

TRUE VINE TIMES APRIL 23RD, 2020

UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS:

This weekly newsletter will come out through email, and a few will be printed to be sent through snail mail. Feel free to print copies off for yourselves, family, and friends. All newsletters are on the church's website at www.ccamchurch.org and the CCAM Facebook page.

We encourage everyone to feel free to submit something at the time they think is right. We are open to new ideas and submissions.

SUBMISSIONS:

Please submit your suggestion to Ann Meyers at annmeyers2003@gmail.com or Jack Keough at jackkeough@rochester.rr.com. All submissions received *before Wednesdays* will be considered for that week's publication.

NEWSLETTER 'S NAME:

Well folks we are happy to announce that our newsletter has an official name, "**True Vine Times**". The individual who came up with the name wishes to remain anonymous. However, this person has allowed us to share their thoughts that went into to naming this newsletter:

"It comes from John 15:1. Even more so, John chapter 15, has stuck with me because it offers so much: challenges, mercy, hope, and strength. It is also specific in outlining clear and concise expectations. It encompasses a lot of things that a relationship with Jesus offers. My favorite part is that Jesus offers this relationship unconditionally. Even when I did not know this relationship was there... it was! Our church has trees throughout the property as signs of growth. Likewise, the "vine" enwraps us in God's love and expects us to do the same for others. Maybe this newsletter is reaching out to those who need the love of Christ in their lives. It might extend itself to those who don't know they are already part of Christ's kingdom or don't consider themselves as fruitful individuals. By the mercy of God, and power of the Holy Spirit, we can all become the true blessing that God designs us to be. A lot of mistakes are made in life and many misguided choices also occur. Through it all, the hand of God is always reaching for us. His arms are extended, waiting to wrap around us, bringing our hearts close to His. Amen."

VERSE FOR VICTORY:

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Psalm 9:9-10

NOTE:

From *Mennonite Men* Newsletter: "May God bless and keep you during this uncertain time.

Be well, love like Jesus,
and wash your hands like Pilate."

SONG SUGGESTIONS:

- ♪ *Broken Hallelujah* by The Afters
- ♪ *Sleep in the Storm* by Unspoken
- ♪ *By Our Love* by For King & Country
- ♪ *Holy Water* by We The Kingdom
- ♪ *The View* by Donny Lewis (YouTube)

FALL BAZAAR IDEAS:

- Donations for the rummage sale area
- Donations for the live auction (please submit your ideas/descriptions/pictures to ccamcares@gmail.com no later than May 15th to be considered for inclusion in the live auction).
- Donations of baked goods.
- Monetary donations to help underwrite the costs of the Bazaar.
- Donations for the Farmer's Market (start planning your gardens now).
- Donations of your time and energy to help on the day of the Bazaar.

HEAVEN WAITS BY KATHY ERNEST

Heaven waits

Heaven waits

Like rose petals falling so silent

Heaven is waiting for its earthly bride

God's timing is perfect

Now and forever

God cared enough to send his Son

To redeem souls

So, Heaven waits with love.

GOD IS GOOD, TRUST HIM!

BY TREY KIPFER

Who am I to say to God,
“I know what’s best for me,”
When He’s the one who holds the earth
And gives all creatures being?
God is the One that we should trust
When “all’s as it should be,”
But would we then when things get rough
Let go in the stormy sea?
He has all power, He’s in control
His ways are really best.
His love is like a flowing river,
He’ll help you—just ask!
He gave His Son who paid our debt,
Jesus was our sacrifice—
So that those whose faith is all in Him
Can have eternal life!
So give up any worries—
God is bigger than them all,
And serve the One who knows your heart—
He’ll catch you when you fall.
No matter what’s on the journey ahead
There is hope because He lives,
So lose the chains upon your heart

And accept the grace He gives.

God deserves your energy

And all of your devotion.

He’s faithful all the time

(even in this commotion).

I don’t know what I’m up against

And how this will play out,

But I serve a God who knows all things—

Praise the Lord, give a shout!

PANDEMIC POSITIVES:

- ✓ CCAM was able to offer 49 Beaver Camp Scholarship for the summer of 2020.
- ✓ A costumer left her stimulus check as a tip for a family-owned restaurant.
- ✓ An 89-year-old woman sewed 600 masks while listening to the Beatles.
- ✓ Hospital’s help to empower recovered COVID-19 patients by playing the iconic “Rocky” theme music as the patients are discharged.
- ✓ A musician used his truck bed to bring live music around his town.
- ✓ LEGO is now producing thousands of protective masks for health care workers.
- ✓ A 17-year-old cashier paid a \$173 grocery bill for an older gentleman.
- ✓ You are beautifully and wonderfully made by God.
- ✓ McDonalds offers free “Thank You” meals for local medical workers.
- ✓ A taxi driver was blessed through his giving of free rides to and from hospitals.
- ✓ A mom created a fantasy land for her girls with sidewalk chalk.

Joyann Shrock- Was wonderful to speak with Joyann on Easter evening. She shared with me that her family had a virtual Easter dinner together using FaceTime. Utilizing good social distancing, their families each prepared certain food, then each shared their dishes. Joyann did express sadness with the abrupt end of church programs, especially Adventure Club and Children’s Sunday school. We all know that Joyann pours her heart and soul into these various activities and it has left a void. She shared that maybe at some point, once the ok has been given, there may be a way to have some sort of picnic/get-together to put closure on things. Finally, she noted that her husband, Will, has generally been behaving and has twenty-something strawberry plants ready to go in once the weather breaks.

-by Jack Keough