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The Post Newsletter - Pastor Tim Klein

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A Message from the Pastor

The page has been turned from 2020 to 2021. The year 2020 will likely go down as one of the most challenging in American and world history, but as God's people I pray that you will look back on 2020 to remember the many positive memories from the year. For my family and I, one of the best things that happened was getting to meet and know each of you! You are a faithful community of believers and I am honored to serve as your pastor.

We can also thank God for His presence with us in 2020, for each moment of fellowship that we were able to experience, and for the ways that the Lord used us as His hands and feet to bless others in the Name of Jesus. ☺ God is

good, all the time. And all the time, God is good!

As we begin 2021 together, I know that things are still challenging. We are still dealing with the realities of Covid-19 as well as a nation that is experiencing much tension. Even in these uncertain times, however, we can be certain that the Lord desires each of us to shine with the light and love of Jesus Christ. Until we are able to more easily and confidently gather together again in person, it is critically important that we are intentional in practicing Christian community in creative ways. Please pray for one another. Please check in regularly with one another. Please invite friends and

family to become connected to our church through online worship or the Bible Book of the Month (January's is Mark and February's is 1 & 2 Corinthians by the way!)

I firmly believe that 2021 will be a great year for us at Chestnut Grove. I believe that the Lord will not only increase our faith, hope and love, but I have confidence that together we will reach new people with the good news of Jesus! We are people of hope, friends. And hope will not disappoint us. Let us continue to walk forward in Jesus each day knowing that for us who follow God's Son, the best is yet to be.

Love and Grace to you,
Pastor Tim



January Book of the Month

As January is celebrated as the first month of the year, the Gospel of Mark is a great book to focus on this month, because in all likelihood it was the first gospel to be written. Mark likely came to faith in Christ through the Apostle Peter (see 1 Peter 5:13), as Peter calls him his “son,” likely referring to him being a spiritual son. Mark was also a traveling companion of Paul & Barnabas, and also known as John Mark (see Acts 12:25).

Mark’s gospel was likely developed from Peter’s preaching and teaching about Jesus. Although Mark was not an eye-witness himself, his words have Peter’s fingerprints all over them, so to speak.

One of the beautiful things about Mark’s Gospel is that he paints such a vivid picture of various biblical scenes. When Matthew and Luke record the same basic story as Mark in places, most of the time Mark’s account is the longest and most detailed.

Mark’s first audience was probably the church in Rome and Mark demonstrates from the very first verse of his gospel that Jesus, rather than Caesar, is the one true Emperor of the world.

God bless you as you read this beautiful Gospel of Mark this month.

February’s Bible Books of the Month will be 1 & 2 Corinthians.

March’s Bible Books of the Month will be Leviticus & Hebrews.

Sermon Series

As we begin 2021, I believe the Lord wants us to spend the first several weeks of the year contemplating Jesus’ words to the church found in Revelation chapter 2-3. His powerful words for the 1st century church are as powerful and necessary as they are for today. As we sit at Jesus’ feet together in considering these words that Christ gave to John, may we all be drawn closer to Christ in our walk.



Ash Wednesday - February 17

Over recent years, the United Methodist churches of Dillsburg have come together to begin the Lenten season with a combined Ash Wednesday worship service. Due to the uniqueness of this year, things will likely be different. I will keep you informed as plans are made.



Vacation Bible School

I know that it may feel like a strange time to be writing to you about Vacation Bible School, but this is an important ministry that takes time and energy to bring together. I received information about potential VBS materials we could purchase. I do not believe that the Lord has called me to head up this ministry, but if you sense the Lord stirring you to help oversee or have a large role to play in this important ministry, please contact the office by the end of January. I will do all that I can to help support the leader(s) of this ministry & outreach to our community.

Thank You from New Hope Ministries Nov 2020

Dear CGUMC, Hope you all are continuing to do well and enjoying autumn! It was such a delight, joy, and pleasure to spend time with you all this past Sunday!!! I felt so welcomed and accepted by you all. Praise God for the way you all show the hope, grace, love, joy, and peace of Jesus to others in need. Keep up the amazing and awesome work you all are doing for God's Kingdom!

With gratitude, Joel Giovannetti

COVID-19 Compliant Reminders

- All children must stay with their parents at all times.
- Restrooms are limited to 1 person at a time unless you're family.
- Masks are mandatory now. Please wear a face mask at all times in the building and during worship.
- To the best of your ability, you must social distance at all times especially entering the exiting the building.
- Hand Sanitizer will be provided.
- Communion – sealed elements provided.
- Each person must decide for themselves if they are comfortable returning to in-building worship.
- Respect others right to social distancing in the parking lot.
- If you use a hymnal during worship, do not return it to the rack, but leave it on the seat.
- We will sing.
- Offering containers are provided to drop your offering in on your way in or out of the sanctuary.
- Please stay home if you are sick.

Subject to change...the leaders of the church will be in touch if/when there are changes to this list.

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday 1/18 6:00PM Zoom School Board Meeting
 Wed 1/27 6:00PM Zoom Leadership Team Mtg.





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