Something new has come to New Paltz UMC

This is the birth of a periodic newsletter which we are hoping will be the means for all of us to be better informed about what our church is doing, both inside the walls of the building itself and in the community, both locally and beyond. For some of us, this is “old news” but for others, it will be an eye opening experience of learning who is involved and how we might want to be involved as well. We hope it will give each of us an opportunity to know one another better as we share what inspires us and the projects and causes which call to us. We expect there will be sections which will appear in each edition as well as new ones in subsequent issues.

Above all else, we want this to be truly all of ours and to that end, we seek your feedback and suggestions. For starters, we are eager for your suggestions. We would like a logo. How about a name? This may be dangerous, but tell us what you think!

Hello Beloved Community,

Covid-19 has changed everything. And that’s not all bad. Because of Covid-19, our small group gatherings are global. We have been joined in worship by astonishing numbers of people from an awe-inspiring range of places. We are making new friends, learning new technologies, and finding innovative ways to stay connected. In many cases, we are better connected now than ever.

Miracles hide in the most unlikely places. We shouldn’t be surprised. New ideas and practices always appear in times of strife. When our normal patterns are disrupted, when what was good enough is no longer good at all, that is when the Holy Spirit can make her greatest in-breaking. These are, indeed, those times. I know I have found myself referring to these times as being of ‘biblical proportions.'

What, then, is the role of church, the call of being a Christian, in times such as these?

The pandemic has placed our economics into stark relief, exposing how clearly our systems have favored a few at the expense of the many. Jesus has some things to say when profits are put before the wellbeing of the people. This was the question under Roman rule, too. Pandemic and plague feel much alike – are those who are safe and sheltered at home those whom God sought to rescue.

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out of the bondage of Egypt? If not, why not? And what are we to do about it?

Quarantining has had us home and unable to look away from the murder of George Floyd. Now we are in an overdue reckoning with racism in America and the ways in which history, unexamined becomes a present unlivable and leaves future prospering unattainable. As we realize life in America is very different for people of color than it is for white people, we perhaps gain some sympathy for the Sadducees and Pharisees. After all, the system was working just fine for them, and they couldn’t understand why Jesus and his followers were upset any more than we have heard or appreciated the critiques of our non-white siblings.

We need communities of faith in ways we have not realized for a long time. We need safe places to wrestle with ideas that feel dangerous and confusing. People we trust to point out our growing edges in love. A community that will check in on us to be sure we are well in body and in spirit. And so the community of NPUMC has proven itself to be.

This newsletter represents one of the many ways we are strengthening our connections in a time when they could become weak. I am excited to hear from many different voices, representing many perspectives, skills, and lived experiences. The more we come to know one another not as acquaintances but as siblings in Christ, the better able to support each other through the more difficult terrain of our Christian journey, human shortcomings and realities that seem truly biblical in proportion. Looking forward to sharing with you, here and elsewhere.

Peace IS Justice,
Pastor Jenn

Re Opening News

We are committed to following the NY Annual Conference guidelines and protocols to prepare to open. Bishop Bickerton consistently emphasizes his concern for the safety of each of us. NPUMC leadership shares this concern. The NY State Department of Health has cited these guidelines and protocols as a model to follow.

Our church task force is working hard to prepare the sanctuary for us to come in to worship. Spaces are being cleaned and sanitized. Capacity, seating, social distancing and how we will enter and leave are being carefully planned. Masks and sanitizer will be available. Signs explaining entering, seating, exiting are being prepared. There are many, many details. Each is getting careful attention. Our District Superintendent will need to sign off approving all this preparation before we can worship in the sanctuary. The NYAC guide is about 30 pages long. It is available at the NYAC website.
September 13th is our target date. Not a firm date, but a target.

We are blessed in having ongoing virtual worship and study opportunities.

**Sunday morning worship will continue on lineZoom and FaceBook.**

We are so fortunate to have leadership and a worship team committed to continuing on line worship, for those who may choose to worship from home and for those who live around the world and choose to connect with us for worship.

**Called to Mission**

‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father,....for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And (the Lord) answered, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ‘ Matt 25:34-40

Not only do we as a church support various missions which we champion. We plan to highlight these areas of outreach in upcoming editions.

**NP UMC Supplemental Food Program**

Nani Bautochka

In the Spring of 2017, Nani Bautochka and Kathy Weiss, put their heads and hearts together and so began what is now called the NPUMC Supplemental Food Program.

The program began as a summer food program for families whose children received free or reduced cost lunch and/or breakfast during the school year. That first summer, we worked with Family of New Paltz. We bought food, packed it into bags and gave it to those in need. In 2017, 55 bags of food were given out in July and August.

Gradually, in response to community need, the program evolves. In the summer of 2019, we provided 15 bags of food each week to the families of children at the Agricultural Business Child Development Center (ABCD) and 10 bags of food each month to senior citizens at Meadowbrook, a housing complex for seniors with limited income. We realized a year round food supplement was needed by these families and households. So, we continued
providing food; the frequency and content is in response to the need.

In the Spring of this year, Covid-19 closed the ABCD Center, so we have been unable to connect with those families. Thankfully, schools and other community groups have increased food outreach programs during this pandemic.

We continue to provide food to the 10 senior citizen households at Meadowbrook. We try to have the program respond to the need. Currently, we shop and provide supplemental food to the seniors twice a month. We plan to re-connect with ABCD Center as soon as they re-open. We continue to communicate with community groups to be responsive to the changing needs in New Paltz. While, this program changes in response to community need, what we do remains the same. We shop, pack food into bags and arrange for it to get to those who need it.

_This is a mission of our church. The program is supported by you._ Each year, church folks, friends and community groups donate money to the church and earmark it for the Supplemental Food Program. We have received support from our church McKnight Trust and endowment funds. In addition, we apply for grants. This became important as we transitioned from a 2 month summer program to a year round 12 month a year program.

We want to continue to be responsive to the New Paltz community. We are excited to see how this mission continues to evolve.

**The Joan and Vinnie Gallagher Project**

Joan Gallagher

The New Paltz United Methodist church has an informal partnership with the New Paltz Recycling Center to promote food rescue, textile reuse and the redistribution of durable medical equipment. As Vinny, my husband, likes to say, "It keeps us out of trouble."

The clothing part is a textile rescue. One component of this program consists of setting aside winter clothing items as they come our way all year round, holding a coat drive in the fall (usually partnered with DEC). We also get involved with donations from clean outs when folks are downsizing or distributing the property of someone deceased. Donations are then sorted and distributed to five area shelters including a residential teen shelter, a domestic violence house, and a shelter for women with children. At this time, Family of New Paltz is one of our main recipients, especially since corona has kept us away from the homeless shelters.

The food part is called New Paltz food rescue. Pre-pandemic we picked up daily at the Bak-
ery, once or twice a week at Tops, and as contacted at Sodexo (the college catering service). Many items help defray the cost of Friday soup luncheons. The rest is given to other churches, local food pantries, homeless shelters and people who could use a bit of help.

We are especially pleased to have a dedicated Med Shed (built by the Bruderhof) where we store and lend donated items that assist people with disabilities. We are selective in accepting donations to ensure that our inventory is all in good to excellent condition. An honor system for borrowing and returning works rather well.

I submit quantities and rough descriptions of what is donated to Laura Petit, the Director of the Recycling Center and she, in turn, submits these numbers to the appropriate State agencies that track these things. She is extremely cooperative and generous to our church, frequently donating office supplies, yarn, craft items that the children use in the back during worship, fabric for worship centers, and just about anything that shows up in the ReUse Center that we can use. It is a pleasure to be able to pitch in and help serve our church and community.

THE ONE
Kate Hymes
"Therefore I will give him a portion among the great . . ." Isaiah 53:12

Mary sat on the back pew among her brothers and sisters all fresh from the cane fields and long knives that cut down strong, straight stalks that stood up a head higher than the white boss man. The pew, nothing more than rough pine plank seats polished by butts wearing Sunday best, sagged and swayed, cradled Mary's expectant girth. The cardboard Geddes funeral home fan slid down the incline into her hopeful hand.

Mary waved the fan marking time with the joyful noise. A flick of her wrist, flap: "His eyes are on the sparrow and I know he watches me." Flap, flap through air pregnant with praise.

From the pulpit the clapboard prophet delivered good words from the good book. He preached Isaiah and called him Izear, the way cane field folks said: There will come a chosen one from among the oppressed and afflicted. He will bring justice to the nations. He will not be discouraged 'til he establishes justice on earth. Then the preacher passed his best handkerchief across his face to sop up hallelujah sweat. Mary remembered the woman who ran through the crowd to wipe the brow of Jesus as he struggled with the cross. If she could have run, she would have. In her belly the baby jumped. She folded her hands across her poked-out navel and prayed for a son.
Sunday School
Elizabeth Harding

The 2019-2020 Sunday School Program has had many changes this year. Our attendance was very low this year due to families moving and children aging out of the traditional Sunday school program.

For the Fall of 2019 we had small Sunday School lessons in the Quiet Room during Pastor Jenn’s message, when I was available to do so. There were 2-3 children present when it was available. We would read the scripture, watch a video and complete a craft and then return back to Worship.

In December I was introduced to the idea of Messy Church by Pastor Jenn. In February my girls and I volunteered for Messy Church at St. James in Kingston. We assisted with craft activities, heard the scripture in story form and shared a meal. In March, Deb Dressel and Karen Seyferth volunteered to see how the program works. Deb and I planned on introducing NPUMC to Messy Church in April instead of a traditional Sunday School Program but everything shut down due to COVID-19. The intention is to use the Messy Church model at NP UMC but at this time I am unsure of when it can take place.

What is Messy Church? Messy Church is an intergenerational experience for people who are looking for an interactive form of church. People of all ages and sizes are welcome whether you regularly attend church or have never stepped into a church before. At the monthly Messy Church gathering you will explore a biblical theme through hands-on creative activities, a short worship celebration of story, song and prayer and conclude at a table sharing a meal. It does not prioritize either the needs of children or adults but intentionally welcomes and provides for all ages.

Trustees News
John Bautochka

While the church building has been basically closed, the Trustees have been busy. Trustees have met by ZOOM.

Lawn mowing, yardwork, weatherproofing outside benches, sprucing up, replacing the roof on a playground structure for playschool, and on-going building maintenance are some of the tasks completed this spring and summer.

John Bautochka, Chair of Trustees, reports that contributions to the “No Chicken Din-
ner” fundraiser are still being accepted. Two major upcoming projects are replacing the ceiling fans in the Sanctuary and replacing the retaining wall at the edge of the playground.

Now, Trustees are hard at work, along with other church family members, preparing the building for Sanctuary worship, meetings and playschool to begin. Mid-September is our target date.

**Finances at New Paltz UMC**

Margaret Howe

Greetings – do you know how many times money or finances are mentioned in the Bible? Well it is 800 times! And John Wesley certainly talks about money as well! So...going forward....perhaps each newsletter addition....I will attempt to address some of these 800 time and some John Wesley history.

In the meantime – let me say how much we appreciate the offerings you have sent during this COVID-19 pandemic. Since March 23rd our offerings are the only income we have and will likely be the only income we will have through the remainder of 2020. Fortunately we received our yearly endowment and we expect the Payroll Protection Program money. Please continue to make your commitment – in several ways – send a check in the mail to the church; arrange with your bank to have check sent to the bank; make an online payment through our new online giving link. To donate go to: [https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/ChurchGiving](https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/ChurchGiving)

About “Online Giving”... this program is one now offered by the New York Annual Conference. It is a win-win for New Paltz UMC. Won’t you consider a contribution via an online giving gift to New Paltz United Methodist Church...a one time gift or a regular offering.

The pandemic did not eliminate the fixed costs of the church and we are current with these expenses – because of your continued offerings. Although utility expenses are lower – they still exist and we have been able to pay. We have our liability insurance which we pay quarterly and are current – last two quarters will total $3200.00. We have our yearly elevator and furnace maintenance to be paid in this next quarter ...expense for 2020 is $1222.00. You might be willing to make an extra offering gift to pay for these above mentioned expenses.

We have our staff salaries – Pastor Jenn and Lee. Do you realize how lucky we are to have our worship “live” every week – on facebook and ZOOM. And through this pandemic we have continued our monthly Taizé worship and introduced the weekly “Hymn-a-Long”.

I will end with those three John Wesley rules – “Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God” – yes these rules can be applied to finances.

With grace and peace and love.

[Signature]

Margaret Howe
When Micah shared with the people what God requires, the first words were “Do jus-"Dce”. Micah 6:8

Book Discussions on Racism
Sharon Roth

Shortly after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis Minnesota, the council of bishops met and released a statement asking all united Methodist to read about anti-racism. In June, we offered book discussions on “White Fragility” by Robin DiAngelo. We had to limit the group to 10 people so that everyone would have an opportunity to speak. There were two co-horts, one in the afternoon and one in the evening on three Tuesdays. Pastor Jennifer created questions for each session and led the discussions. Participants receive the questions for each session a week before the discussions. One advantage of Zoom is that there were people from all over the country on the calls. There were men and women from New York, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas, Connecticut and Georgia.

The book has become so popular, the sessions we offered in July quickly filled up. Pastor Tobias Anderson of the Lutheran Church asked if we would schedule sessions in August for him and his congregants. The sessions will take place on August 4, 11 and 18. Margaret is taking care of the registrations and the Zoom links, as she has done for all of the sessions. Participants shared their reactions to reading the book and their personal experiences as well. They were open, honest, and trusting. Many shared that they were grateful for the things they were learning, both from reading the book and from participating in the discussions.

One group in June, made up of women from NPUMC decided to continue their education by listening to five lessons on Black Lives 101 recorded by the New School in Brooklyn. They have been meeting every two weeks to discuss their reactions to the lessons.

Pastor Jennifer is reading several books on the topic of racism and will choose one to focus on for those who wish to continue their education in a Level 2 Book Study. She let readers know that this level will include possible actions that they can take to actively dismantle racism.

The following suggestions may help us extend and deepen our knowledge and lead us in ways to become more active, that we might “do justice”.

https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/what-white-people-can-do-for-racial-justice-f2d18b0e0234
Here are some suggestions from the above website:
Call or write to state legislators to require **racial impact statements** be required for all criminal justice bills. Most states already require fiscal and environmental impact statements for certain legislation. Racial impact statements evaluate if a bill may create or exacerbate racial disparities should the bill become law. Check out the status of your state’s legislation surrounding these statements [here](https://www.law.uw.edu/wlr/print-edition/print-edition/vol-89/4/racial-impact-statements-considering-the-consequences-of-racial-disproportionalities-in-the-criminal-justice-system).

Here is the link re Racial Impact Statements

And a link to the Sentencing Project

**Medical Minute**
Scott Costley, DO
Family Physician

Thank you for the invite to share my thoughts about COVID-19 in our first NPUMC newsletter.
We have all been living in this strange new world of masking, social distancing and constant hand sanitizing for over 4 months. We have gone from New York being the epicenter for this virus, with over 25,000 deaths, to controlling our new cases and now mandating that visitors from 31 different states to quarantine for 2 weeks when they come to visit. Go New York!

How did we do it, and what does the future look like? By learning that asymptomatic and pre symptomatic individuals can spread this illness, we were able to control this mostly droplet and airborne virus by staying home and if you are around anyone you don’t live with, then you cover your mouth and nose.

It has been hard staying away from our church family and those that we love, but it has worked. Now moving forward, we need to learn how to live with this virus. Your Church leadership at the Conference and District level have been following Department of Health Guidelines to find a way to safely reopen our church building.

Dr. Fauci has been a calm and reassuring voice with this pandemic, but even he can’t tell us when this will be over. I personally estimate we will be masking and socially distancing for at least the next 8 to 12 months. Even if we have an effective vaccine by January 2021, we won’t all be able to receive it right away. In addition, we don’t know if at least 70% of the population will agree to receive the vaccine so we can achieve herd immunity. There is good news to share though, the death rate from those becoming infected with the virus continues to fall as we see new treatments become available like Remdesivir and Dexamethasone.

In the meantime, stay informed, wear your mask, love your neighbors and friends, but do so from a safe distance.
Historian's Corner

Anna Bates, PhD, Church Historian

"..The world would come to an end.."

Methodism Arrives in New Paltz

How and why did the first Methodist preachers come to New Paltz? The Rev. Elijah Woolsey, a Methodist circuit rider who preached in New Paltz in 1801, kept a journal and wrote a memoir about his life. His memoir describes how his father, Revolutionary War veteran Captain John Woolsey, invited the first Methodist preachers to the towns of Marlborough and New Paltz in 1786. Elijah recalled a conversation between his father, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Marlborough, and his mother, that he overheard when he was a young teenager. (Coles, 1845)

Elijah’s father claimed that the Presbyterian trustees were “out of humor” because they could not keep their minister any longer. “He … told them [the trustees],” recalled young Elijah, “… that there were sixty or seventy Methodist preachers in New-Jersey, and that they were great preachers ....” Remembering his father’s apparent enthusiasm during that conversation, he reflected: “Having read in the Scriptures that the gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come, I thought that those preachers were great and good men, and that they had begun at the southern extremity of the world, and were making their way to the north, and when they gained the northern extremity, the world would come to an end.”

Sometime after Captain Woolsey’s conversation with his wife, he invited Methodist preachers, who were working on a circuit emanating from New Jersey, to come and preach in Marlborough, located near the Hudson River, approximately twelve miles southeast of New Paltz. Methodist classes formed in and around that area and travelling circuit preachers made Marlborough a regular stop on the newly formed East Jersey Circuit.

Regarding New Paltz, Captain Woolsey’s daughter, Phoebe, married Hendricus Deyo, a descendant of one of New Paltz’s oldest families. We are not sure whether Captain Woolsey suggested that Methodist preachers visit his daughter’s family in New Paltz, or whether daughter Phoebe, or her husband, asked for them. We know that they came, though, and that the world did not end, even after the Methodists expanded their preaching far north of New Paltz, into Canada and other places.
Vi Cole Reading Group  
Karen Seyfert

The Vi Cole group began as the Wednesday Afternoon Study Group early in the ministry of Bette Sohn at our church. Our practice has always been honesty, whether we could see our author's point or not. We have always felt free to openly disagree with the author and with each other. By steadfastly caring for every member of the group, no matter what doubts and questions are expressed, we model for each other the acceptance and love God has for each of us.

Vi Cole was a stalwart member of the group and after her passing, we chose to name our group after her. Our studies have often been challenging. We have read several books by Marcus Borg, the Gospel of Mary Magdalene and Joan Chittister. We did a study on John Wesley. Our Bible studies have included, amongst others, the Book of John and the Minor Prophets.

Our group continued without a break until the pandemic hit. We would like to start up again using Zoom and we hope you will consider joining us for some honest searching and loving acceptance. For more information ckseyfert@gmail.com

Tai Chi Continues  
Dave Lehman

The New Paltz Tai Chi Easy community has been flourishing for over two years thanks to the caring support of so many friends from the UMC as well as the local community. The aim of these weekly classes is to use simple and easy time honored and scientifically studied Tai Chi methods to enhance health and well being. Our classes are like a family gathering, we warmly encourage everyone who wants to nurture their health and well being to join in.

Since Covid there have been changes to our classes, as we now meet on the Zoom platform. The technology is not to difficult, and I would be happy to help anyone who wants to participate. We all miss the personal touch but there is still a great opportunity to be together and revitalize our selves every Monday at 2:00 pm for about 45 minutes.

I am truly grateful for the friendship and community of the UMC! I am attaching the zoom link for the recurring class every Monday at 2:00 pm. Please feel free to share my email with anyone from the church who would like more information.

Thank you,
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Up Close
Here’s Lee Pritchard

Lee Pritchard, our music director since 1998, is a man of many talents and many interests.

During this time we have not been able to gather in the sanctuary, Lee’s Wednesday hymn-a-longs have been a treat. Lee decided to have the Wednesday hymn-a-longs to offer something to supplement our streaming Sunday morning worship. On many occasions, I have loved hearing Lee practice while I am doing something in the church building. When I shared this appreciation with Lee, he said, growing up he loved to hear his mother play hymns and hymn playing is a form of meditation for him.

Lee grew up in Cato, NY, a small town in central New York; he can share many stories about growing up in a very small town.

The Wyandotte chicken story is one of my favorites. Lee and his brother decided they needed to do something, to be involved in something in their town. 4-H was a logical choice. To be part of 4-H, they needed to grow something---animals, vegetables, something. Lee’s brother chose rabbits; Lee decided on chickens. Thinking this through, Lee decided the goal was to win ribbons, awards for his chickens. Since most county fair chicken entries were the usual chickens that people raise, Lee decided he needed an unusual chicken to get the judge’s attention and have a chance at winning. Lee decided to raise Wyandotte chickens—they have white feathers, each feather outlined in black, and a flat comb. He ordered the chickens, raised them and entered them in the county fair. The judges immediately recognized Lee’s unique entry and he went on to win many, many blue ribbons at local and NY State fairs. Being a collector, Lee has all the ribbons and awards in albums.

Lee’s mother was his first piano teacher. She played in their church, for local theatre and, Lee recently learned, for the local radio station. She could be working in the kitchen, cooking or cleaning, while Lee was practicing in another room, with a wall between them, and she would call to him, "Lee, I think that was a b flat" and she would be right and Lee would make the correction.

Growing up in central NY, the site of many tent meeting camp revivals starting in the 1800s, Lee fell in love with old hymns, gospel hymns, hymns that are based on a gospel text and arranged for easy singing. These are his favorites. We are now the ones blessed by this passion.

Somewhere along the line, Lee taught himself how to play the pipe organ. To hear him explain it, pipe organ playing is a logical, natural development,
Lee studied music and graduated from SUNY Fredonia and then earned a Master’s degree at Indiana University. He was a professor of music and theatre at SUNY New Paltz for 40 years. During this tenure, in addition to teaching, he was in charge of all the musicals presented by SUNY students. While this may sound like enough to keep anyone busy, look at this partial list of community music work:

1963—the Camerata Chorale was formed

1966— Lee became director of Camerata Chorale and continues in this role today

1978-- Lee started the Chorale Society, in conjunction with some clergy in Kingston. This group disbanded in 2013, after 35 years. Several members joined the Camerata Chorale

1978 Lee, in conjunction with Paul Cooper and Peggy Clapp, founded the Hudson Valley Gilbert and Sullivan Society. He was part of the group for over 20 years; the group has changed its name and currently is not producing.

Back to the first sentence—a man of many interests—Lee has an interest and passion for glassware, especially pressed glass water pitchers. He has a collection of over 300, from 1850 to the present. Over the years, and in several locations around the county, Lee has been involved in antique glassware collection and sales.

Music, theatre, teaching, glassware, did I mention dancing….I am sure there is more to be discovered about this Renaissance man who blesses us with music each week and monthly with a Taize service.

In 1978, Margaret Howe joined Lee’s life. They have been a dynamic duo in New Paltz ever since.

Church Family Milestones

Birthdays

August

Jeff Salt Aug 3
Kaitlyn Harding Aug 11
Sofia Von Baeyer Aug 13
Jackson Rogers Aug 15
Ping Rogers Aug 16
Bethany Goldpaugh Aug 25
Vincent Gallagher Aug 28

September

Mary Rappleyea Sept 3
Derek Grazul Sept 9
Sharon Roth Sept 10
Gina Dortano Sept 10
Grace Dietz Sept 12
Elizabeth Harding Sept 13
Jennifer Berry Sept 24
Madhurma Pachigalla (Madhu) Sept 28
George Weiss Sept 29
October

Scott Costley Oct 1
Deborah Moore Oct 4
Kathy Weiss Oct 4
Yosung Song Oct 8
Connie Costley Oct 14
Marcus Palenik Oct 18
Jason Harding Oct 19
Julia Roper Oct 23

Anniversaries

August
none listed

September
Linda & Art Mellor Sept 29

October
none listed

We know the list isn’t complete. If your special day isn’t listed, please send a note to the church office. We don’t want to leave anyone out!

Time to laugh with Kaitlyn

If Jesus was still on earth, what kind of car would He drive?
Christler

What’s the best way to get a message to God?
kneemail

What animal did Noah not trust?
Cheetah

We hope you have found this first edition of our nameless newsletter informative. We are hoping you will help us come up with a name and perhaps a logo! We look forward to sharing with you in upcoming editions some of the many ministries of our church. There are so many opportunities for you to come on board.

In these difficult times, we pray that your faith may be strong, that you have the courage to face the challenges before us, and that you may know the peace of Christ which does, indeed, surpass our understanding.