

**July 2021**

# **Manor Talk**

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The summer is here and the kids are out of school, the pools are full, and Kennywood is open. I hope that you are finding time for fun and rest and enjoying God's creation. I, myself, have just come back from the beach and I am ready to get back to work, because when I get back from vacation there is a lot I have to catch up on, not the least of which is my garden at home and my summer sermon series at church. This year I can accomplish both things at the same time, because this year my summer sermon series is "Gardening with God: Finding Lessons on Faith Among the Weeds and Vegetables"

I am an amateur (and I stress amateur) gardener and a professional theologian, and I find that the two things go hand in hand. This makes sense if you think about it, since we believe that all of nature was created by God, therefore, learning about nature is akin to leaning about God. So, let's do it. I know we have lots of gardeners in our church, and I know we have a lot of people who want to grow closer with God so all July and August I will present sermons based on scriptures that have a garden motif and use metaphors, images, and lessons learned in the garden to describe key aspects of the nature of God.

I also want to invite you to continue the conversation with me on Zoom. Each Wednesday, starting July 14 from 1-2, will have a weekly discussion on Zoom about the themes covered in the sermon. I will also share insights from some of the books I will be reading that don't make it into the sermon as well, and look forward to your thoughts and responses.

So come this summer into the Garden (but not alone!) while the dew is still on the roses and find out what zucchini, weeds, and dirt have to teach us about God, and what God has to teach us about gardening.

Rev. Chris

# Worship Assignments

Date	Call to Worship, Call to Offering	Scripture	Elder	Deacon
July 4	Serena Dube	Kevin Puskarich	Craig Dotson	Serena Dube
July 11	Donna Stenski	Jeannie Allison	Linda Reese	Janet Houston
July 18	Gene Sheller	Gary Ford	Gary Ford	Carolyn Blackhurst
July 25	Linda Reese	Kathy Moninger-Ford	Diane Palfreyman	John Samida



- 1 Elina Ringer  
Sydney Shultz  
Stacy Waters
- 3 Charles Riggle
- 4 Ron Keener
- 5 Anna Berg
- 6 John Anderson
- 7 Charles McConnell
- 8 Carol Brown  
Muriel Woodburn
- 10 Robert Leitsch  
Phillip Tarentino
- 11 Colt Allison
- 13 Laura Houston  
Cindy Shaw
- 14 Robert Dallatore  
Nancy Hollowood
- 15 Sharon Harps  
Kathy Moninger-Ford
- 16 Samantha Dye
- 19 Brittany Jacobovitz
- 21 Courtney Gatten
- 22 Alice Cokeley  
Samantha Shaw
- 23 Judy Wheeler
- 24 Camden Allison  
Sharl Burk
- 25 Jackie Nelson
- 26 Jamie Hatfield
- 27 Ayrn Hess  
Alivia Lacock
- 28 Jacob Ashmore
- 29 Rita Hritz  
Kathleen Krajacic  
Eden Vanatta
- 30 Amber Crowe  
Peggy Murdock



- 4 Zachary & Ashley Keene
- 8 Carmen & Peggy Oliverio
- 15 Ron & Jacki Keener
- 20 John & Sandy Vanatta
- 26 Gene & Connie Sheller
- 27 Cody & Sydney Shultz
- 30 Tom & Karla Glover

## Rev. Chris' God in the Garden Sermon Series

July 4 Come to the Garden: **Genesis 2:4-15, Revelation 21:9-14, 22:1-5**

July 11 Like a Tree Planted by the Water: **Psalms 1, Jeremiah 17:5-8**

July 18 Ask the Plants and They Will Tell You: **Job 12:1-9, Job 14:1-14**

July 25 Weeds are Us: **Genesis 2:4-15, Matthew 15:1-13**

August 1 Be Fruitful: **Genesis 1: 26-31, Galatians 5:13-26**

August 8 Garden of Death; Garden of Life: **2 Samuel 15:13-16, 30, Luke 22:39-47**

August 22 Jesus the Good Gardener: **Luke 13:6-9, John 15:1-17**

August 29 The Implanted Word: **James 1:19-21, Mark 4:26-32**

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				NA – 7:30pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 10:15am	NA – 7pm	Prayer Shawl – 11am (Parlor)  Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 6pm via Zoom	NA – 6:45pm	NA – 7:30pm  Pastor’s Cabinet 2pm  Personnel Committee 3pm, Library		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 10:15am	NA – 7pm		God in the Garden 1pm- 2pm via Zoom  Elders- 6pm, Shepherds Room  Board Meeting 7 pm, Library  NA – 6:45pm	NA – 7:30pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 10:15am	NA – 7pm	Prayer Shawl – 11am (Parlor)	God in the Garden 1pm- 2pm via Zoom  NA – 6:45pm	August Newsletter Deadline  NA – 7:30pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Worship 10:15am	NA – 7pm		God in the Garden 1pm- 2pm via Zoom  NA – 6:45pm	NA – 7:30pm		