

July Link

Hey you kids, Get off my lawn!

If you've been following along in my messages, you've heard this phrase for the past 2 weeks, and you might be thinking. . . what's that crazy pastor going on about this lawn thing, what's his obsession with the lawn? And why does he seem to have a trespassing problem? But let's be honest, this phrase has taken on a bit of a new meaning these days. This phrase when I was growing up was in protection of old-man-crotchety's property, as me and Bobby cut through his property on the way to jump off the trellis into the water to cool off on hot summer days, without AC mind you.

But today, it's much less about people protecting their own property, and more about people protecting their own health. It's about people being concerned about others, keeping that social distancing in place and keeping lower transmission rates of a pandemic, of the likes the world actually has seen before, but this generation has not. We are concerned more for each other, we are concerned for everyone's health, and not just for the health of those we know.

But then what. Do we keep this mantra forever? Do we keep this mind set of care-by-distance forever? What about fellowship? What about community? What about **togetherness**?

Keep safe but keep looking forward. We have all learned new things, how to worship online, how to stay home and get our jobs done, and sadly, many have learned how to fill out unemployment papers, but this will not last forever. So, keep looking forward. We here at Pleasant Valley UMC are looking forward by getting back in the church for worship services, targeting Sunday July 5th at 10 AM. . . and yes, we will indeed be worshiping both in person and online when we reopen. But we will move forward carefully, and cautiously as we should be. Making sure to do no harm, making sure we follow the teachings of Jesus. To love one another.

To love one another means to not put temptation in place for others to follow. That's a big reason we held off returning to worship sooner. To make sure when we get back, not only are we ready, but the community is ready too!

It's ok to worship at home if you feel uncomfortable in person. Jesus taught us in Matthew 18:17, when he said "tell it to the church", he wasn't talking about going to a church building and talking to the bricks, mortar and drywall, he was talking about the people as the church, all throughout the bible, the church is never referred to as a building, but as the people together, in communion with God. Together does not mean physically, so if you're on the fence, or concerned about coming back to worship in person. . . then by all means stay home and be together with **your** church.

Blessings Always

Pastor Mike and Karen Antici

If the mountain seems too big today,
Then climb a hill instead.
If the morning brings you sadness,
It's okay to stay in bed.
If the day ahead weighs heavy
And your plans feel like a curse,
There's no shame in re-arranging,
Don't make yourself feel worse.
If a shower stings like needles
And a bath feels like you'll drown,
If you haven't washed your hair for days,
Don't throw away your crown!
A day is not a lifetime,
A rest is not defeat.
Don't think of it as failure,
Just a quiet, kind retreat.
It's okay to take a moment
From an anxious, fractured mind.
The world will not stop turning
While you get realigned.
The mountain will still be there
When you want to try again,
So climb it in your own time
...and love yourself 'til then.

via The Irish Way



Scriptures for July

July 5: "Everything in the Thingiverse": Hebrews 3:1-6
 July 12: "Adventures in a Holosuite": Romans 6:8-23
 July 19: "Jesus said "Meow": Matthew 22:34-46
 July 26: "Three Dangerous Characters": Matthew 18:15-20


July Schedule

July 5 July 12 July 19 July 26	<u>Nursery Care</u> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<u>Cleaners</u> Peck Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Sherwin	<u>Ushers</u> Sandy Slemmer & Dennis Delaney Shelley & Evan Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Bonnie Slater & Bertha Weih
July 5 July 12 July 19 July 26	<u>Greeters</u> Cathy & John Baum Volunteer Needed Barbara Sherwin Delaney Family	<u>Lectors</u> Bonnie Slater Steve Bailey Tom Lucas Jonah Gerber	<u>Coffee Hour</u> **may resume in September**
July 5 July 12 July 19 July 26	<u>Children's Message</u> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed		
July 5 July 12 July 19 July 26	<u>Lector Readings</u> Hebrews 3:1-6 Romans 6:8-23 Matthew 22:34-46 Matthew 18:15-20		

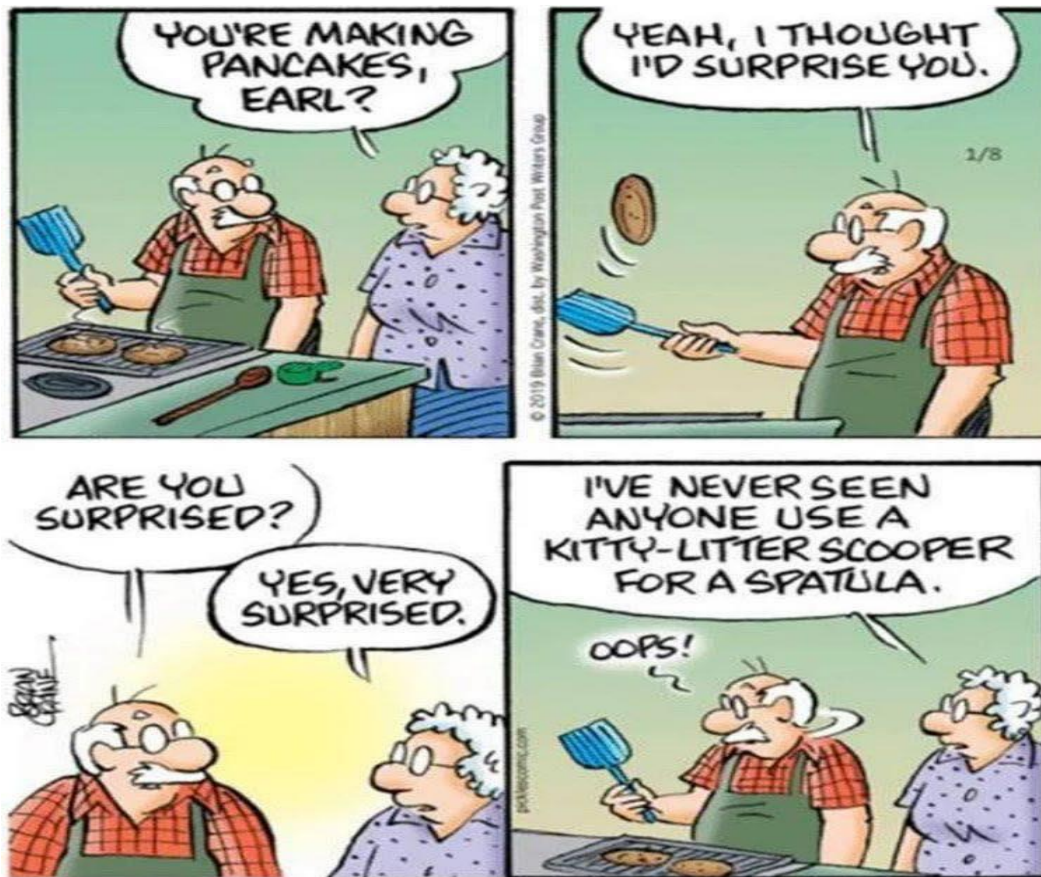


****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

July

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
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5 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	7 10:00AMBible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	8	9 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship Service	13	14 10:00AMBible Study 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	15	16 6:45PM AA	17	18
19 10:00AMWorship Service Tool Box Sunday	20 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	21 10:00AMBible Study 8:00PM AA	22	23 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	24	25
26 10:00AMWorship Service	27	28 10:00AMBible Study 8:00PM AA	29	30	31	

Church Humor:



A client brought a litter of golden-retriever puppies to my veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, I realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest.

I turned on the water faucet, wet my fingers, and moistened each dog's head when I had finished.

After the fourth puppy, I noticed my hitherto talkative client had grown silent. As I sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I didn't know they had to be baptized."

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." "That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" A nurse then yells to the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M Company!" A nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

An Amish husband, wife and son travel to the city on vacation. They visit a shopping mall and while the mother is shopping, the father and son are standing in awe in front of an elevator (having no idea what it is). As they watch, an elderly lady walks into the strange silver doors and the doors close. The father and son watch as the numbers go up, and then back down. When the doors open, a beautiful young woman walks out. The father leans over and whispers to the son, "Son, go get your mother!"

Three pastors were having lunch in a diner.

One said "You know, since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything -- noise, spray, cats -- nothing seems to scare them away."

Another said "Me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry and in the narthex attic. I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church. Haven't seen one back since!"

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July Announcements

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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Social distancing only works
if we all participate.
And slowing down or preventing
the spread of the virus
will save lives.



**We all are responsible for protecting
those at higher risk.**