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The June 2020
Garden Times

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Wintergarden Monthly Newsletter

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Devon at revdevo8@gmail.com and ask to be removed. Sorry for any
inconvenience!*



After weeks of prayer and conversation, we are going to grow together through worship in the garden. Meaning, our Sacred Space Meditation Service will meet in our community garden at 8:30am. AND our Traditional Service will meet in the community garden at 9:30am. BOTH services will be on Facebook Live. On Sunday afternoon, both services will be uploaded to YouTube and emailed to everyone. If you are not able to join us in the morning, know you will receive it by the afternoon in your email.

What does this look like? I'm so glad you asked ;)

Well...you will receive an all-call to the church from me on Saturday evening to confirm if we are a go or no-go due to rain...if we are a go, then we will do the following for Sunday morning worship...

First, *PLEASE* only come to worship if you are feeling well and feel comfortable meeting in the garden. If you have a mask, you might consider bringing it. If you do not, we will have them available too.

Second, *PLEASE* enter the garden on the new brick pathway. We will have signs up to direct your way into our outdoor sanctuary.

Third, if you have a lawn chair of some kind, *PLEASE* bring the chair with you. We do not have enough foldable chairs for everyone to join together.

Fourth, we will not have food and coffee for fellowship time. Bring your coffee, tea, or water with you.

Fifth, we will be meeting outside in the garden. It will start to get warm. There will be bugs. Please dress comfortably-light weight shirts, shorts, flat shoes, wear a hat, maybe even bring your gardening gloves!

Sixth, the bathrooms will be open in the building and available for use. But, try to "go" before you leave home. We are not fully up on our sanitizing process in the building. The bathrooms will be clean.

Seventh, we will not start Sunday school right away. We are going to "re-enter" slowly and explore creative ways of discipleship.

Eighth, Ebenezer Pentecote Church will be in the library for Sunday school at 9:30 and the Sanctuary for worship at 11am.

Friends, looking forward to seeing you this Sunday and worshipping God together. Again, you will receive a phone call on Saturday night if we are a go for worship based on the possibility of morning rain.



Over the years, our session has been deciding to make improvements to the buildings and grounds. We have been able to do so because of the many generous gifts we have received from YOU! We have continued to do so during this time when we have not been able to gather together for worship.

First, we painted the sanctuary and tinted the windows. The picture doesn't do it justice!

Second, the floors and carpet have had a deep clean (Thank you Shirley, Bud, and Donna!)

Third, a special space was created for the kids.

Fourth, we had an air purification system put on all 7 AC units in the church. [Click for details on the system.](#)

Fifth, we have a new brick pathway to the garden, a new covered area for worship, and another beautiful sitting area for rest.

Looking forward to when we can all gather together inside. But until then, we will enjoy the amazing updates in the garden as well!

Sacred Space

a worship centered in silence,
scripture and sacrament

Sundays @ 8:30am

18305 Wintergarden Avenue
Questions? Call 941-743-5335

Beginning Sunday, June 7 at 8:25, you are invited to join us in the garden for our Sacred Space service, a service centered in silence, scripture, and sacrament. This is a meditation service. Also, if you are not able to come, you can watch it live with us, you can watch it later in the day, or you can wait to receive a link and watch it on youtube. Here are some of the links to help you connect with us through our meditation worship service:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/wintergardenpres/videos/?ref=page_internal

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKbSgSALV_HpcsXk7bsNO4g?view_as=subscriber

Hope to have you join us!

Love, Pastor Devon

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Over the past few weeks, we have truly enjoyed Sunday morning fellowship. Conversations have been wonderful and eclectic! Thank you to everyone who

on-line.



WEEKLY PRAYER

Pastor Devon is inviting the Wintergarden community and friends to join for weekly prayer chats on Wednesdays at 7:30pm (EST).

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/824192898>
Meeting ID: 824 192 898

We will continue Wednesday evening prayer. This has been a wonderful time to gather with our seasonal friends too! If anyone is open to helping be the host on a Wednesday evening, please let Pastor Devon know. Just remember, everyone near and far is invited to join us for our weekly time of prayer on WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

If you need help with getting on Zoom, please let Devon know and she will either help you or find someone to help you.

Here are the details:

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW](#)

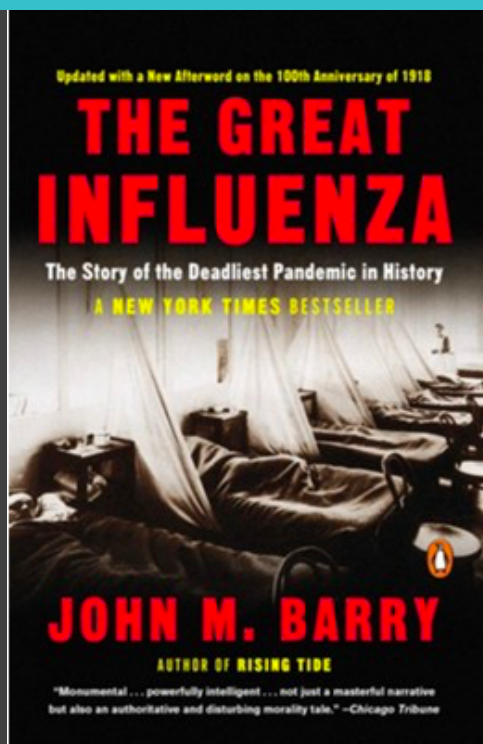
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Wintergarden Presbyterian Church now has a YouTube channel. We are becoming so advanced in our technology usages! If you click on the link, then click on the

garden and other excited things going on there too. We currently have 27 subscribers. If we get 100, we would have a customized link (meaning, it would say Wintergarden Presbyterian in the title). Send Pastor Devon an email if you have problems accessing the link. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKbSgSALV_HpcsXk7bsNO4g/featured?view_as=subscriber



Wintergarden Wordies (the church book club) has continued to meet every month. We are gathering through zoom. Although the coffee and couches aren't as yummy and comfortable, the conversation is absolutely wonderful!

On June 2, 2020 we gathered to discuss "Same Kind of Different As Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. This book was absolutely wonderful and the movie is great too! We would highly recommend folks reading this book.

The Wordies are going to dive into "The Great Influenza" by John Barry. This book is about the 1918 Spanish Flu, and also about how medical research and medical practices truly came into being. Due to the length of the book and the depth of the material, we will be taking the month of July off from gathering and we will gather for conversation via zoom on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1pm. If you have recently read this or read it in the past, please join us for this conversation. We spend time checking in with one another and talking about the book.

We meet through zoom. Here is the information to join through zoom:

Devon Andrews is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Wintergarden "Wordies" Book Club

Join Zoom Meeting via COMPUTER/TABLET/PHONE
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88275712091?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88275712091?pwd=dktaZEdSVG0ydEN1V2FzaGVkcUFLdz09)
[pwd=dktaZEdSVG0ydEN1V2FzaGVkcUFLdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88275712091?pwd=dktaZEdSVG0ydEN1V2FzaGVkcUFLdz09)

Meeting ID: 882 7571 2091

Password: 546400

Dial in by phone (no video, but we can hear your voice)
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 882 7571 2091

Password: 546400



Friends, we are continuing to serve a monthly meal at the Homeless Coalition.

Jeanne and John Murray are preparing and delivering the meal on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We aren't able to go and serve the food, but we can still prepare. Thank you for continuing this ministry! Our next meal will be Tuesday, June 16 at 4:30pm. If we are able to serve, we will let everyone know.

When You Can't Pass the Offering Plate

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued to mail in your offering checks and to those who have ventured out into on-line giving. For those of you who have giving electronically, we truly appreciate you trusting technology and using that resource. We receive your offering quicker when you give electronically, so thank you so much. If anyone is wanting to try it out, [click HERE](#). You will be directed to a secure website

ps...when we gather on Sunday, the collection of the offering will be slightly different.



Ongoing Events:

SUNDAY

Sacred Space 8:30am

In the garden

Traditional Service at 9:30am

In the garden

WEDNESDAY

Delivery day for the food pantry (between 9:30-11:30am)

NA Meeting (in the garden)

THURSDAY

Food Pantry 12-4pm

NA Meeting (in the garden)

FRIDAY

AA Men's Group at 7pm (Closed-meeting in the Sanctuary)

Community Events:

Rescheduling dates TBD

Neighborhood Watch Groups-

TBD

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