THE MESSENGER

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We are back! Well, we are at about half or less of our usual numbers. We are practicing social distancing as best we can and wearing face masks. I am very concerned with the rising numbers, but we are trying to

make sure that we are not a hotspot here at church. I am glad so many of you are staying away because it is critical that we do all we can to limit the spread of this disease. Joy is back to teaching school for the summer and that puts her at higher risk, but we do our best to not touch our faces with our hands and keep distance when dealing with strangers. Wearing face masks has become a political issue and it never should have been. My mask protects you from me and your mask protects me from you. It is not political, it is about loving one another as Christ first loved us. Stay safe and be diligent.

With your very faithful giving, we have been able to maintain a positive balance throughout our



COVID-19 limited service schedule. The PPP loan was very helpful and we are confident we will meet all forgiveness requirements and will not be required to repay the loan. We appreciate everyone who continues to mail or drop off their tithe. We also have an online option available (credit card or e-check) on the website. Go to the News & Events tab, click on Giving/Budget for the link (a small convenience fee is applied). For those attending the in-person services, offering plates are located at each door.

- 1st Christa Luna, Jennifer Marquis
- 2nd Adean Miller, Madison Townsend
- 3rd M/M Steve Padgett, Lewie Truehart
- 4th Dennis Massey, Jr.
- 5th Cheryl Eddings
- 6th Wade Rhodes, Marie Culbreth, M/M Buck Watford, Allison Meara
- 8th M/M Tommy Raulerson, M/M Gary Kirsch
- 10th Janet Chaffee
- 12th Phyllis Poole
- 13th Nick Lenfest, Benji Lenfest
- 14th Les Snider, Audrey Metcalf
- 15th Myrna Welsh
- 16th M/M Doc Thrift, Ben Estey
- 17th Annette Shirley, Jim Leidy
- 18th M/M Ed Mucherino
- 19th Ann Burnham
- 20th Joy Morgan, John Osborn, M/M Earl Yoder
- 23rd Nicholas Hayford
- 27th Gail Knight, Duncan Gregg, M/M Joe Suarez
- 28th Jim Huffman
- 29th William Hendry, C.W. Simpson
- 30th Betty Barger, Mary Beth Cooper
- 31st Becky Barnhart

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please call the Church Office.