

By Wendy & Jeff Nackenson

One week blended into another week. Then it was months blending into months. Now, six months into a new life structure, I have learned that mother nature is beautiful and wonderful; that six months with my best friend, my wife Wendy, is delicious and that six months in a large house in a lovely neighborhood does have its benefits, in spite of the high taxes. After being given the ability to work from home, I learned that I enjoy my job (at my pace, level of clothing and playing the music that I want to listen to). I look forward to going out with my wife on our daily walks that can last hours while enjoying the beauty of our neighbors' landscaped properties and the majestic trees that edge their properties. I appreciate more than ever how our large house offers us our individual places to reside together or separately if we so desire, that our basement gym gives us a place of solace and the ability to keep our minds and bodies fit - although not as trim as we would like. No, we didn't learn to bake (that was never on our radar). Even during the tough month of April when Wendy was not allowed to visit her mother at the nursing home, before she passed away, Facebook and a Zoom funeral were a blessing. We both learned that technology is wonderful, allowing us to converse with family and friends so comfortably from our kitchen table. I have learned that I am able to connect my computer directly to my large screen TV in order to watch our Friday night services in comfort. We have learned that our clergy has done an amazing job of keeping our community a Community! Lastly, we have all learned that reaching out to others (even remotely), is more important than ever before. We will emerge from this crazy time stronger and more resilient.



*Wendy & Jeff are 28 year members. Wendy is a retired Spanish teacher who enjoys walking and experiencing nature everyday, loves her family beyond compare and can't wait to get out into the world again. Jeff is semi-retired and is looking forward to traveling with Wendy. Their oldest son Josh, was a member of the first 4-year olds' graduating class from the Temple's Nursery School program in 1994 and is now an ER doctor in California. Their youngest son, Chase, is a Spanish teacher in Brooklyn. He follows in his mother's footsteps.*