

“THE TALK OF TOWNLEY”

Monthly Newsletter

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE:

A Unifying Church Member

Unity is not an uncommon concept. Everyone ever involved in team sports has experienced it. Even now, as professional sports teams try either to resume their season or begin their seasons, unity is more important. With COVID-19, it is a matter of life and death. Some teams and leagues are trying to implement the “bubble concept” where every team, player, coach and staffer would be isolated at a specific neutral location. Games would be played at the location and players would live there and stay isolated from the rest of the population until the decided stretch of games is completed. This requires unity on the part of all involved.

Imagine what happens if the league has unity? Their season progresses since there is no spread of the virus. What happens if the league lacks unity? Someone brings the virus into the bubble and the season is over because many players become infected and disabled by the disease.

Church membership functions like a team. It requires unity amongst its members. Unity is shown by our love for one another. People will know us by our love. People will also know if we lack love. A lack of love is shown by gossip and other negative talk. We need to know that our tongues can destroy. Do not be a source of gossip. Gently warn gossipers. Let our tongues be a source of life, through kind and helpful words.

Unity begins with forgiveness. We are forgiven, as we forgive. Unity will not happen if we do not forgive. As church members, let us seek to be a source of unity in our church. One of the greatest contributions we can make is to do all we can in God's power to help keep the church in unity for the sake of the gospel.

REOPENING UPDATE: We expect to continue enhanced online worship services until Advent, Sunday, November 29, 2020, subject to re-evaluation on September 6 (pending status of COVID-19). Please contact Pastor Ron with any concerns or questions.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Please join us for worship service on Townley Church’s Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. Pastor will email the Sunday bulletin ahead of time. After service, please then join us for fellowship on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83546573066?pwd=OGU2K3R4MFU5NG52SjdkUkhaZWJkZz09>

Meeting ID: 835 4657 3066 Password: 127591 Dial by your home phone: 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

WORSHIP TEAM: A worship team consisting of the Pastor, Music Director, Lay Leader, Elder-in-Charge, Song Leader, and Sound/video Technician meets at the church Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. to record segments that may be used for our online worship service. This worship team does not exceed 10 members on any given day and all safety precautions are observed. Please contact Pastor Ron if you would like to be a part of this team.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST: Pastor Ron is asking those assigned for their assistance, if you are not considered high risk, with our enhanced Facebook Sunday worship services.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ELDER-IN-CHARGE</u>	<u>LAY LEADER</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
August 2	Tom Catalano	Cecelia Harrison	Carole Gordon
August 9	Linda Zehner	Feret Fenelus	
August 16	Kathi Kreie	Vyonnia Thompson	
August 23	June Donohue	Carruthers Tumfour	
August 30	Feret Fenelus	Lynn Bailey	



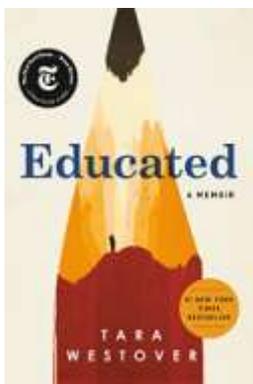
“TIME FOR PRAYER” HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM – We are praying by teleconference. All may call in to pray and/or make prayer requests: Dial-in using your phone: 1 717-275-8940. Access code: 367 0530

LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH: It is important to keep the channels of communication open during this time. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to your church family if there is anything you need during this difficult time.

LOOKING FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS to help with various issues as they arise with our facility. Your help is much needed and appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Irene Schoenwalder.

MISSION: June D. asks everyone to please remember the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. In lieu of shopping, please consider setting aside \$1.00 per week and mailing it to Townley Church for distribution.

TOWNLEY BOOK CLUB: We are going to re-start our Townley Book Club and all are invited! Our next book is ***Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover***. Weather permitting, we will meet outside on the church lawn (bring a chair and your lunch), otherwise, we will meet via Zoom on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.



At the end of that meeting we will be looking for suggestions for our next book, date and time. The book can be purchased through Amazon.com (\$14.98-\$25.96) or Barnes & Noble (\$14.99-\$28.00) or borrowed through the Library (via curbside pick-up or digitally through an app). Please let me know if you are interested.

Hope to hear from you! Cecelia Harrison

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

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Please continue to **mail your weekly offerings** to the church office. **Bill Pay and other online banking** options should also be considered. Online contributions may also be made through our church's website "**Give Now**" button:



Our church's Donation Page can also be reached using the **Quick Response (QR) Code** below. A QR Code is a two-dimensional, modular barcode that, when scanned by a smart phone (most phones use the camera to do this) will connect you to our Donation Page.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR: If you have any items that you would like to have included in September's (monthly) newsletter, please e-mail them to CeceliaH@comcast.net. Please include your name. I hope to hear from you! Cecelia

THE POWER OF WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife;

A cruel word may wreck a life.

A bitter word may hate instill;

A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way;.

A joyous word may light the day.

A timely word may lessen stress;

A loving word may heal and bless.

UNION TOWNSHIP EVENTS:

Union Farmers Market – Parking Lot in front of Town Hall

August 6, 2020, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

August 13, 2020, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

August 20, 2020, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

August 27, 2020, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wellness Series - We are excited to continue our wellness series throughout the summer as we offer our residents free yoga on the grass and Zumba. Both sessions take place in front of Town Hall. For yoga, please bring your own yoga mat.

August 1, 2020, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

August 8, 2020, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

August 15, 2020, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

August 22, 2020, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

August 29, 2020, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Burgers & Brew For A Cause - Joe's Place 2032 Morris Ave. Union, NJ 07083

August 28, 2020, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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