



From the Pastor's Pen - July 31, 2020

Note: We will not be publishing an August issue of "Through the Study Window"

Dear Church Family,

As we move forward into the fall, we know that opportunities to gather in-person will continue to be limited and that some of you will not be comfortable in gathering at all. As schools envision going back in a hybrid model of some in-person and some virtual learning, this will be the model for our church as well.

That being said, it is not going to be one-size-fits-all, so I am asking each of you to consider what might best suit your need for spiritual growth and discipleship. Technology makes many things possible. But we will need the help of all of you to move to a hybrid model of church.

For us to reach a point to worshipping in-person safely and compliantly, we will need people willing to commit to being greeters (responsible for verifying attendance and assuring safe distancing), on-the-spot cleaning and disinfecting, and configuration, set-up and tear-down of technology, chairs and other worship items. This is in addition to worship participation as a reader or musician.

We are asking that you please consider your willingness to contributing to this effort with your talents and time. Clearly it cannot be accomplished without your assistance. It is not prudent use of our finances to hire others to perform these tasks so that we can simply worship together. The church is in need of all the individual participation it can find. We are the church, together!

We are discussing a chicken BBQ drive-thru, if we can generate enough interest and participation. Please contact the church office and let us know that you are willing to share your gifts, time and talents in helping your church move forward in new and creative ways of serving our community. Your ideas are welcomed and encouraged.

Finally, some people haven't returned their pledge card. It is important that each of us find the time to be prayerful about our financial commitment to the church. These are difficult and stressful times. If it is necessary to return a pledge card without a pledge, it is useful that you respond. Please contribute in whatever ways you are able; return your pledge, volunteer, share your stories and be the church of Jesus Christ.

The one thing we do know is that God has not and will not abandon us in our times of anxiety. God is with us, doing new things, opening new doors, calling each of us to embrace what is new in God's world.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Peggi Eller and the Official Board of Peru Community Church

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