

October 20, 2020 Phone Call Updates of Olivet Shut-ins

Mary L.

I talked with Mary this afternoon, Tuesday, October 20, and although Mary continues to be cancer-free, she does say that she is doctoring for her hip, which has really been giving her a lot of discomfort. She says that she has a couple doctor visits coming up where she believes that they will perhaps begin to give her some shots to help her. So hopefully that will help her. She otherwise says that she is doing well as she is eating okay, and her family is taking care of her needs, shopping and etc. However, she says that she cannot go anywhere on her own, which is a little frustrating; but she adds that when her sons or other family members take her out, she really enjoys getting out. Continue to pray for this lady of faith.

Bob M.

I was only able to talk with Bob this afternoon, Tuesday, 10/20 as he was driving; but he did inform me that he has some sort of test this week & a couple more Cat-Scans next week; and then he said that they will then evaluate what steps they will be taking at that time. So continue to pray for Bob as he has many problems, but certainly has the faith and a great attitude which is helping him to cope.

Freida E.

Although I have not been able to reach Freida this week as I have tried several times, but she has been doing well in her healing from surgery. However, in addition to keeping her in our prayers, please keep her daughter, Gerri J., who has cancer and will be going through treatments—if not already in the process. Please pray for healing.

Penny B.

After having left a message with Penny B. on Tuesday, she returned my call this morning, Thursday, 10/22 to inform me that she and Mike continue to do a lot of hiking in different hiking trails, which Penny says that although she continues to have pain, the doctor says that that is expected and will not harm her, and is good therapy. She says that the doctors have explained to her that it will be a long time for her healing. She says as long as she knows that she is not harming her hip, she will continue to hike, and of course not to overdue anything that will do harm; and she thanked me for the call & prayers.

Nancy A.

I talked with Nancy this afternoon, 10/20; and she says that all is well. She continues to have follow-up Doctor Visits, regular checkups & flu shots, and etc. But says she is really doing very well. We talked about some other people whom she has heard about, who were having problems; and had some other conversations about other friends and acquaintances as well. She has been doing very well, but keep her in your prayers.

Tom H.

I spoke with both Tom and Jean this afternoon, Tuesday, 10/20; as I wanted to get an update on Tom's ongoing treatments; and he said that he had had some issues which he had been dealing with but was hopeful that he would now be back to normal & will soon return to his treatments once again. But certainly keep both Tom & Jean in your prayers.

Midge M.

I had a nice conversation this afternoon, 10/20; and she informed me that although she has settled in okay there at Willow View Home, she hasn't really had any real group activities (probably because of the pandemic & the protection regulations). She says however that the food is good; and she says she has a good appetite. She said that she hasn't heard from her niece lately, and doesn't have any reading material. Knowing that Midge loves to read, I then sent her 10 books for her just today, which my wife, Carol actually delivered to her this morning, Thurs. 10/22, which she greatly appreciated. Continue praying for Midge and her new home at Willow View Home. Address: Willow View Home, 204 Herrville Rd. Willow Street, Pa 17584. Cards, letters, & phone calls appreciated. Call Pastor Lee for phone number.

Roy & Rose Schane

I talked with Roy Schane this afternoon, 10/20; and he says that they are both doing very well as their son Rob and his wife Victoria continue to be there for them. He says that they come most Sunday mornings to set up the Livestream Worship Service for them; and help them with any of their needs. He does say that he still does drive and is able to shop for groceries and other things. He mentioned that his son, Ron & his wife Robin were just there visiting them, saying that they had just left. So it was good that they had some visits from them. Continue to keep Roy and Rose in your prayers.

Marjorie C.

I had a nice conversation with Marjorie this afternoon, 10/20; and she says that she has been pretty much confined to her room, but says that they are now supposedly beginning to open the dining room for their evening meals, but you must make reservations a day ahead of time. However, if that doesn't happen, they will continue to bring the meals to our apartment. She also says that she is able to get outside once in a while, and also has had some trips to some Doctor appointments, and also been taken by family to do some shopping. She was expecting some family members later this afternoon as well. She said that her leg that she has problems with has improved somewhat, but still has some swelling & is taking some water pills for it. Other than that she said, I'm doing just fine. She thanked me for the call and for my ongoing prayers before we said our goodbyes.

Tom & Nancy J.

I had a really nice & long conversation with Nancy this afternoon, 10/20; and she updated me on what's going on there at Tel Hai. She says that she has been able to visit with her husband, (twice per week for about three weeks); but now since they had a case of the Covid 19 Virus, they had to cancel the visits,

and other activities as well. She said that she was also in a sewing group that has now been postponed, and also she is no longer able to work in the mail room. She is still however, having a meal once a week at the dining room (I believe). But now they deliver most of her meals in her room or she just makes herself something for breakfast & lunch. She says that it is very difficult dealing with the Pandemic, but she is coping; and she thanked me for those whom are praying for her – so please continue to keep both Tom & Nancy in your prayers.

Bob & Peggy R.

I had a nice conversation with Bob this afternoon, 10/20; and he said that although all is okay, but he reiterated what Nancy J. had also told me about the canceling of dining room eating at Tel Hai —is now pretty much having to eat in their rooms, and that visitations with their spouses have been canceled. But we can still go outside, to the mailroom, and the store. However no activities, and whenever we leave our rooms, we must wear the masks and do the social distancing. He was able to visit Peggy on Saturday, he said, but now there are new rules because there was a case of the Covid-19 virus. He thanked me for the call and for the prayers for both he and Peggy as we hung up.

Carole & Wesley P.

Carole returned my phone call message of Tuesday on Wednesday, 10/22; and we had a really nice and long conversation. She first updated me on her situation, telling me that the reason for the cancellation of her heart surgery dated, 10/01 was that after more consultations with her doctors, they decided that her aorta valve condition was something that she was born with and it has been doing pretty well. Therefore after having found this irregularity previously and considered surgery, they then decided that it probably wouldn't be wise to go in and try replacing it at this time. So, they will continue to monitor her condition, (her next visit will be in 6 months). So she was quite pleased with that decision. We then had a nice long conversation about our good friend, Midge M., which we both agreed that certainly she has made a good transition to her new residence at Willow View Home, Willow Street, Pa, she has not been doing much socializing—although she has made a few new friends; but for whatever reason (whether social distancing was the issue for the lack of group activities or not, we don't know). And so our concern was that she needs to have something that she can do to occupy her void of having nothing to do. So since I know how much she loves to read, and she informed me that she has no reading material; I told Carole that I will send her a bunch of books to read. And since my wife was heading up to Millersville on Thursday, 10/22, which is right on the way to Millersville, she will be delivering her 10 books, which I know she will enjoy. So Carole and I ended our conversation, more delighted with how Midge is and will be doing than how we might be doing in our own situations. However, continue to pray for Carole with her ongoing issues.

Shirley E.

I called Shirley on Tuesday, 10/20, but was unable to reach her, and will be trying again, but at this time, I have still not been able to reach her. However, the last time I spoke with her a couple weeks ago, she was doing great. Although her memory is still an issue, she seems to remember – not only me, but many people of her church family at Olivet, and had asked me to let them know she was asking for

them. Shirley knows that her memory is bad, and still remembers her famous saying, as she still states: “well, I am doing fine, but my ‘forgetter’ is really doing well”. Although she has a problem with her memory, especially her short-term memory, she says, “I am doing just fine. Keep her in your prayers.

Greg G.

I had tried to contact Greg & or Leah to get an update on Greg’s current condition, and especially the date of his surgery, but I have been unable to reach them. However from another source, I believe that his surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/28. We are aware however that his surgery is to be a long and arduous surgery—so let us please keep Greg, Leah, and the family in our prayers. We certainly pray for the doctors (surgeons, nurses, caregivers, and all whom will be administering to his surgery and rehab.

Tom & Barbara E.

I called to check on Tom, but his son, Joey answered the phone and informed me that his mom and his brother John were at the shore and he and a caregiver were there with his dad. He informed me that his dad was about the same. He still needs a lot of help as he is unable to transfer from chair to walker and of course he has to have someone with him as he moves around. But he is still in good spirits and seemingly doing as well as can be expected. I also asked Joey how he was doing with his Rehab on his knee as he had a knee-replacement about a month ago. He said that his therapy is going well, but because of over exercising with longer walks than he should have (with his cane or walker—not sure); but that resulted in some swelling, which he is currently trying to get rid of. Anyway, his dad is doing well & he thanked me for checking up on him & said he will tell his dad I called. Continue to pray for Tom, Barb, John, Joey, & the family as they continue their care for Tom.

Marty P.

I called and talked with Marty Pyle this afternoon, 10/20; and he informed me that all is going well with him. He said that his daughter, Juliann was there to visit him on Saturday, and said that she told him that I was talking to her and I sent my regards. I told him that I have a bad cold and when that cold is fully gone, I will try to schedule another visit to see him. He said that nothing has changed as they are still eating in their rooms. But if we venture out anywhere, we have to wear our masks and keep our distance from other people. He was asking about the upcoming church opening, and how I thought it would go. I just discussed what I knew and told him that I would call and let him know how everything turned out. That, of course is still about 3 weeks away—I told him. I then told him I would call again soon to check on him, and told him that he continues to be in everyone’s prayers.

Elsie S.

(Note: I get updates from her daughter, Sarah)

Although Elsie’s daughter, Sarah is my contact to get updates on her mother, I have not been able to reach her. As has been the situation in the past, Sarah has taken her up to her family in Buffalo, N.Y.; and this may be where she is currently as well. However, please continue to keep Elsie, and her daughter, Sarah, who is her ongoing chief caregiver in our prayers. In past contacts with Sarah, she has

mentioned that even though her mother's dementia is worsening, she continues to get around pretty well, but needs constant care.

Barbara S.

I had a really nice conversation with Barbara this afternoon, Thursday, 10/22; and she was actually able to hear me and seems to still have a good memory of Olivet and her church family members and friends. She says that she is doing very well there with Susan, her husband Rob and their family as they are taking good care of her. I let her know that so many people have been asking about her and are praying for her; and she wanted me to pass on her love to all of them as well. Her daughter Susan confirms the fact that she is doing quite well. Continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayers; and also, **PLEASE SEND HER CARDS AND LETTERS**, which she would certainly appreciate.

Gladys M. (I have Gladys's daughter's phone # to call her for updates on her mother)

I finally got in touch with Gladys's daughter, Peggy A. this afternoon, Thursday, 10/22; and she said that she is able to talk with her every day and they are now able to schedule visits for her by appointment only. Her mother is in room 415 at Pocopson Home, which is the Jones Building; and has a cell phone, but rarely hears to answer it. She probably would not be able to hear you anyway even if she answers it. So continue to keep Gladys in your prayers.

In addition to all of the above-mentioned people, please continue to pray for all of our shut-ins and those who are either homebound, or in nursing facilities or other places where we are not able to get very little or no information about them.

Also Please take note of the following persons as well who are in need of our prayers:

Bunny B. at Ephrata Manor in Ephrata, PA (Bunny's contact person is her sister Pat N., who lives in Ephrata and gives us her phone number, saying that anyone who wishes to call her to feel free to do so to get updates on her sister, Bunny, mentioning also that Bunny will turn 103 years old sometime in February. Bunny also continues to test negative for the Corona Virus—Praise the Lord! Also continue to pray for **Dottie D.** at Hickory House, **Steve G.** at Tel Hai, **Rhoda M.**, who has been living with either a son or daughter, **(not sure which)**. Also keep **Ernie H.** at Pocopson Home & Barbara G. at Pembroke Nursing Home in West Chester in our prayers.

Also, those whom are taking treatments or recuperating from treatments and or surgeries, and those who are continually in rehab and healing whom were not listed above as well, such as: Tina S., Jim W., John S., and his wife, Margaret, who had had surgery on her foot recently. Also include Christi W., who is recuperating from her recent stroke and the Pastor's mother as well.

Please note the following to include in our prayers as well: Verona G., who is scheduled to have a shoulder replacement surgery this Friday, 10/23. This evidently was due to continued ongoing and additional pain which is still with her and has become more painful, which now requires her to have this shoulder replacement surgery. Also please pray for **Ron S.**, who has just today been scheduled for heart

surgery, which was actually scheduled and probably has already been performed this morning. Our own Ron S. of Olivet is in need of our prayers.

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