



From Your Resident “Friar”

For many reasons, this year will be highlighted in future history books. Historic events have taken place (even without a pandemic) and no one has avoided being impacted in some way. Life, especially as a community, has altered so much that we hear collective voices expressing Warren G. Harding’s 1920 presidential campaign slogan: “a return to normalcy.”

The life of the church has not been immune to the circumstances thrust upon us. By looking at the church calendar of events, it is easy to see how the church has been affected. The calendar is now filled with vast amounts of white space. The disruption in church scheduling makes us uncomfortable and causes us to lament for the church to “return to normal” as well.

“Normal” is subjective. I prefer the term “regular.” Regular is defined as “arranged in or constituting a constant or definite pattern; recurring at uniform intervals.” Without doubt, what we have regularly done has changed this year, and because we are creatures of habit, such changes to our patterns of life create great anxiety for us.

I believe our lament is better described as a loss of our regular schedule. In our gathering through a regular schedule of events we found community. For many, meeting regularly gave opportunity to “share and catch-up” with each other. Through our times together, outside of worshipping as a congregation, we found belonging and connectedness to the larger group and without it we feel more isolated. How to spend time together in the midst of a pandemic is a quandary we struggle with as individuals and a congregation.

However, I believe that God is constantly doing something new (Isaiah 43:18-19). I recently reminded the Church Council that all the regular activities that we’re missing originally began as something new. What if an empty calendar was not representative of what was lost, but rather the opportunity to discover God at work in something new? Then together we can sing:

“Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou are the Potter; we are the clay. Mold us and make us after Thy will, while we are waiting, yielded and still.”

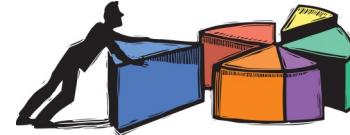
—Tim

Bread Banks. Bread Banks for World Hunger Day are on the hall table. Please return your bread bank to the table on Sunday, October 11, or put your donation in an envelope marked “World Hunger” and drop it in the offering plate. Your contributions will go to “Global Hunger Relief.”

Thank you for your faithful giving to the RDBC’s ministries, especially during this year of disruptions. The total amount of receipts through the month of August have met our average weekly budget requirement. You may obtain a copy of the August Financial Report by contacting the church office.

Detailed 2021 budget requests, with detailed planned expenditures, are due in the church office by **Sunday, November 1**. A proposed budget for 2021 will be presented at the December business meeting. Copies of the proposed budget will be distributed by the Sunday prior to the business meeting. Hard copies will also be available at the church.

Debra Franks, Administrative Committee Chair



Submit Your Budget Requests



Continue to pray for the faculty, staff, and students of Six Mile Elementary

To date we have collected \$150 for “SME Staff” treats.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9
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We received \$530 for the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions.



The church will place poinsettias in the sanctuary December 13 through January 3. You are invited to contribute to the purchase of these flowers. An acknowledgment of whomever you wish to honor or memorialize will be made in the Order of Worship on December 13, the third Sunday of Advent. Contribution forms are available on the hall table. Contributions must be received by Sunday, November 15. Checks should be made out to RDBC.



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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4

Lord’s Supper Observance

11:00 a.m.

Introducing WATT!

Wednesday Afternoon Time Together

Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Beginning October 7

We will gather in the sanctuary for a loosely structured time of prayer, sharing, fellowship, and community. Anyone is welcome to attend. Social distancing and other protocols will be observed. Contact Tim Friar if you have questions.

World Hunger Day

Sunday, October 11

Please remember to bring your Bread Bank for Global Hunger Relief





Oct 19 Dayle Stewart
 Oct 20 Donna Holliday
 Oct 23 Whit Breazeale
 Oct 28 Julia S. Reynolds

Worship Schedule

Oct 4 **Luke 17:5-10**
“Our Place at the Table”

Oct 11 **Matthew 25:31-46**
“If Christ Is King”

Oct 18 **Thessalonians 1:1-10**
“A Godly Imitation”

Oct 25 **Matthew 22:34-46**
“All You Need Is Love”

Offering Counters

Bailey Friar, Billy Galloway, Debbie Kelley



*“You said dress up as a Bible character ...
 and my character is Leviathan.”*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 10:00 am Worship			<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 2:00 pm WATT (Wednesday Afternoon Time Together)			
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4 World Communion Sunday	5 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting	6	7 2:00 pm WATT starts today!	8	9	10
11 World Hunger Day Bread Banks Due!	12	13	14	15 7:00 pm Associational Annual Meeting Kings Grove, Six Mile	16	17
18	19	20 Newsletter Information Due!	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 

Looking Ahead

11/1 Time Change (Fall Back One Hour)
 11/1 Budget Requests Due
 11/8 Veterans Recognition
 11/22 Thanksgiving Service, 11:00 a.m.
 11/29 First Sunday of Advent
 12/6 Quarterly Business Meeting



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*A welcoming family of faith,
 With Jesus our example,
 Discipleship our goal,
 And love our action.*