



Church Assessment Tool Questionnaire

In the next few weeks we will be talking up a survey called "Holy Cow" that will be going out to the congregation to answer questions about church and ministry at Germonds. This assessment will help us to evaluate areas where we need to focus more energy, areas we need to work on, and the areas in which we are doing great! This will allow us to look ahead to do some larger picture strategic planning, as well as better understand where to put our energies as we rebuild after this extremely difficult year. Stay tuned for more information about this.

No Excuses Workday

Saturday, June 5, 9 am to 3 pm

COVID-19 prevented us from hosting our Physical Resources spring and fall workdays last year. Armando helped by taking care of a few projects that came up during the year, but a number of other issues cropped up that now need addressing. So, on Saturday, June 5, the Physical Resources committee invites you all to participate in our spring No Excuses Workday. We have identified a range of projects for a diverse set of skills. We'll start the day at around 9 am with coffee and donuts, break for a lunch with hot dogs, burgers and fixings, and finish by 3 pm. Any amount of time you can devote to helping us address our long list of projects is appreciated. We request that all people come equipped with facemasks and we will be enforcing social distancing guidelines. So please help. ~ *Janis Upeplacis*, Phys. Res. chair

In-Person Worship & Safety Protocols

Next **Sunday, May 30th**, we will gather again outside and IN PERSON! Please bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, etc... and don't forget to dress weather appropriate. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. behind the CE building. Please wear a mask, though we will be able to take them off during worship. We will sign everyone in and invite people to settle in groups/pods 6 feet apart. This service will also be livestreamed.

Help with Services

As we begin meeting in person again we are always looking for volunteers to help us work with parking directors, set-up, sign in, camera and audio so that we can have services that go smoothly and continue to adhere to safety protocols.

Prepare A Meal for Those in Need CIS has teamed up with Ramapo Community Chefs and is inviting anyone who is able to help prepare a meal for pickup that will be distributed to families who are experiencing food insecurity. You prepare a meal for 4-6 people, it gets picked up, and you have done something to help a family who needs it. Contact Kathy Lathrop lathropkathleen@gmail.com if you are interested. Also, include Betsy Bostwick (betzb@optonline.net) and Sue Ternquist (sternquist@gmail.com) on your email.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“The Holy Spirit is subversive, and one of the things the Spirit does is blur lines that we’re comfortable maintaining.” ~Nadia Bolz-Weber

PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart* Pat Singer

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Even after the resurrection, when the disciples were weighed down with worry,

All: Jesus assured them that they were not alone: “The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

One: Even after the resurrection, when the disciples were burdened by their fears,

All: Jesus calmed their troubled hearts: “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

One: Even after the resurrection, when we struggle with our faith,

All: Jesus blesses us with comfort and hope: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

One: Especially after the resurrection, when our souls are dry and barren,

All: the Holy Spirit blows through our lives, bringing us new life. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy Spirit, we’re not sure we’re ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives; we’re grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines; we’re afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change. Amen.

A time of silent confession

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (John 14)

Hear these words of Jesus:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace

I give to you. . . . Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”
In the midst of our fears and doubts, the peace of the Holy Spirit will prevail.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (no handshake- instead wave, jazz hands, peace sign, etc.)

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:22-27

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Elder Rob Trawick

ANTHEM *On Pentecost They Gathered*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On Wind Of Spirit* Pat Singer

*All who are able please stand. ***Latecomers seat

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Monday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday
Pastor Abbie is away on vacation.

Wednesday, May 26
7:15 pm Session meets over Zoom

Sunday, May 30
10:30 am Outdoor worship with Pastor Abbie

Sunday, May 31 Memorial Day. The office will be closed.

Participating in Worship
 Pastor and Teaching Elder
 Guest Preacher
 Rob Trawick
 Music and Choir Director
 Organist
 Children's Choir Director
 Liturgist

Rev. Abbie Huff

David Sanchez
 Patricia Singer
 Melissa Alexander
 Janis Upeslakis



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May 23, 2021

Ten-thirty o'clock

SESSION

Patricia Zollinger, Clerk-Moderator, Rev. Abbie Huff

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Christopher Armstrong	Suzanne Hyatt	Patrick Forde
Mary Kay	Richard Schaefer	Donald Smith
Cynthia Sheridan	Desiree Olori	Janis Upeslakis (1 year)
Patty Zollinger	Robert Trawick	

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CORE VALUES OF GERMONDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World