



The Hamilton Beacon

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HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

The Sunday, May 10th issue of the Baltimore Sun has this word:

“Officials said Maryland totaled 34,812 cases of COVID-19. Twenty-eight more people died due to complications from the illness. As of Wednesday, May 13th, our state’s fatalities total 1,694.”

I have no more information than you, but that announcement suggests it will take some time before we can safely gather. I know that is hard for all of us. Sundays are quite tough. I would love for us to be in our Sanctuary, together in worship, fellowship and community.

So what to do? At their Conference Call Session Meeting on May 11th, the Session/Trustees affirmed that our guide will be our Governor.

Of course, it’s the Session/Trustees who make the actual decision but spoken over and over during our Conference Call was the deep wish for us to be geographically together again.

“Blest be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian Love.”

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Just before the Virus Pandemic, we had bold and exciting plans to receive into membership, those looking forward to joining the Hamilton Family.

With the virus, poof went the plans!



Our Session/Trustees affirm this is our highest priority when worship returns. In the Presbyterian Church you can unite in three ways, (1) Confession of Faith, (2) Reaffirmation of Faith, (3) letter of transfer from another congregation.

If you have any thoughts, questions, conversation, please call Jack Hodges at his home [410] 828-0819.

His email is jhodges@bcdemail.com

ABOUT OUR MAILING SCHEDULE

The address side of your Hamilton Beacon tells the story of the mailing date. We have discovered that from the Post Office mail slot to your mail box, 4 days to move within the area appears to be the average time..

Generally, each mailing will include three items:

The Beacon

Here we include parish news and information.

Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

Help us keep this up-to-date!

The Fifty Day Scripture page

Prepared for the week to come.

If you know of anyone who might appreciate these mailings, please call Rita in the Church Office, [410] 426-1444 (leaving a message is fine).

POTOMAC PARKING HAS REMOVED THEIR PARKING TICKET MACHINE

As announced last week, the Parking Ticket Machine installed in our parking lot off Hamilton Avenue is gone. Potomac Parking has removed their machine. However, we have no word from them ... complete silence. We will continue to encourage them to fulfill their financial responsibility.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

It was on June 25, 1901, that Hamilton Presbyterian Church was founded. We hope things will be open by then, because on Sunday, June 23rd, we want to celebrate "Birthday Sunday."

We see this as a way to open ourselves to the Hamilton Community and to invite them to celebrate with us. We will also take this opportunity to honor long-time members with some special recognition.

Now, will it happen? Will things be open? Well, we can always have our Birthday Sunday later in the year, perhaps August or September.

AROUND WESTMINSTER HALL

The Community Play School will be leaving after June. We have been informed they will not pay April, May, & June rent. Rent loss for the remainder of the year will be significant. After the Play School leaves, the clean-up will be very costly. Your continuing support of Hamilton Church is so deeply valued and thankfully appreciated. God bless you!

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