

"HEARD ON THE HILL"

Issue 21

News from Willistown United Methodist Church

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Welcome to "Heard on the Hill"! This is an "e-mail blast" to keep all our friends and members informed of all the activities here at Willistown UMC. Please let the secretary know of any team meetings or events of interest that we can pass on to both the church community and our neighbors in the geographic community.

Church is back for in-person worship! We will have a combined 10:30 service until further notice. Come enjoy the contemporary and traditional music. We look forward to seeing you in-person if you are comfortable doing so! We will continue to update you on guidelines and plans for the re-opening of events and group meetings.

Update: Due to the increase in variant Covid cases, masks are strongly recommended even if you are vaccinated.

Bulletins and hymnals/bibles are back. There is a very low risk of Covid transmission through touch. Please consider the conservation of paper resources by recycling your bulletins after the service or using the projected slides if you are able. Prayer lists and newsletters are available on the back table. We also have **large print hymnals** available on the worship table in the back.

Willistown UMC Email is changing! Please note new email address is: willistownumc@gmail.com.



Joint Bible Study with Advent Lutheran Church will begin on September 16, 2021. It will be live at Advent and available on Zoom. Email willistownumc@gmail.com for more information.

Disciple Bible Study Starting in September! Rev. Jeff invites you to join with him and other churches and church leaders in the area as they undertake **Disciple Bible Study**. As crafted by the United Methodist Church, this intensive weekly bible study is focused on fostering intentional Christian growth. Disciple has a long track record in helping participants find a deeper sense of call through study, worship, and service. Contact Rev. Jeff if you are interested.

Choir will resume with a rehearsal this Saturday, September 11th at 10:00 am. Please join us if you love to sing. We rehearse each Wednesday at 1:30 and Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Contact Sarah Cass at 610-436-7409.

The next Red Cross blood drive at Willistown UMC will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Contact Gil Fell at fellga@aol.com.

September	
Liturgists	Greeters
September 12 - Gil Fell	Agnes Tobin and Dick Wright
September 19 - Barbara Gorham	Barbara Fell and Fred Bachman
September 26 - Kim Pierce	June DiRomualdo and Pat Roelofs

Weekly Letter from Rev. Jeff



Hello Friends and Members of Willistown UMC:

Community is on my mind today. Thursday morning, I met with members of our local UMC Mission Link for the first time. They are clergy from our local area who come together to share about their local church ministries and understand how we can work as a unit. I was pleased to make their acquaintance and begin to hear about how they serve. Just a bit later, I shared in the West Chester Rotary Club meeting, as I am in the process of becoming a member. One of the topics shared concerned our local volunteer fire departments, including the needs and struggles they face. This came from a member of that club, who has been volunteering his time and talents as a firefighter since 1974. What a gift!

It got me to thinking about this wonderful area I now serve. Everywhere I look, I'm hearing stories of people assisting in beautiful ways. Their work is varied but with one thing in common: they have passions that they share openly and joyfully. When they share that passion with their vibrant energy, it brings others on board, helping to see the need and find ways to address it. I can't help but see God at work in that; after all, it is the Body of Christ coming together.

What are your passions for your community? What gets you energized for serving others? How can you share that with your church community? How can we as a church get behind these passions? It is the calling of God that draws us toward assisting our neighbors. We're all in it together as the Body of Christ.

Blessings, Rev. Jeff

COVID Update

As of Wednesday, September 8, all of Pennsylvania remains in the "High" category of COVID transmission. I will continue to monitor the situation as it develops.

Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
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Source: CDC

Masks remain highly recommended for all church activities until further notice, as advocated by the CDC and Chester County Health. We have masks available by the main door should you not come with one. It is one of the most straightforward ways we can tangibly love our neighbor in the time of COVID.

All other means of abatement also continue. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Stay home if you are uncertain about your condition or feeling ill in any way, and please get your vaccine (or the proper booster when appropriate) if you haven't already!