

GARGOYLE GAZETTE

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Moving Forward in Hope

Where do we begin to talk about this past year that we have all experienced? Some of us might say, “Where did this year go?” Others, “Was there really a 2020?” However, for some, life went on as usual. There was great sorrow for some who have lost loved ones. There was great fear of catching the virus when going out and working. There were reminders to always wear a mask and to keep social distancing. Alternative ways of communication emerged for teaching and everyday life. Some are still experiencing long-term COVID consequences.

As vaccinations became a reality, there is now a feeling of relief and hope of a better future. The vaccinations protect ourselves as well as protecting those we love and also all others.

Looking at the pandemic is just a part of our past year. I believe we are now learning that the world is so very global and that “we are our brother’s keeper.” We have become more aware of racial injustice and of climate change issues that are present in our society. I think the pandemic has called us to a better understanding and of our need for changing some of our life-styles.

We can ask now, “What can I do to change my world-view, my reality?” First and foremost is *Prayer* so that we can become more like Jesus in his relationship to others. Second is to become better *educated* on the social issues. Third *is to work toward a better future for everyone*. John E. Lewis has said, “If not us, then who?” “If not now, then when?”
Have a great Summer,

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