



We are a non-profit, faith-based day facility that provides safety, structure and purpose for vulnerable members of our community.



“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”—Joshua 1:9

June 2020

Mark Your Calendars!

Friends of the Carpenter Reopening Scheduled

Monday, July 6, 2020

9:00 am-1:30 pm, Monday to Friday

- No evening or weekend activities at this time

Give More 24! Thursday, September 24

Kick off at midnight and promotes 24 hours of generosity!

In This Publication:

What can we be certain of in times of uncertainty?

- Letter from Art and Bill

Annual Dinner Auction is canceled

- Campaign Drive and Virtual Fundraising being explored in lieu of Annual Dinner Auction

New FOC Board of Director Officers Announced

- President and Vice President positions filled

Want to volunteer at FOC?

- Contact Linnea Hanson at linnea@friendsofthecarpenter.org or call (360) 750-4752

Dear Friends,

Our daily common sense lives have been rattled and shaken over the past several weeks. Our perceptions of what should be “normal” have been challenged. The simplicity of going to a grocery store, getting a haircut, grabbing a quick bite at a restaurant and attending worship services have become difficult, frustrating and simply not allowed.

Current realities of these times are heavily impacting normal operations and practices at Friends Of The Carpenter. Over the past three months, our vulnerable members and volunteers have not been able to come worship or participate in the Day Center, fundraising events have had to be canceled, local businesses that carry FOC products closed their doors, and now the ability to have our largest fundraising event, the Auction, has been canceled.

What shall we do!?

While reading from my daily devotional titled, “My Upmost for His Highest” by Oswald Chambers, I was reminded of the difference between living a life of certainty driven by common sense versus a spiritual life of gracious uncertainty. *“To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. As soon as we abandon ourselves to God and do the task He has placed closest to us, He begins to fill our lives with surprises.”*

What surprises has God revealed to each of us during these times?

At Friends of the Carpenter while facing the impacts of COVID-19 on the ministry and services for our vulnerable members, we remain faithful and are certain of God!

Join us and help support God’s ministry at Friends Of The Carpenter through your prayers and generosity!

Blessings to all,

Art Edgerly, Executive Director

Pastor Bill Van Herk, Operations Manager

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Financial Support Needed! As one can imagine, the ability to continue God’s ministry at FOC requires financial support. Campaign income (giving) collections are at 40% and production of wood products are down 81% from projected budget. If you are able to help provide additional funding, please contribute today.

Executive Director, Art Edgerly and Board Officers have reduced proposed expenditures, eliminated a half-time employee position, and instituted processes for raising financial and volunteer support. Your generosity is appreciated and needed.

Please Donate Today! ○ \$50 ○ \$100 ○ \$250 ○ \$500 ○ \$1,000 ○ OTHER

Board Of Directors & Executive Director Update

The Board of Directors currently consist of 8 individuals. Each member adds value to the overall Board through their gifts and talents. Election of Officers took place on May 20, 2020 thus ending the Interim positions.

Friends of the Carpenter Board Members are:

President: David Wetmore Pastor Josh Rowley	Vice President: Mark Streeter Wendy Wright	Secretary: Harry Smith Pastor Lou Bauer	Treasurer: Linda Otton Greg Bass
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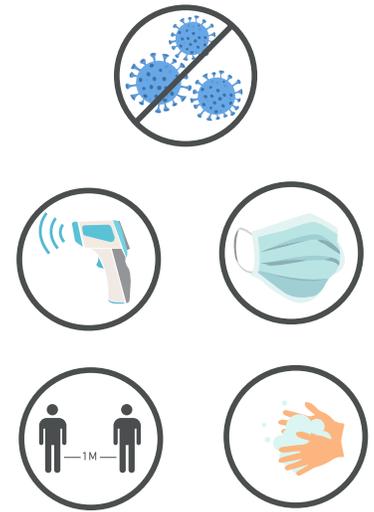
Interim Executive Director, Art Edgerly has recently been named Executive Director. Art has been associated with Friends of the Carpenter as a volunteer, Board Member and Interim Executive Director over the past four years.

The Board and Friends of the Carpenter Staff are working closely together and shaping the New Direction. Come visit and learn more about what is taking place at your Friends of the Carpenter!

What to Expect Upon Opening:

FOC Staff are preparing for the opening of the Friendship Center and Wood Shop. Some of the procedures being planned for all staff, volunteers and participants include, but not limited to:

- *Temperature taken at entry before admitting into facility
- *Masks covering mouth and nose
- *Social distancing
- *Sanitation stations in Welcoming area and Friendship Center
- *Recyclable cups, plates and plastic utensils will be used
- *Pre-packaged treats will be available
- *Limited access in facility and services based upon space and safety needs.



An increased need for volunteers on a daily basis are required prior to opening. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linnea Hanson at linnea@friendsofthecarpenter.org

Campaign Drive and/or Virtual Fundraiser to Replace Auction Dinner 2020

Canceling and changing events during these times are no longer a surprise in organizations or communities. We are in need to cancel our annual dinner auction that was scheduled for October 9, 2020 at Warehouse 23 and plan for a much needed alternative fundraising event in the months ahead. The Board of Directors and FOC Staff are exploring fundraising options.



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