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Surreal

Surreal. That is the way I feel, and I hear others saying the same thing. In February we were bracing for a wave that might hit us and last for a few months. Today, we are anticipating 2021 to be a continuation of this wave. Things are different, things have changed, things will change. You have been impacted, your family has been impacted, your neighbor has been impacted. Come to think of it, every person on this globe is trying to get a bit of a handle on *their new reality*.

I have to admit, I paused to take in the passing wave, to see how it would impact my life, my church, my world. But now, realizing that we are still on the front end of this wave, I have to look forward to getting a bit of a handle of how I am going to live in the middle of the turmoil, OR I can just complain about the wake and devastation it has created ... my choice.

Knowing Jesus is in the boat with us in the middle of this crazy storm, how do we proceed? Let me throw out a few things for your contemplation.

FIRST. Consider how you are both taking time to be present with Jesus, and how you are bringing the person and presence of Jesus with you into the conversations, and interactions you are having with people. If you have not yet picked up on it, people are more interested in talking with you than ever before. And people are quicker to go into deeper and meaningful conversations. Their life has been rocked, and that opens doors into places that before were off limits. If you are invited through one of those doors into someone's more personal life, make sure you take Jesus by the hand as you walk into their life. Don't worry, you don't have to force the conversation, Jesus will know *if and when* to say something.

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Ministry News

It's almost picture time!

Are you ready for Good Shepherd's new photo directory? Have you scheduled your photography session?

The picture dates are coming soon and photo sessions with Lifetouch are still available.

Tuesday, August 11, 2—9 pm

Wednesday, August 12, 2—9 pm

[Go to the church website](#) and click the button to *Schedule Your Photography Session*.

Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. There is no obligation, but you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your session.

Other offers include:

- Each family that provides their email address will receive a \$10 off coupon
- Seniors 60 and over receive a 20% discount
- Each family that brings in a non-perishable food item to their photo session will receive a \$5 off coupon. All food items will be donated to the food pantry at St. Elizabeth's.

Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those who would like them prior to photography.

Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

Lifetouch photographers will be taking extra precautions including such steps as wearing masks, no touch positioning for the photo, and wiping down the stools between sessions.

If you have any questions or need assistance with scheduling, please contact the church office (412-884-3232). We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory!



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. - Matthew 11:28

Lending a helping hand

Throughout the summer, the **food pantry at St. Elizabeth's (CAEAP)** provides food distributions every other Tuesday. We have collection boxes available at the church for your donations. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable item to your directory photo session and receive a portrait purchase coupon!

SHIM is collecting school supplies to fill backpacks for local children. The most-needed items include:

- Three-ring binders (1", 1.5", 2")
- Earbuds/headphones
- 70-count spiral notebooks
- Pencil cases
- Index cards
- Facial Masks

We are accepting supply and monetary donations through August 2.

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SECOND. I was gladdened in my heart to hear the heart of our Preschool Director pressing in, rather than standing down. And I was encouraged to see the letter from our Congregational President a few weeks ago. It provided vision that looked forward instead of climbing under a rock. I know the letter brings a little fear and trepidation. Our leaders are asking us to step out, when our instincts are screaming to just hunker down and ride out the storm. More people will likely be hitting even more financial storms in the months ahead. I get it. I see the landscape around us. I face those same fears. **And yet**, how did David put it? *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil. My cup runneth over.* I believe that we are God's anointed people to be his light in the middle of the storm which the whole world is in right now. If we truly believe God's Promise, we should truly live it.

We thank God for men and women who have led our congregation in the past, and I suggest that we give a special measure of thanks to God for our present leaders, and pray for God to guide and direct them as they lead us through uncharted waters.

THIRD. People's needs are beginning to surface. And it looks as though we will begin to see more and more hurts in the people and the community around us in the months ahead. I am thankful to hear your voices and hearts open up to what we can do to help our neighbors, to strangers, to the people new to our land, and people we have not yet met. I am hearing some creative thoughts.

As a congregation we have offered ourselves to our community leaders for whatever needs they may have. Now I ask you to continue carrying on that conversation with each other. Some things you will simply do one on one, neighbor to neighbor. Other things we may end up working on together.

An older question: *How are we going to get through this?*

A newer and better question: *How are we going to help our neighbors through this?*

Pray it, talk it, and let us see God do a mighty thing among us,
Pastor Tim



Continue to let the office know if you'll be attending Sunday morning worship – call (412-884-3232), [email](#), or [register online](#). Thank you!

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 11a Baptism 10a Priv. Use of Fellowship Hall 8a Soccer Shots
2 10a Worship with Communion	3 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	4 6p Scrapbookers	5 7:30p Narc. Anon	6 5p Soccer Shots	7 7p Plastic Model	8 8a Soccer Shots
9 10a Worship 2p Baptism	10 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	11 2-9p Lifetouch Portraits for Directory	12 2-9p Lifetouch Portraits for Directory 7:30p Narc. Anon	13 5p Soccer Shots	14	15 8a Soccer Shots
16 10a Worship with Communion	17 5:30p Soc Shots 7p Boy Scouts	18 6p Scrapbookers	19 7:30p Narc. Anon	20 5p Soccer Shots	21	22 8a Soccer Shots
23 / 30 10a Worship 4p Soccer Shots (Makeup—30th)	24 / 31 5:30p Soc Shots (Makeup) 7p Boy Scouts	25	26 7:30p Narc. Anon	27 5p Soccer Shots (Makeup)	28	29 8a Soccer Shots (Makeup)

The Fellowship Hall is open for use again. Before scheduling any ministry onsite meetings, please be sure to check the [website](#) for a live calendar and up-to-date information.

August Birthdays

8/15—Dave Yasko
8/16—Carol Schaar
8/17—Brittney Molinari
8/19—Larry Mikoleit
8/19—Derek Scheller
8/19—Melinda Scheller

8/19—Pam Spechtold
8/19—Rita Winker
8/24—Joan Steigerwald
8/26—Christianna Martinez
8/29—Madelynn Wilson
8/30—Natalie Barkell



August Anniversaries

8/5—Mark and Bethany Barkell (14) 8/19—Larry and Norma Mikoleit (66)
8/5—Lou and Lynn Pingel (53) 8/19—Jim and Darlene Stocker (50)
8/9—Larry and Joan Krueger (45)
8/9—Ron and Ellen Linhart (45)
8/14—Jack and Sandy Overfield (55)



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Prayer Requests for Members, Family and Friends:

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