

The Messenger

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To say that I saw this pandemic coming would be a lie. When we suspended in person services in mid-March, I was pretty confident that we'd be back by Easter...and then definitely by the end of May...and then, surely, we'd be back in June!

The truth is, I've given up trying to set a date on our return to some version of in-person worship and on when our worship might begin to look "normal" again. The estimates are all over the map and can vary so wildly depending on all kinds of factors. This virus doesn't care

what our plans are. It's only job is to spread and it will continue to do that every time it is given the opportunity.

I know you're probably disappointed. I am, too. But the best we can do right now is just that—our best. And our best does not mean taking unnecessary risks or bending over backwards and making herculean efforts to create something that doesn't feel right. Our best means looking out for one another, weighing our options, and choosing the one that makes the most sense. This is why Council has decided to continue suspending in person worship in Yellow. Not because the Synod has forced us to (they can't), but because when we really sat down and thought about it, we felt the most faithful option for all involved was to continue offering worship online and by conference call.

I don't know when we'll be in person together again, but I hope it is sooner rather than later, when we can be more confident that all are safe. In my ordination, I was charged to "Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people." I believe that's what I am doing now, in partnership with our Council. We are asserting that the well-being of our members and of our larger community are of the most importance. We will continue to be church together in these new ways until we feel confident we can be church together, *safely*, in person.

Through all of this, we rely on God. We rely on God to speak to us through the Holy Spirit and guide our decisions. I pray for you all and am ready to rejoice when we are gathered together again!

In God's Peace,
Pastor Becca



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Just a few suggestions from Social Ministry

1. Send a card now and then to a home-bound member
2. Collect at home the items we were to give to the New Hope Ministries Food Pantry and they will be delivered as soon as we are allowed to do so
 - June Item - Shampoo
 - July Item – Peanut Butter
 - August Item - Toilet Paper
3. Set aside the coins you would have given to Appalachia Outreach, Inc. during March and April and we will collect them when we next gather in our church building



Do you shop on Amazon? Now you can give to St. John's as your charity (be sure it's St. John's in Littlestown!) Be sure to use **smile.Amazon.com** instead of regular amazon.com each time you shop (**search St Johns Evangelical Church**). A small percentage of everything you purchase will be donated to St. John's!

E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

In order to increase the timeliness and frequency of our communication with members of the congregation, we would like to be sure to have everyone's email address. If you have an email address where you would like to receive communications from St. John's and have not shared it with us yet, then please send a quick email with your name to stjohnlittlestown@comcast.net.

INFORMATION FOR MAY "THE MESSENGER" is due by Friday, June 12th. Contributions of articles/information/photos from all corners of St. John's are encouraged! Please submit material via email to stjohnlittlestown@comcast.net. Please note: items submitted after the deadline may be held until the subsequent newsletter. Thank you!

KENNIE'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

The program runs from April 23rd through September 23, 2020. If you shop at Kennie's Market, please go online @ kenniesmarket.com/rewards-and-programs/community-rewards to fill out a form.

Kennie's will rebate up to 1% of the purchases made in the charities' name!

TREASURER NEEDED

Mary Ann Kowalczyk has resigned from the position of Treasurer, effective immediately. Council needs to appoint a replacement as soon as possible. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to serve in this capacity and speak to Pastor Becca or Denise Pittman.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LETTER

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I hope everyone is staying well.

First, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Jean Bair, Bobby Myers and Jen Rowell for their service on Council. There are now 3 open seats on Council which will be appointed positions from June 2020 through January 2021. Election of Council members will be held during the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting. Anyone interested in serving on Council please contact either myself or Pastor Becca.

Thank you to everyone who has generously and consistently contributed to St. John's while we have been closed. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

I know everyone is anxious to return to the church for worship. Please know all decisions that have been made have not been taken lightly. Our goal is to protect our members and keep them safe, especially our most vulnerable members. Pastor Becca, Council, the Transition Task Force and myself are following guidelines from the CDC, PA Department of Health, the ELCA, Bishop Jim and Synod to prepare for a safe return to in-person activities.

I also want to express my thanks to Pastor Becca for all her work to provide virtual worship and guide us through this uncharted territory. Also, to Tricia and Faye for keeping the church office running. Tricia has also been working to clean and disinfect the church, as well as helping to prepare for our return. Thank you so much.

God's Peace,
Denise Pittman
Council President

CHURCH COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM

ALL OTHER GATHERINGS ARE POSTPONED SEW DAY

**ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY KNIGHTS**

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

Council has decided that the trial period of one service that was scheduled to begin on April 19th through June 7th will now be postponed until the Fall.

COMING UP THIS MONTH

Thursday, June 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Sunday, June 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Facebook Live Coffee and Prayer @ 9am
Facebook Live Worship @ 9am

SUNDAY WORSHIP HOW-TO

At 9 am, Pastor Becca will be leading worship through **Facebook Live** which you can access via the St. John's Facebook page. The worship service will then be posted on YouTube and our Facebook page after it is finished. During the service, Pastor Becca will have a **phone-only Zoom** going, which means that **ANYONE** can listen to the service just by calling the number provided. Here's how it works:

- 1) Dial 1 (301) 715-8592
- 2) Enter the meeting ID number: 870 851 467
- 3) Press #

This is a recurring event, so these same numbers/credentials can be used each Sunday for the next several weeks.

Please share this widely with our members or others you know who do not use the internet very often or at all!

For more help, e-mail or call Pastor Becca.

We hope you'll join us on Sunday!

Also there is a link on our website called Virtual Church Resources that has the bulletin and list of bible study topics.

**If you like any Song or Hymn used for Worship,
please contact the office
at stjohnlittletown@comcast.net or
pastorbeccaajer@gmail.com**



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GIVING THROUGH TITHE.LY

You can give electronically through Tithe.ly by going to this web address: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=945798>. There is also a link on the church website <https://www.stjohnslittletown.com/>



We commend these sisters and brothers to the care of our loving God:

Annabelle Bair
Gladys Bechtel
Carolyn Joyner
Martha Cool
Marlene & Gene Collins
Clair Crist

Charlotte Toms
Brenda Snyder
Lynne Ivory
Karen Kehr
Jenette Lerch
Robert King

Bernice Sheets
Anna Weaver
Marilyn Butt
Kenny Stambaugh
Betty Wisotzkey

Catherine Goins
Levon Crouse
Brenda Wallace
Janice Morgret
Dean Selby

PLEASE REVIEW THE PRAYER LIST AND NOTIFY TRICIA OF ANY CHANGES-THANK YOU

In an effort to clean up the prayer list, several names have been removed that have been on this list for several months/years. If you would like anyone placed back on the list, please contact the office. In addition there will be a new form in the church to fill out for Prayers needed in the Bulletin. (Please see below)

PRAYER LIST REQUEST FORM	
Prayers needed for	
Request Made By	
Contact Number	
<p>All names will be removed after a period of one month.</p> <p>If prayers are still needed please resubmit name/s</p>	

Remember! We want to care for you in times of illness or other needs. Please contact the Church office if you or someone else is in need of care or if you would like to add someone to prayer list.

Due to the Coronavirus we had to Cancel our St. Patrick's Day Trivia Night. Since we are not sure when we will be able to hold another Trivia Night we have decided to go ahead and raffle off the baskets that were put together for that event.



Food Basket: Contains a Variety of snacks!



Liquor Basket: Contains a Variety of Mini Liquors, Flask, Shot Glasses and Beer Cozy
Basket is for those 21 years of age and older



Lottery Scratch Off Basket: Contains \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10 Scratch Offs! Basket is for those 18 years of age or older!!!

All proceeds benefit the youth going to the ELCA Gathering in the summer of 2021

**DEADLINE TO ENTER JUNE 14TH
LIVE FACEBOOK DRAWING ON JUNE 17th**

**Mail Checks to St. John's Lutheran Church
665 St. John's Road
Littlestown, PA 17340**

Trivia Raffle Baskets

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____

Circle which Basket you want to enter

Food Basket

Liquor Basket

Lottery Scratch Off Basket

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Father's Day Trivia



Name _____ Correct Answers _____

1. When Father's Day was made an official U.S. holiday?

- A. 1914
- B. 1908
- C. 1972
- D. 1966

2. Which U.S. leader was first given the title "Father of his Country"?

- A. John Jay
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. George Washington
- D. Alexander Hamilton

3. Which state hosted the first citywide Father's Day celebration?

- A. Virginia
- B. Washington
- C. Chicago
- D. New York

4. How does Father's Day rank among U.S. holidays with the largest number of greeting cards exchanged?

- A. 7th
- B. 3rd
- C. 5th
- D. 4th

5. "My Father's Eyes" is a song written and performed by...

- A. Eric Clapton
- B. Kenny Chesney
- C. Brad Paisley
- D. Paul Simon

6. How many pairs of fathers and sons have served as president of the United States?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

7. Who invented and patented the drinking water fountain in 1912 as a tribute to his father?

- A. Garrett Morgan
- B. Elias Howe
- C. Halsey W. Taylor
- D. Jonas Salk

8. Which U.S. President made Father's Day a permanent national holiday?

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Richard Nixon
- C. Lyndon B. Johnson
- D. Calvin Coolidge

9. The official Father's Day flower is...

- A. Roses
- B. Tulips
- C. Lilies
- D. Carnations

10. Who is known as the "Father of History"?

- A. Aristotle
- B. Thucydides
- C. Ctesias
- D. Herodotus

11. Who is not part of the cast of American comedy movie Parenthood from 1989?

- A. Rick Moranis
- B. Steve Martin
- C. Martin Short
- D. Keanu Reeves

12. What's the most common Father's Day gift?

- A. Socks
- B. Tie
- C. Screwdriver
- D. Slippers

ANSWERS ARE ON PAGE 15

Baseball and Father's Day ... you can't beat that combo. To celebrate dad's special day, I give you this Father's Day-themed crossword puzzle for you to enjoy.

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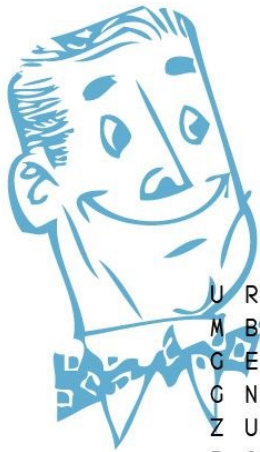
Across

1. Indian flatbread
5. Legal prefix
9. Steal a base
14. Black cat that walked behind Cubs on-deck circle on 9/9/1969, maybe
15. Alex ____, Blue Jays first-round pick in 1999
16. Will ____, pitched in 483 games, all in relief, with only three saves from 2000-2012
17. According to MLB official historian John Thorn, one of the four "Fathers of Baseball"
19. Copy, for short
20. Darin ____, Angels first-round pick in 1995
21. Acreage measures
23. 2B/OF ____ Young, father or his son
25. Adrian ____, White Sox rookie catcher
26. Killer whale
29. ____ Bell, father of Buddy
31. First name of only ballplayer named for a sitting United States president
34. ____ Bettis, Rockies reliever
35. Length x width, for a rectangle
37. Insinuating
38. 2013 Best Picture nominee
39. ____ McDaniel, led NL in winning pct. in 1960
41. Former French coin
42. Solemn promises
45. Biblical birthright seller
46. Tennis do-overs
47. Led all regulars with a .455 average in 1969 World Series
49. Dash lengths
50. Howe and Shamsky
51. Incurred
53. EPA concern
55. Worthy of being copied
58. The Human ____, Marvin Webster's nickname
62. High and ____ ("chin music")
63. Not planned or chosen for a particular reason
65. Aromatic solvent
66. Unit of pressure
67. Lee ____, manager of Cubs and Phillies during the '80s
68. Train service with Navy Yard stop for Nats games
69. Chin-hui ____, Rockies pitcher 2003-05
70. Caught in the act

Down

1. Schoolboy ____, led AL in winning pct. in 1940
2. ____ Moreno, disparagingly nicknamed "the Out-maker"
3. Simmons and Lilly
4. As a preferred alternative
5. A type of son?
6. Balloon filler
7. Michael ____, Angels' rookie reliever in 2013
8. Drained of color
9. Advanced photocopier features
10. See 17 Across
11. Performer on "Whose Line is it Anyway?", often
12. Reduce, as expenses
13. HOFer ____ Slaughter
18. Sabermetric stat of "a player's total contributions to their team"
22. Butt
24. 1911 Chemistry Nobel
26. Alex ____, OFer traded from Orioles to Mets in 1995
27. ____ Cormier, Canadian-born pitcher from 1991 to 2007
28. See 17 Across
30. Taste, e.g.
32. Catcher with shortest name in MLB history
33. Jerry ____, 220-game winner from 1969-1990
36. See 17 Across
40. ____ Petit, Giants swingman in 2014
43. ____ Graham, "Drugstore Cowboy" actress
44. Matt ____, career backup catcher drafted by Braves in 1978
46. Juan ____, slick-fielding Mets CF
48. Bench player
52. Oliver ____, portrayed George Steinbrenner in "The Bronx is Burning"
54. Table scrap
55. Couple in a gossip column
56. Bit
57. "Aeneid" figure
59. Chris ____, first-round pick of White Sox in 2010
60. Double-A affiliate of the Tigers
61. Matt Kemp's middle name
64. Garment under a blouse

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FATHER'S DAY

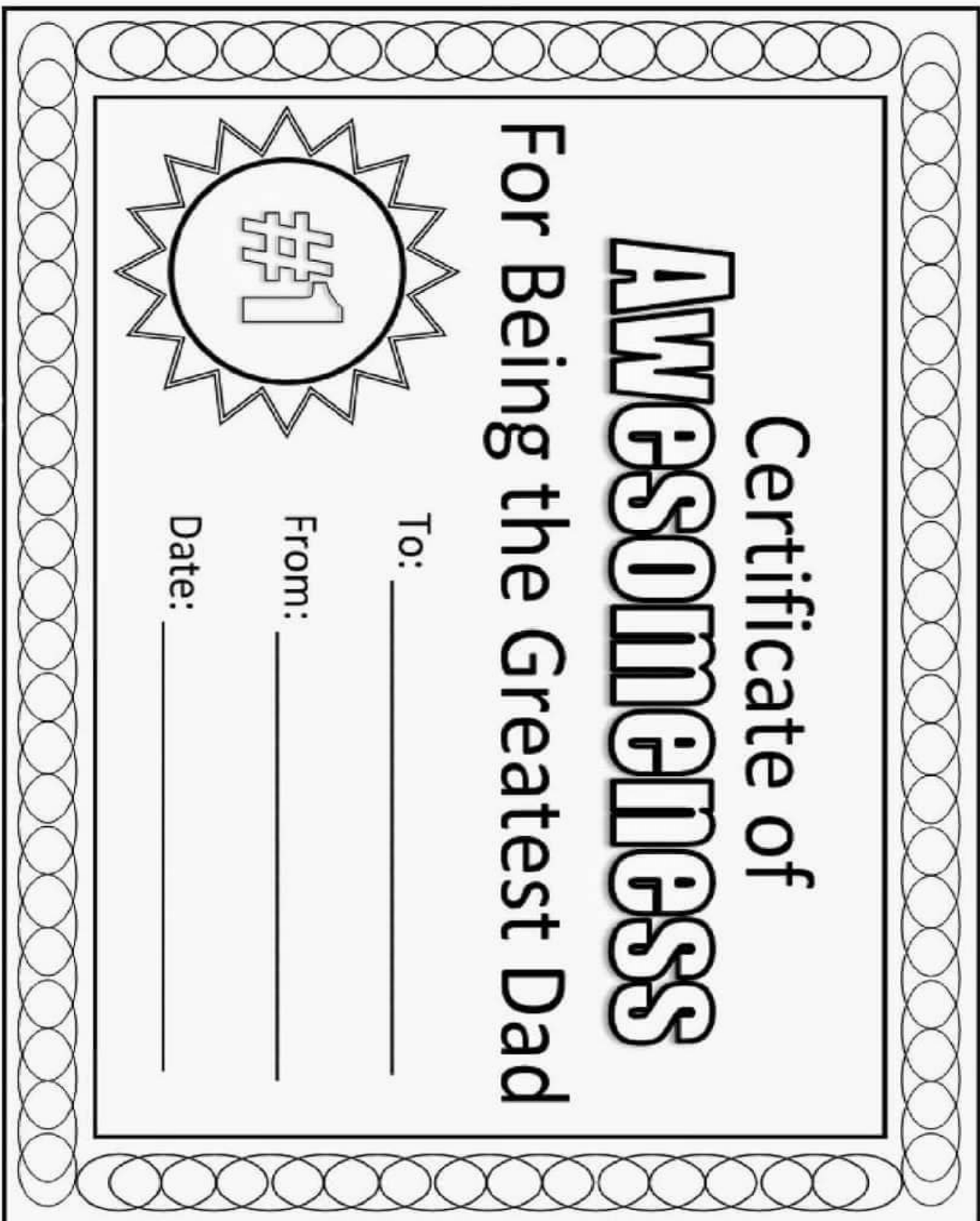

Word Search

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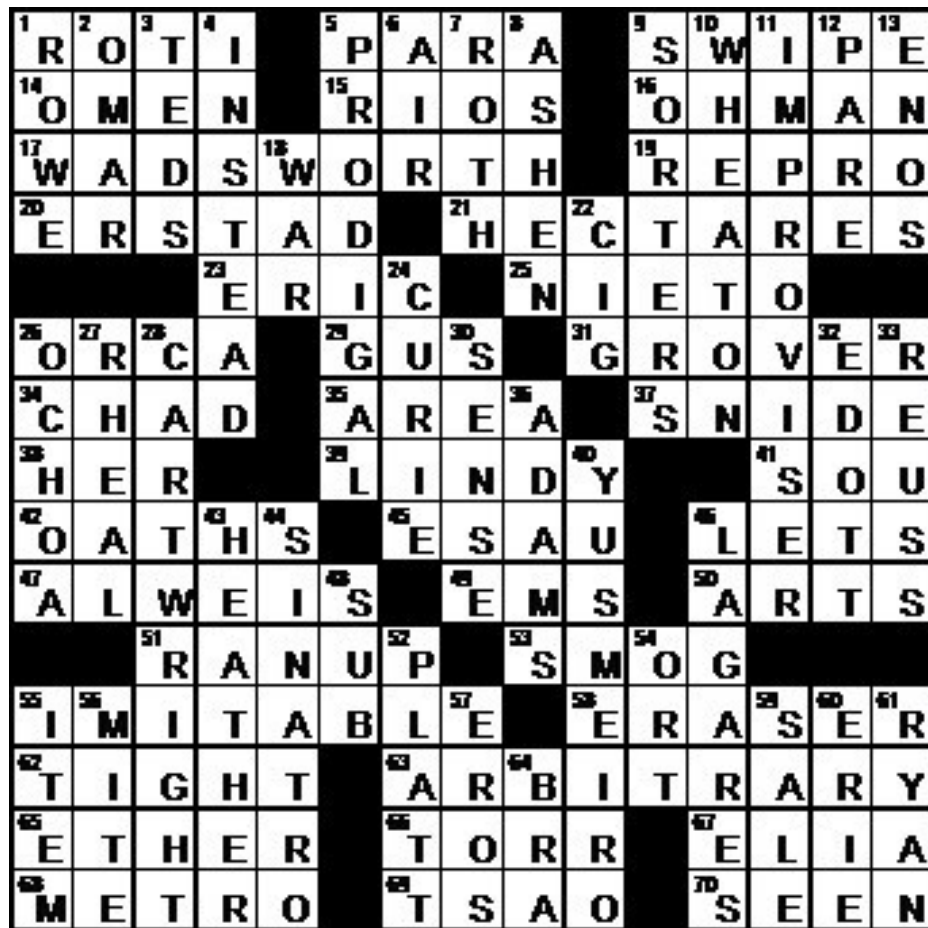
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Father's Day Trivia

ANSWERS



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2. C. George Washington
3. B. Washington
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10. D. Herodotus
11. C. Martin Short
12. B. Tie

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church-Treasurer's Report for April 2020

Report of Gifts and Expenses			
	Apr 20	Mar 20	\$ Change
Income			
BENEV-I · Benevolent Fund Income	610.00	647.50	-37.50
BUILD-I · Building Fund Income	205.75	590.76	-385.01
CURNT-I · Current/General Fund Income	43,037.64	12,720.18	30,317.46
Total Income	<u>43,853.39</u>	<u>13,958.44</u>	<u>29,894.95</u>
Gross Profit	<u>43,853.39</u>	<u>13,958.44</u>	<u>29,894.95</u>
Expense			
BENEV-E · Benevolence Fund Expense	1,177.50	406.00	771.50
CURNT-E · Current/General Fund	<u>15,780.44</u>	<u>14,970.91</u>	<u>809.53</u>
Total Expense	<u>16,957.94</u>	<u>15,376.91</u>	<u>1,581.03</u>
Net Income	<u>26,895.45</u>	<u>-1,418.47</u>	<u>28,313.92</u>

Bank Balances		Apr 30, 20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1758837 · General Fund		44,515.97
9763317 · Building Fund		18,597.15
9776737 · Youth Gathering Fund		990.00
Total Checking/Savings		<u>64,103.12</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>64,103.12</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>64,103.12</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u>0.00</u>

NON-CASH GIFTS

If you would like credit on your giving statement for non-cash gifts you have given to the church, you need to submit your receipts to the treasurer so that we can credit your giving statement for tax purposes. If you have need for a statement please contact the office and we can run a statement.

JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6
7 1st Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship	8	9	10	11 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship	15	16	17	18 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 3rd Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship	22	23	24	25 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 4th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship	29	30				

**Just to be clear,
the Church has not been closed,
so it doesn't need to be re-opened.
We have simply stopped worshipping
in our buildings for a time
to protect the health & well-being
of our people & our communities.
The Church does not require a building
in order to be the Church.
What is required is love, compassion,
& the presence of God.**