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## CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*'Join us for a drink of Living Water'*



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## From the Pastor's Desk...

**JUNE/JULY 2020**

Dear Cup family and friends,

As you all know, since mid-March we have lived through unprecedented times, living through the first pandemic to affect the United States in a century, and a 'stay-at-home' order that is unique in our nation's history. While the future is uncertain in terms of the final toll of the Covid-19 virus until a vaccine is found or 'herd immunity' takes effect, we know that our commonwealth and nation's efforts have allowed us to turn the corner. Beaver County will be 'green' on June 12, allowing groups of up to 250 gather, although with certain health protocols still in place.

Your Session has monitored and discussed this situation monthly since it began, and we are taking the following steps to **RETURN TO WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY JUNE 21.**

1. We ask anyone who is not feeling well or those particularly vulnerable to the Covid-19 virus to refrain from attending worship until it is safe to do so. We plan to live-stream the service for at least the next several weeks, and post the service to the church website.
2. Everyone will be required to wear a mask to enter the church building and in the hallway leading to the sanctuary. Once in the sanctuary, mask wearing is strongly encouraged, but is not mandatory. We ask that you sit in your family group only.
3. Seating has been arranged for social distancing between groups. Some chairs will have signs asking you not to sit in them, but we have enough seating that we believe our typical attendance will be accommodated in a single service.
4. We ask that those not wearing masks sit in the center section of the sanctuary, if possible. This is the section furthest away from the air circulation.
5. There will be no nursery care or Sunday school for now. We encourage families with children to bring them to worship (as long as you stay together.)
6. Bulletins will be placed on seats designed for use ahead of time, although all lyrics and scripture readings will also be on the screen. We will be using the pre-packaged communion elements for the July and August communion services. These will also be placed on the seats before the service. Contact an usher for these items if you need to use a chair that doesn't include these.
7. Offering boxes will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary for your use. There will not be a coffee or snack station for now.
8. Hand sanitizer will be available at several locations. The bathrooms will be available for use, but the drinking fountains will be closed. Bottled water will be available for those who need it.

I want to take a moment to thank the many people who have put in dozens of volunteer hours to make our online services so successful. In addition to our praise team members and Jenn Cox, Dan Cox, Doug Cline and Russ Ewing have been invaluable doing the audio and video recording. A special thanks also to Pathway church for hosting us for two weeks while we figured out how to handle the many changes this situation brought.

I also want to thank YOU for the generous financial giving you have continued to do over these months. I was quite concerned that we would be faced with a large deficit in the face of closing the church building. In fact, giving has actually Increased! Praise the Lord!

The many words and acts of kindness expressed, both to me and to the members of this church and the wider community, was extremely gratifying. Cup church, you have a tremendous Session, Deacon board, and Trustees. Times of adversity have once again proven it.

Job 23:10 states, *'God knows the way I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold.'* We still have many days before us – but I'm grateful to God and to you as we continue this journey together. May the Lord refine us and allow us to be used for his wonderful purposes!

Cordially,

Pastor Scott

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# CUP CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL OUR 2020 GRADUATES

## BLACKHAWK HIGH SCHOOL

Katie Sosnowski – Graduated with honors and was a member of the National Honor Society. Plans to attend Clarion University for Art and Entertainment Management,

## SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

Kacee Herbert – Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. Plans to get a teaching job.

## EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Kristin Reda – Graduated with a 3.9GPA with an M.A. in Counseling – Art Therapy. Started working at Southwood Psychiatric hospital and their two residential treatment facilities as a full time art therapist. All facilities are for youth.

## Meet the New CUP Secretary

### JENN COX

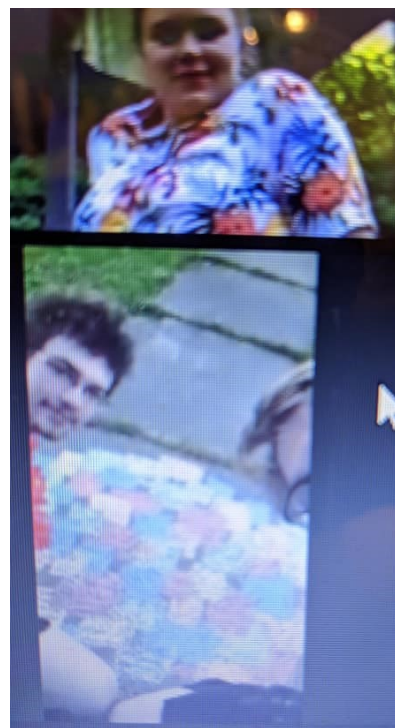
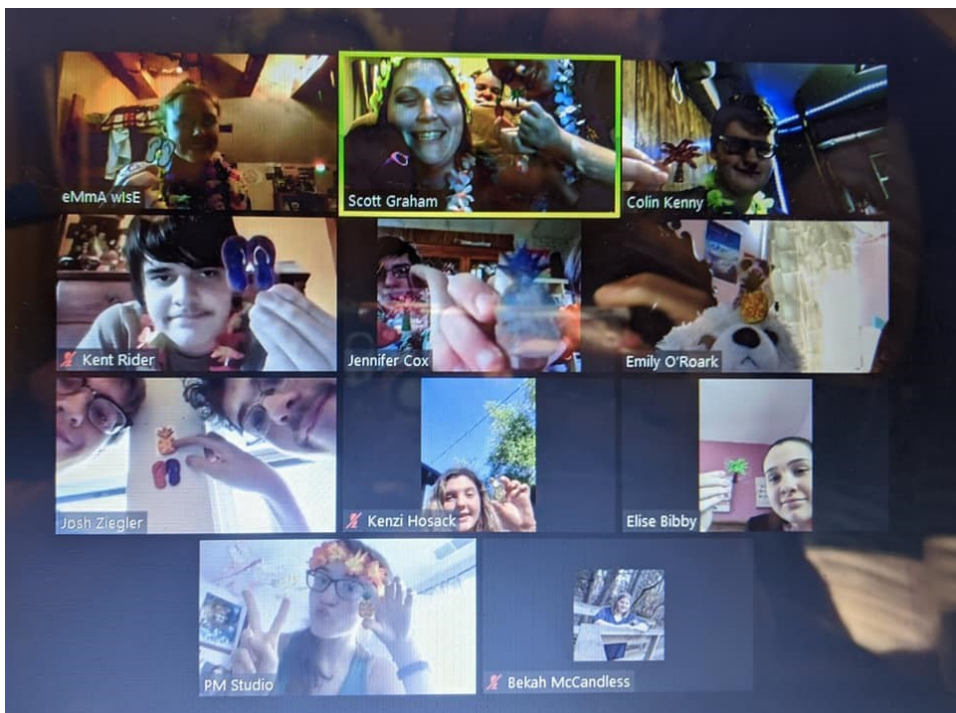


*We are so excited to welcome our new church secretary Jenn Cox onto the CUP Church staff. Jenn and her family joined the CUP Church Family in 2019. Her children have been involved in Shine and Youth Groups. Jenn has also been involved with VBS, Youth Mission Trip, Shine, Youth Group, Family Ministry events and other church activities. Jenn and her husband Dan have had their hand in helping make our online worship run smoothly these past few months. We are so grateful for her service and love of God! Jenn is excited to get to know more of the CUP Church Family once we are back to "normal". Make sure you stop by the office or say "Hi" when you see her at church! Welcome to the Family Jenn!*

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Paula Keefer, Cup Librarian





Summer time.

Well summer has finally arrived. School is out and well things seem so different.

**Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020!!!! Especially our Crosscurrent Senior Katie Sosnowski!**

Our Summer schedule is going to look a little out of the normal but please note we are still getting together! There will still be fun and fellowship with each other and we will continue to grow in our love and relationship with God. Please if you are not already following Crosscurrent or Mini's Youth Group on Facebook contact me! That is where I do my updating. Our schedule is subject to change and that is the best and fastest way of hearing "What is Happening!" Friends I am excited to be back in worship with you and can not wait to see many faces as we move into this next chapter! Praying daily for the CUP Church Family, our community and the world!

Blessings to you all!

Your sister in Christ,

*Joel Cunniff*

CUP Children and Youth Director

