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Dear Friends;

It has been many weeks, now, since we have been able to gather together in person. During this time, though, we have found many new and creative ways to Worship together and to stay connected. Each week, a number of us have met for Coffee Hour over Zoom. The Prayer Shawl group meets each week using Zoom, as well. The men have enjoyed a virtual breakfast and have another planned. Our Youth and Young Adult groups have spent time together catching up virtually. The Finance and Stewardship Committee and Session have also continued to meet and discuss the life and work of the congregation. A Christian Education meeting will take place later this week.

Through these days and weeks, we have continued to be a congregation who loves and serves God and we have continued to share the love that God has given us.

As we continue to live in a time of physical distancing (a much more accurate term maybe than social distancing) we are grateful to those who have worked to keep us connected and we keep reflecting and listening to learn what needs to happen next.

Right now, we need to find a way to share important news regularly. We have tried to keep everyone up to date but the worry is that some people may hear about things happening in the life of the congregation and the people in the congregation and others might not. So, we are going to share a regular e-mail letter in the hopes of keeping us even more connected.

Today, there is sad news to share.

First, Mazie Hopkins, mother of Bill (Sandra), John (Pat) and Murray Hopkins, passed away peacefully on May 20th. Mazie was in her 99th year and had been living at Bradford Valley Nursing Home. She was a long time, very active member of St. Andrew's and will be truly missed. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date, when Mazie's family and friends will be able to gather together.

This is a link to her obituary. <https://www.roadhouseandrose.com/memorials/mazie-hopkins/4222447/index.php>

Second, Grace McCallum, wife of Don McCallum, passed away peacefully on May 28th. Grace was 95 years old. She began attending St. Andrew's when she was 12 years old. She and Don bought a farm out of town but later moved to Sharon and began attending St. Andrew's again. Grace was a very active member of the congregation and will be

truly missed. A small family Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday June 2nd at 11:00 am at Roadhouse and Rose. A larger celebration of Grace's life will take place at a later date when her friends and family are able to gather together.

This is a link to her obituary.

<https://www.roadhouseandrose.com/memorials/grace-mccallum/4227675/index.php>

This is a link to view the Service. <https://youtu.be/HEeyczNeim8>

St. Andrew's has lost two remarkable women. Please keep the families of Mazie and Grace in your prayers.

Peace

Laura & Robert