

Good News Letter

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Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for your faithfulness throughout this past year. Prayers for one another, cards and phone calls and emails to check on each other are greatly appreciated. One manifestation of this faithfulness is through financial support for the church's ministries (there will not be a congregational meeting in January; reports can be found online and in hardcopy form at the church if they are desired). Though only about a third of the Sundays saw in-person worship, more was taken in than spent. This generosity means we were able to support our partners in ministry in Delaware and around the world. Thank you.

The pandemic has created a unique situation for ministry, and its effects continue. Even in the churches that have been meeting for worship, attendance has been limited, and other meetings curtailed, held online, or cancelled. There have been sacrifices. As the

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numbers of new and active cases and hospitalizations presently recede, I hope for in-person worship sooner rather than later. Given, however, the new variants of the virus that have arisen and the slow pace of the vaccine rollout, the circumstances remain unpredictable. It is not yet possible to "say when," in-person worship will begin.

The season of Lent is upon us. Sacrifice is the order of the day, which means, this time around, that little is different from the rest of the year. Look for additional videos to supplement weekly online worship. The shorter devotional videos will focus on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross, and will be posted on the website

weekly as the Lenten season unfolds. I pray that they are helpful.

The reading from the psalter on Ash Wednesday is from the 51st Psalm. It is a familiar text that is always helpful, but especially so after a year of strife and tensions and unique circumstances such as the year we have experienced. I offer it now as a prayer for renewal;

Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your
presence or take your
Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of
your salvation and grant
me a willing spirit, to
sustain me.
(Psalm 51:10-12)

Thank you again for your
prayers and your patience in
this unprecedented time.

Blessings,

- Mark

Panera Volunteers for January

- Feb. 4 Shears
- Feb. 11 Grubbs
- Feb. 18 Lovell
- Feb. 25 Faulk

Thank you all for volunteering.

We will have a new sign-up sheet for the spring quarter available on the "drop off" day on Feb. 13.

Please stop by the church and sign up.

Personals

> Jeff Faulk has recovered from the Covid virus, and Cullen tested negative, after all. The Faulk family would like to thank you all for your prayers.

> Brennan Howe recently dislocated his knee cap in a fall and was in quite a bit of pain.

> Aidan Ferguson was named on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Brennan Howe was named on the Honor Roll for the second quarter at Hayes. At this time, the Merit Roll has not been available.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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- 2 Cynthia Tizzano
- 4 Candy Lee
- 10 Deanne Hunt
- 13 Lana Palmer
- 15 Deborah VanBroekhoven
- 24 Emilie Showalter

Please report any errors.

Mission/Outreach News

Thanks to everyone who brought items to be given to Family Promise during the month of January.

Mission Focus for February Is Turning Point.

Turning Point in Delaware is a shelter that houses women and their children as a result of domestic violence. It is a wonderful facility which is a safe place for women with their children to stay while getting assistance for getting a job, counseling, and housing of their own.

Most needed items at this time are:

- cleaning supplies:
- toilet cleaner,
- floor cleaner,
- disinfectant spay and wipes,
- tall kitchen garbage bags

Always in need:

- personal care items
- diapers
- pillows
- women's and children's new socks
- pajamas for women and children of all sizes
- new boys and girls underwear
- new baby bottles and pacifiers

Annual Reports

As annual reports become available from our boards and committees, they will be posted on our website and paper copies will be available in the Welcome Center.



NO PANCAKES!!!!

Even though February 16 is Shrove Tuesday, we are very sorry that there will be no pancake supper this year. We do not feel that it is safe enough yet to gather in a large group to have a meal.

Consider making your own pancakes and sausage on Shrove Tuesday.

Thank You

Dear Church Family:

Ray and I want to thank all of you who have sent us get well cards with your prayers and good wishes. We appreciated them all.

We also want to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards we enjoyed. We are doing better but lack energy and ambition. We both have been told it will take us a long time to feel like ourselves again.

Thank you again and please keep safe.

- Ray and Carol Serviss

FBC Newsletter Archive

The first FBC newsletter (which later became know as “The Good News”) was published in July 1969. I have been scanning the historical issues of the Good News and have been adding them to our website in order to preserve and share our newsletter history.

There are a few missing issues that I would love to locate copies of to add to the collection. If you are looking for things to read during this time of “staycation, “ check out the “FBC Newsletter Archive” on fbcdelaware.org.

- Larry Faulk
Good News editor

Archived Bulletins Available

As time permits, I have been scanning previous years’ bulletins and Orders of Worship and making them available on our website: fbcdelaware.org. To date, I have most of 2001 - 2020 online as pdf documents. Each year’s document is a fairly large file which takes a while to load. Your patience is appreciated.

- Larry Faulk

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name	Reason for Prayer
Richard Lovell	Health Issues
Raeleen George	Health Issues
Ken & Genevieve Peterson	Health Issues
Dr. Allison’s father & sister	Health Issues
Ken Shears	Health Issues
Ray & Carol Serviss	Health Issues
Candy Lee’s sister Trudy	Health Issues
Peter White	Health Issues

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the

People in Need (PIN) Turning Point Envelopes Prayer Chest Reports

The church will be open on Saturday, Feb 13th from 9 - noon to drop off contributions for PIN and Turning Point.

Also pickup your 2021 offering envelopes box.

Pickup a prayer slip (or several) for your prayers.

Pickup annual reports.

Sign up for Panera Pick-up.

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Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>January 31</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p>	1	<p>Groundhog Day 2</p> 	3	4	5	6
<p>7</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>Online Communion Service available</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>Transfiguration Sunday Valentine's Day 14</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> 	<p>Presidents Day 15</p> 	<p>Shrove Tuesday 16</p> <p>Fix your own pancakes and sausage</p> 	<p>Ash Wednesday 17</p> 	18	19	20
<p>First Sunday of Lent 21</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p>  <p>Lent</p> <p>Mar newsletter deadline today</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>Second Sunday of Lent 28</p> <p>Online Service Available fbcdelaware.org</p> <p>Mar newsletter available today</p>	1	2	3	4	<p>February Mission Focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point 	