

Thursday, September 24, 2020

In-Person Outdoor Worship This Sunday, September 27! Blessing of the Beast Sunday – Bring your pet to worship.

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

We will have an Outdoor Worship service every three weeks (*weather permitting*). On Sundays when we don't have Outdoor worship you may make a reservation to attend a service in the sanctuary. We are limiting the number of attendees so please contact Pastor June at pastorjune@gethsemane.org to reserve a spot.

BLESSING OF THE BEASTS will happen at our in-person outdoor worship this Sunday, Sept. 27. Bring your beastly family members for a special blessing during worship! Bring your beast on a leash or in a carrier.

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 Sunday's worship* <https://youtu.be/h7FYMPJU75w>.

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.

NO ADULT EDUCATION ON ZOOM THIS MORNING: Class resumes next Sunday at 10:30am

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, Sept. 29, at 7:00pm when a discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* written by Delia Owens is led by Judy Kulikowski. If you have questions or want to be added to the email list contact Carol Prigan.

"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 contacting the church either by email (glcoffice@gethsemane.org) or by phone (614-885-4319) to let us 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) you may mail your contribution to Gethsemane 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.

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: Peter Berlin (nephew of Dick Lyndes' son and daughter-in-law) ... Dan Bonarrigo ... Elaine Dean (mother of Pam Seidelmann) ... Michelle Dotson ... Mary Gibson ... John Herner and daughter Becky ... Lois Hornbostel ... Murry Leeper (brother of Liz Melick) ... 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.

Our love and compassion to the family of Petra Molina, former Play & Learn worker, who passed away Sept. 19.

Members with ongoing concerns: Bob Brugler ... Joyce Geary ... Dr. Tim Guenther ... Tyler Hagerdorn ... Elaine Haines ... David Kibble ... David Lagerberg ... James Laspisa ... Dick Lyndes ... Dick Reuning.

Friends and family with concerns: Barbara Christel (cousin of Doug Sand) ... Miriam, Cindy, Dan (mother, sister, and brother-in-law of Gary Rader) ... family and friends dealing with the fire and air quality out west.

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.