Sundays for our live service at 9:30am or later in the day. Click on “videos” to see more options of past postings. *Here is the link for this Sunday’s live worship at 9:30am* <https://youtu.be/oPMJsHdC5p8>

MAKE A WORSHIP SERVICE RESERVATION to attend an indoor service in the sanctuary by calling or emailing Pastor June at (614-885-4319 or pastorjune@gethsemane.org). We are having a very limited number of people worshipping in the sanctuary on Sundays so reservations are required. You will need to take your temperature before you leave home, wear a facemask while you are here, and of course practice social distancing.

ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM THIS MORNING 10:30AM: We continue our discussion this week of “Living on the Margins” For this Sunday in our Adult Ed we have a guest from NAMI The National Alliance on Mental Illness. See Pastor June’s email for the ID and password.

ALSO ON ZOOM:

- ❖ **REFLECTIONS BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM:** Every Monday at 8:00am the Reflections Bible Study meets on ZOOM to discuss the lessons for the coming Sunday. Contact Mark Keller to get the meeting ID and password.
- ❖ **BOOK GROUP ON ZOOM:** The next Book Group meeting on ZOOM will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7:00pm when a discussion of *This Tender Land* written by William Kent Krueger is led by Joy McLemore. If you have questions or want to be added to the email list contact Carol Prigan. Start thinking of new books to discuss. At the Nov. 24th meeting choices will be made for the 2020-2021 season.

“LIVING LUTHERAN” SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL: It is time for Gethsemane to renew the group rate subscription to “Living Lutheran” for all members who wish to receive the magazine. Due to the pandemic we will depend on you to contact the church office either by email (glcoffice@gethsemane.org) or by phone (614-885-4319) to let Diane know if you wish:

to **STAY ON THE LIST**
be **REMOVED FROM THE LIST** or
be **ADDED TO THE LIST**

If you would like to help offset Gethsemane’s cost (\$8.95 per family subscription) please mail your contribution to Gethsemane’s church office at 35 E. Stanton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214. Make checks payable to **Gethsemane Lutheran Church** write “**Magazine**” in the memo.

FALL SERVICE DAY is Saturday, Nov. 14, plus days during the following week. If you can help with outdoor (only) cleanup jobs such as leaf raking, please contact either Jim Siebert or Char Jessie by Friday, Oct. 9.

TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 31, 5-6:30 PM. We are having a Trunk or Treat event in our parking lot for our Gethsemane, Play & Learn, and Food Pantry children! We need YOU to decorate your car (or table) and hand out candy or other treats to children. (We will have safe parameters to give you.) If you don't want to decorate anything, you could just come and help too. Halloween fun for our kids! To participate, e-mail trunkortreat@gethsemane.org or call the church office (614-885-4319).

NOV. 1 – ON THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS we remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. In addition to those who have died in the congregation this past year, you are also invited to lift up friends and family members that have died since last All Saints, Nov. 3, 2019 and they will be remembered in worship. Please send their name to glcoffice@gethsemane.org along with their date of death and their relationship to you. We are also requesting digital pictures of those who passed away this year only by Thursday, Oct. 22.

QUILTING CONTINUES THROUGHOUT PANDEMIC. However, we are facing the challenge of finding cotton fabrics, especially prints. Supply and availability has gone down while price has gone up. We are doing our best to use all available fabric pieces; we'll have some colorful quilts! We welcome donations to the quilt project— any cotton is usable (without stretch in the fabric); prints are most desired as solid colors are easier to find. We can use bedsheets in good condition, no white please. A twin sheet is the perfect size but we can cut down larger sizes to fit. A 5-yard piece of fabric will make a backing with some matching squares. Smaller pieces can be cut into squares. Sewers are also needed! If you are interested in helping sew, please contact Terri Siebert, quilt coordinator. Diane Langner and Donna Darlage can also be contacted for information. While we cannot gather together for knotting right now, we can have quilts available for anyone who would like to do knotting at home. Contact Terri if interested so we can be sure that quilts are ready for you.

RED CROSS NEEDS YOUR BLOOD. We encourage you to go to www.redcross.org to schedule an appointment at a place in your area to donate blood. There is an urgent need and all blood will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies for FREE.

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE? VOLUNTEERS ARE WILLING TO HELP YOU: We have some vulnerable people in our congregation that might need help. If you would like assistance in picking up prescriptions, groceries or doing other errands. Please contact Pastor June (pastorjune@gethsemane.org) or Lindalee Brownstein. It would **not** include driving people around, providing funds, or offering medical assistance, but we will research what other community resources can help with these if we are asked.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YARDWORK. We now have regular Gethsemane outdoor workdays on the second Friday and the fourth Saturday of each month. We start at around 8:00am or whenever volunteers want to arrive. The purpose is to maintain and improve the grounds around Gethsemane and to enjoy a little socially distance camaraderie. We are also looking for suggestions regarding the grounds. CONTACT: Lindalee Brownstein.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: At Gethsemane, we need your continued financial support. We know that times are uncertain, but please support Gethsemane as long as you can. You can give in the following manners:

- **GETHSEMANE ONLINE**
- **ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS FROM YOUR BANK**
- **“GIVEPLUS CHURCH” APP ON YOUR SMART PHONE**
- **TEXT FROM YOUR SMART PHONE**
- **WRITE A CHECK AND MAIL IT TO CHURCH** (35 E. Stanton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214)

For detailed instructions go to www.gethsemane.org and click on “GIVING”. Or just use the following link: <https://www.gethsemane.org/giving.html>. Click “here” at the bottom of the page for the instructions. Thanks to all who have used one of these methods to make contributions.

We Remember in Prayer

New concerns: Rob Zeid and Brian Kaufman (sons-in-law of Bob and Jan Davis) ... David Frashier.

Members with ongoing concerns: Dan Bonarrigo ... Bob Brugler ... Howard Feole ... Joyce Geary ... Dr. Tim Guenther ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... John Herner ... Lois Hornbostel ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... James Laspisa ... Dick Lyndes ... Dick Reuning.

Friends and family with concerns: Peter Berlin (nephew of Dick Lyndes’ son and daughter-in-law) ... Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) ... Miriam, Cindy, Dan (mother, sister, and brother-in-law of Gary Rader) ... Elaine Dean (mother of Pam Seidelmann) ... Murry Leeper (brother of Liz Melick) ... Debbie Miller ... Vivien Murphy (aunt of Char Jessie) ... Bob Patton ... John Savolaine (son of Carol Savolaine) ... Roy Starkey (friend of Liz Melick) ... Susan Wilkins and Loretta Venturi (aunts of Pastor June) ... John Williams (father-in-law of former staff member Betsy Williams) ... Tim and Tracy (friends of Kelly Seifert) ... father of Margaret Murphy

Homebound: Donna Baer (Crown Point) ... Marie Cooper ... Alice Gerken (Mayfair Village) ... Becky Oldaker (Bennington Glen) ... Phyllis Wei.

Please let Pr. June know if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or if you are suffering symptoms of what you believe to be COVID-19. We would like to pray for you and support you. If you have been in any contact with other Gethsemane people for any amount of time, we will need to let them know. If you would like for it to remain confidential, Pr. June will respect your wishes.

To fulfill God's mission here at Gethsemane

	August 2020	Fiscal Year to Date (2 months)
Budgeted Contributions:	\$31,765	\$60,000
Contributions Received:	\$36,167	\$61,122
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$4,402	\$1,122

Contributions needed for the remainder of the fiscal year

Total: \$298,878

Average Per Month: \$29,888

Complete financial details are available in Atrium Way.

Note: The amounts listed above reflect contributions to Gethsemane's Operating Fund; they do not include contributions to Special Funds, such as the Remembrance Fund or the Build Up, Reach Out!, and they do not include contributions for IYK.