

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

September 3 2020



## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

### SATURDAY SERVICE **ON LINE ONLY**

**It may be a holiday weekend, however, you Still Need to Make Your Reservation for Sunday! Please make sure you do as we are limited to 25 people in the Nave.**

**Please feel free to call the office before 4:30 today; email Pastor Melinda**

**Melinda.artman@gmail.com or text her 703-927-6159**



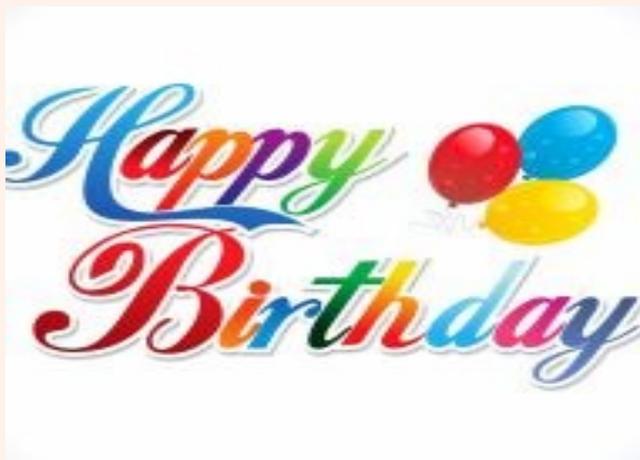
We are in need of volunteers to help with a “Pop Up Food Pantry” that St. John Lutheran Church (SJLC) will be sponsoring on Monday, September 14th. “Chop” Child Hunger Outreach Partners orders, pays for and supplies the food and volunteers supply their time and labor. SJLC has volunteers willing to package boxes, however, **SJLC especially needs folks able to lift the boxes and carry them to the trunk of families cars.** SJLC also needs a few volunteers willing to get close enough to families in their cars to take down a little information. Masks are required to be worn. Pick up of groceries begin at 1:00 p.m. (This is when SJLC needs the strong people!) Unloading of the truck and repackaging the groceries takes place in the morning. Expect to wait as there is no time certain. If this is something that you would be willing to help with please call our church office and let us know. This is just another way that we can help out our community members in need during the pandemic.



## A Note from our Priest

With Labor Day comes the symbolic ending of summer and with it our hope for a return to normalcy before school starts. Normalcy clearly isn't happening. We have had to make a number of adjustments in how we operate and much of it just feels strange. Prior to the pandemic, the only time I have ever had to make a reservation (and get tickets!) to attend a worship service was when I wanted to attend Christmas Eve services at National Cathedral. Our ministry leaders have all been asked to provide a plan in conformance with diocesan requirements if programming is resuming. To date, in addition to our Vestry, only Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) group is meeting in a modified format in the parish hall. Whether our Scouts, St. Mary's Guild, Sunday School and Youth Group meet (and how often) is still an open question. Strong Women/Strong Bones will wait to resume until the pandemic is over. I know that there are people hard at work trying to come up with a plan that keeps participants safe and contributes to the life of the parish. Activities such as a fall rummage sale and Fall Fair seem at best, very difficult to carry out. Yet there is still a strong, vibrant pulse to our common life as we adapt and adjust. Whether you worship with us on line or in person, serve on the altar guild, keep the grass mowed, the flowers watered, the weeds pulled or lead portions of the worship service; whether you drop your contribution off or mail it in, post a comment on social media, offer prayers on behalf of the parish, keep the Community Supper alive with a take out service or pull together for our first ever, all outside, Upscale Resale event, this portion of the Body of Christ continues to live, follow and share the love of God. For this I, for one, am very grateful.

For the foreseeable future, services will continue to be livestreamed online and in person worship will continue to occur. Noonday Prayer is offered every Wednesday; Evening Prayer most Saturdays, and Morning Prayer or Liturgy of the Word on Sunday morning. Under the Bishop's most recent guidelines, we are trying out Holy Eucharist Rite II in a modified fashion the second Sunday of the month. Your feedback on this service is welcome and encouraged. You may notice more activity on our Facebook page (please "like" the page if you haven't already.) We are building an audience there and bringing the Word to a hungry world. Your participation helps that audience. We have also purchased a tool that I think will help us stay engaged in this age of online connections—or text connections. But more on that later this month.



Bruce Carpenter 9/9

Katie Felt 9/9



**REQUESTS FROM “MY BROTHER’S KEEPER” & “FEED  
MY SHEEP” FOOD PANTRY.**

Hello everyone,

**My Brother's Keeper** has been allowed to gather again to make sleeping bags for the homeless and blankets for shelters. We continue to be blessed with donation and need only a few things.

We always seem to need men's pants, ( elastic waist is best) but take all kinds. No small size please. Used is fine , just clean and not ripped.

We have started including a cloth mask in each bag. If anyone is stitching at home and have any to share, they would be most welcome.

We always need toothpaste. 2.2 oz or 2.7 oz preferred. Disposable razors.

Athens Methodist church runs **Feed My Sheep** food pantry. The last time they were open they had the most people ever, lots of new families ! Line of cars out the parking lot! A new commercial refrigerator was delivered this week . Not only will that make room to store more milk, eggs and cheese, but we are putting the word out, if you have a garden producing more veggies than you can use, please consider donation the extra bounty to the pantry.

The next food pantry is Thursday **Sept. 10th** so donations can be left Wed. **Sept 9th** around back, in ramp door ,(white laundry baskets right there , you don't have to enter the church).

If you don't have a garden but want to contribute, 1 lb box of pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned veggies or fruit are needed. Each family is given a roll of toilet paper too, so if you have an extra one, we can use it.

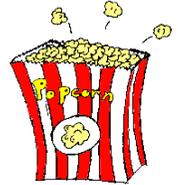
Any questions about My brother's Keeper call Gloria Riegel 570-888-0885 or Pam Secrist 570-888-9053.

Questions about the food pantry direct to the church at 570 888 2241.

Many thanks !



# **A W C MOVIE NIGHTS**



**DRIVE-IN**

**SIGHT AND SOUND FILMS**

**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> SAMSON**

**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> JESUS**

**All movies begin at 8:30 pm, please arrive between 8:00-8:30 pm**

**The Sound will be filtered through your radio inside your vehicle.**

**We will have popcorn and beverages available for purchase under the pavilion during the movie. All proceeds will go towards the many upcoming projects at the church.**

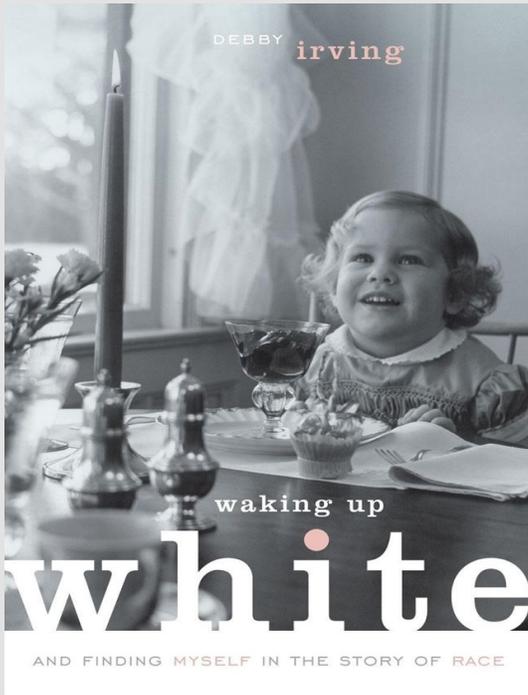
**Invite your friends & family to enjoy these wonderful films!**

**Cost \$5 each person (10 & under free)**

**Athens Wesleyan Church**

**3903 Wilawana Road**

**Sayre, PA 18840**



## SUMMER READING—FALL SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

You've read the book. Now what? You can post your thoughts and reactions on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1125401861166408/>

Small group discussions are now being arranged, most of which will be online. The hard part will be figuring out when most of us can meet. Please control + click here:

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This will take you to a Doodle poll. It is very easy to fill out, simply enter your name and check off the days and times that you think you will be available. You will see that Pastor Melinda has already noted her availability. Once we have a consensus around times, a discussion group will be arranged.

We searched high and low for a coloring page that matched this week's lectionary. Quite frankly we failed.

Our thought for this week is a variation on Labor Day. So we offer you this earlier passage from Matthew (6:25, 28-29): "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?...Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

We hope you enjoy a day of rest from all your labors, if not on Sunday, at least on Monday.



