

# “THE TALK OF TOWNLEY”

*Monthly Newsletter*

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## **PASTOR’S MESSAGE:**

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1).

This is the account of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church in the book of Acts. I pray that we all recognized that it may not be possible for the members of our congregation to be “all together in one place” soon. We have taken note of some restrictions being lifted in some places and for some gatherings. We also accept that the ongoing threat of the Covid-19 global pandemic will require that we return to our church building in a way that will be phased and measured. A way that will be mindful of the needs of the most vulnerable among us. While some may begin to gather for worship in person before others, we know that some will need to continue to worship at home for some time.

Please know that as other public activities resume, your Session and I will use the careful process of discussion and discernment to determine when and how our doors reopen. We will do so with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable among us. We will do this considering the best scientific and medical knowledge at our disposal. We will do this in the spirit of constant prayer, trusting the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

I am sure that there will be awkward moments as we adjust to new protocols and practices. We will have times of frustration, disappointment, and grief. But let us consider these as opportunities to exercise the spiritual gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. Opportunities to savor the spiritual gifts of love, joy, peace, generosity, and faithfulness.

Let us be faithful, to God and to one another, as we respond to God’s gifts and work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus.



**WE CONTINUE TO OPERATE**

Your offerings continue to be accepted and **needed**. Covid-19 is greatly impacting our communities as we seek to meet the needs of the least of these. Mail your offering to the church office or consider signing up with bill pay through your bank.

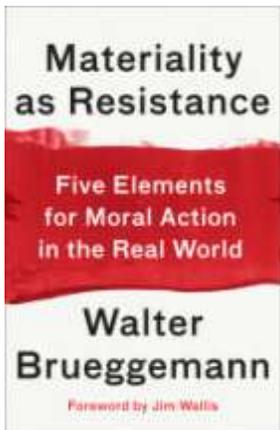
A **COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund** has been established by our church with monies from the Presbytery. The purpose of this fund is to offset the affect of this deadly virus.  
  
Donations are being accepted to assist the food and shelter needs of the least of these.

**“TIME FOR PRAYER”:** Join Pastor Ron and other Townley members in a teleconference on



Monday evenings at 5:00 pm (approximately 30 minutes). All may call in to pray and make prayer requests. Dial-in using your phone: 1-717-275-8940 Access Code: 367 0530

**BIBLE STUDY:** Join us Wednesdays, May 27, June 3, and June 10 for an exciting book study.



*Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://zoom.us/j/94285657501?pwd=UIRwdGdpNlkvVi9Pc3R4V2xySHpHUT09>

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**SUNDAY SERVICE:** Please join us for 10:00 am worship service on Townley Church’s Facebook page. Pastor will email the Sunday bulletin ahead of time. After service, please then join us for fellowship on Zoom at about 10:35 am.

Join Zoom Meeting Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3873278827>

Or by phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 387 327 8827

**LAY LEADERS FOR JUNE:** Pastor Ron may be asking assigned Lay Leaders for their assistance with the Facebook Sunday services. It's just a matter of downloading an audio file app, recording the lay leader sections, and then emailing it to him.

| <b><u>DATE</u></b> | <b><u>LAY LEADER</u></b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| June 7             | Laurie Parnau            |
| June 14            | Maryanne Cove            |
| June 21            | Tom Catalano             |
| June 28            | Diane Smith              |



**DAILY WORD:** Have you been receiving Pastor Ron's daily Word by his automated telephone call? If not, please contact Pastor Ron. This provides such an inspiration as we go about our day.



**OUR DAILY BREAD:** For additional inspiration, there is an Our Daily Bread app that can be downloaded on to your phone.



**LET'S KEEP IN CONTACT:** 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.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE:** If pandemic conditions improve, the rummage sale will be scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23, with "bag day" on Saturday, October 24.



**FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY** – is being postponed to a later date.

**TOWNLEY'S 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – will be celebrated on Sunday, November 8. (*Our actual date of inception was November 3, 1940.*)

**A DAY OF INTERFAITH PRAYER:** You are invited to join the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council for this interfaith prayer service on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the First Presbyterian Church in Westfield.



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

**THE SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE** – Due to the pandemic, the decision was made to cancel all shows for the remainder of the 2020 season. Hopefully, we will be able to open for the 2021 season, with the same lineup as this years'. We are working with the performers to line them up for the same show month time slots. In the meantime, the Salem Roadhouse Café will periodically post videos of past show highlights, and send links for live stream shows that some of our talented performers are doing. Tune into our Facebook page.

### **WATERCOLOR PAINTING**

Hi everyone.

I'm going to share with you some progressive pictures of a watercolor painting I am currently doing. Since my monthly Salem Roadhouse Café live music shows have closed down due to the COVID-19 situation, I have taken to working more often on some of my other favorite hobbies, art work being one of them.

When this work is finished I will auction it off to raise some charity funds for an organization that my shows were dedicated to this year: the Union County YWCA's Domestic Violence Programs' sub-program, called PALS. (Peace—A Learned Solution) This is a program that helps children who are victims of domestic violence express themselves through therapeutic art, crafts and various creative outlets. Our 2020 mission was to donate the music show funds to this important program.

I will post these periodically as I progress with the work, with narratives about how, what, why with the piece as it develops. Ultimately this will become an auction to sell the work for the cause. I hope you enjoy them.

Bruce Tangowski

*Dear Townley Church Family,*

*I would like to thank all those who sent cards, notes and phone calls of sympathy on the passing of Joe Hastick. It has been a trying time and was glad to hear from all of you with words of comfort and support. I am truly blessed with a wonderful church family. Joe loved being a part of the Choir and Townley family. May God keep you all safe through these trying times until we can get together again in our beautiful sanctuary.*

*Sincerely,  
Bill Jensen*

**FATHER'S DAY:** If you're hoping not to cook on this holiday, there are a number of restaurants that will remain open for curbside pick-up and contactless delivery on Sunday, June 21. Here are some nationwide restaurant chains and popular metropolitan destinations ready and willing to make your Father's Day celebration as special as can be.

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/restaurants-open-fathers-day-2020-215800767.html>



## **My Father**

Poet: Julie Hebert, © 2017

What would I do without my father,  
Who does so much for me?  
I'd probably end up living in,  
A house infested by bees.

I'd have mice running free,  
All through my house.  
I may even have decided,  
Not to marry my spouse!

I wouldn't know how to hammer,  
Probably would never pick one up.  
I would never have learned to make,  
Coffee then serve it in a cup.

So many different things,  
I have learned from him.  
My life would be so different,  
Oh it would be so grim!

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