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Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.

I knew of this prayer long before it became personal for me.

I recited this prayer many times in many meetings. It is a prayer for me to have faith that God will handle the things I cannot. God gives me strength to have the courage to make changes to make my world better.

In this time of upheaval where we have been quarantined and socially distanced for such a long time and the world seems crazy, may we have faith and courage and serenity knowing our God will see us through.

October Colors
By Elaine Peacock



October is here and I think it is the prettiest month of them all. This is the month that God shows us all his creativity with beautiful reds, oranges and yellows. Our outdoor church service is so much more special as we listen to Pastor John's words and the leaves fall gently around us. Sweater weather has arrived on the gentle breezes of autumn. Halloween is just around the corner and it is going to be a challenge this year. Since masks have been come the new normal what mask will you choose for Halloween? This is your chance to pick something that matches your personality or possibly your favorite color. Actually, one of my favorite activities is walking and shuffling through the fallen leaves. All through the month of October I hope you stop and take a fresh look around you at God's beautiful handiwork. I also hope you find simple joys to lift your spirits and gladden your heart. Happy Fall!



Smiling is Infectious



Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled, I realized I'd passed it on to him.

If you feel a smile begin don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic and get the world infected!

Submitted by Lorna Carroll for when we don't need masks!



Pompton People

Happy birthday to Jeremy and Kimberly Winters!

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Jack and Dorothy Doland!

Congratulations to Ed & Elena Van Schaack on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia, and to her parents, Shana and Luis!



Condolences to the Lang & Amels Families on the passing of Donald Lang.

Condolences to the Cinek family on the passing of Ashley.

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My family and I would like to thank all my PRC friends for your beautiful cards and Prayers on the passing of my husband Paul. Thank you, God, for giving me a wonderful husband and father for my kids. Ellen Lockwood



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It was good to see Pastor Debbie Pierce preaching here recently while Pastor John's family was away. It is always good to see Debbie!



**** As of this writing a date has not been set for return to inside church services.****

I recently attended a funeral inside an actual church! I realized I had not been inside a church in over 6 months! This is hard for me to believe!

I try to attend services weekly, rarely missing a Sunday. I did not come to our outside services until recently. Concern for health and concern about weather kept me home. I enjoyed listening to Pastor John at home, but it was not the same. Once the weather got a bit cooler, I started attending the outdoor service in the yard of PRC. What a great location for a service! The tree provides shade, there is often a breeze and the view of Hamburg Turnpike provides some comic relief as people honk and Pastor John makes jokes. Shortly after I began to attend, outside service became “real church” for me. If you haven’t tried it, please come. Wear a mask, bring a chair or the church can provide both. Even with masks it is good to see friends!

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20

