

**June 2020 Locust
Run/Thompstontown UMC
Newsletter**

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

I cannot find the source, but the Presbyterian pastor Raymond Lindquist allegedly said, "Courage is the power to let go of the familiar." As United Methodists, we frequently go into the unknown. Appointments change year to year. New appointments lead us into unfamiliar situations. Sometimes we are eager for something new, but often we want to cling to what we know.

Moving is hard. Beyond the boxes and logistics, moving requires letting go. Saying goodbye under normal circumstances is challenging. When a pandemic hinders traditional rituals of leaving, saying goodbye becomes even harder. Ready or not, we must say goodbye.

As I leave, wrestling with all the emotions that come with leaving the familiar, I am trying to focus on how thankful I am for the opportunity to be your pastor. I have loved worshipping with you. It has been a joy to get to know you—at least a little. It is a privilege to be with you in times of joy and sorrow. I will remember fondly studying the Bible with you, fellowship meals, games at Connie and Jeff's home, making ice cream, and experiencing ~~smoke inhalation~~ January chicken BBQs. Our time together has been brief, but, at least for me, it has been memorable.

You all are in my prayers. I pray that you welcome and receive Pastor Barbara well. Thank you for your love, support, and prayers. Deacon Megan and I appreciate them. Continue to seek who God is

calling you to be. May the blessing of God Almighty be with you now and always. — *Pastor Andrew*

PASTORAL COVERAGE

Pastor Andrew will be on vacation, moving, and transitioning in June. He will not be available June 3-8 and June 15-30. Pastor Dave McElwee will be covering pastoral emergencies while Pastor Andrew is away.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY INFO

The TT-LR Newsletter can be sent to you in several ways — by e-mail and U.S. mail. If you'd like to get your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to the JAGM office (jagmin@embarqmail.com) and you'll be added to the e-mail list. If you'd like a copy mailed to you or would like a large-print version, contact the JAGM office by phone 717-4535-5766 and verify your address. You can also pick one up at either church near the bulletins. --
JAGM Admin. Assistant

GIVING DURING THE PANDEMIC

Both TT and LR UMCs continue to need your tithes and offerings during these unusual times. Pastor Andrew has suggested that the TT and LR congregations send offerings to: Thompstontown UMC, P.O. Box 157, Thompstontown PA 17094.

Remember: God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Corinthians 9:7 :)

REMINDERS

TT Congregation: We're continually collecting items for the JC Food Pantry. Questions? See me. —
Connie Eaton

LR Congregation: There is a basket in the vestibule to collect Box Tops for Education for Juniata Mennonite School. Don't forget to get your Weis/Giant grocery cards.

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LR-TT U.M. Churches June 2020 Newsletter Calendar

Website: <http://juniataministry.org>

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**DURING THE CORONA VIUS PANDEMIC ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE IN "FLUX."
CHECK WITH PASTOR ANDREW FOR ANY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES.**

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