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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." – Matthew 11:28-30

Dear Friends,

I get it. I really do. You're tired. You're tired of worrying. You're tired of being careful. You're tired of being restricted. You're tired of life not being normal. So am I.

You may have been excited when you learned we planned to return to the sanctuary on July 5th. You may have thought to yourself, "It's about time!" Or, you may have thought to yourself, "I'm not ready." You may have then read that we were requiring masks for worship and felt your enthusiasm shrink. You're tired of wearing a mask. I get it.

But, we have an older congregation. The CDC still lists people above 65 as being in the "at risk" category of contracting COVID-19.

That means around nearly two thirds of our congregation is "at risk." The leadership of PCW, including myself, believe the responsible thing to do, to protect all of our worshippers, is to have everyone gathering to worship wear a mask when entering, when worshipping, and when leaving. Their health is more important than my comfort.

But, you're tired. We all are tired. How could we not be?

So, here we sit, everyone feeling tired. And, worship in the sanctuary resuming on July 5th felt like a glimmer of hope that some aspect of life was tracking toward normal. The last thing we want to hear is that in-person worship services are being postponed...again.

But, here we go again. And, I hope it's the last postponement and I wish I could promise that this is the last letter of this kind that I write. But I can't make that promise. I hope you all understand, but we have had to make the unfortunate decision to postpone in person worship for another two weeks. So, July 5th and 12th will still be considered "PCW@HOMe" only.

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The new target date to return to the sanctuary will be July 19th. I feel more confident we can make this work than previous target dates. The same restrictions of masks, social distancing, etc will still be in place.

So, now everyone probably feels even more tired. And, for that, I apologize and thank you for your continued patience. However, there is good news concerning our tiredness. The scripture passage at the beginning of this letter are words of Christ that I quote for most communion services. And, I believe they can be greatly comforting words at this time. We ARE tired. We ARE weary. We DO feel burdened.

The Good News is that Christ invites the tired, the weary, the burdened to come near to him and find REST. Christ is our sanctuary. He is our Sanctuary with a capital "S" even when we can't enter our church's sanctuary. Many of us feel rested and relieved when we gather to worship. And, I know many of you are chomping at the bit to feel that again.

But, Christ as our Sanctuary and Rest can be found anywhere! We can approach Christ sitting at home in front of the computer or TV.

We can approach him in our cars, on walks, at work, at play. Rest is available at any time and in any place.

So, if you feel tired. And, I imagine most of you do. Find rest in Christ. Take time to worship, pray, meditate, slow down, contemplate, be quiet, etc.

Christ is gentle and humble in heart. May we feel likewise.

Blessings,
Pastor Pat



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2020 Committee Members

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Christian Education

Meets the 4th Monday at 6pm

Ian McCracken* - Chair
Andy Wanager
Jocelyn VanBuskirk
Gerry Urban
Gary Brehe
Gretchen Farrell
Heather Miller
Jolene Patterson*
Rebecca Brehe

Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday 9:30am

Nancy Sebastian* - Chair
Karen Ladd*
Jean Weekley*
Judy Bierbaum
Shirley Coulter
Jan Hardin
Anna Mae Boehmer
Sharon Wiese
Jan Eade
Linda Booher
Heather Miller
Sarah Spear
Barbara Hagan
Beth Bonney

Finance

Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am

Bruce Wiese* - Chair
Karen Ladd*
Kay Hucke*
Bob Eade
Becky Vogt
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

***Meets the second Monday
at 11am***

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Christy Eckert
Kay Hucke*
Gretchen Farrell
Lois Kempf
Pam Schwarzen
Debbie Bandy
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***Meets the 2nd Tuesday
at 6pm***

Tim Urban* - Chair
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Joe Hagan*
Mary Ellenberger
Gretchen Farrell
Roland Schwarzen

Property

***Meets the 3rd Sunday
at 11:30am***

Joe Hagan* - Chair
John Bugele*
Bob Eade
David Brunworth
Roland Schwarzen
Steve Sebastian

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 5pm

John Anglin* - Chair	Tom Kempf
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PCW@Home Tech Team

As we transition back into the sanctuary this month, we will need more volunteers to help with the technology portion of our worship service. We anticipate offering some version of an online worship service going forward, so we will need helpers with that endeavor. We will also need other helpers to learn how to operate our sound board and the Media Shout presentation. If you are interested in being part of our Tech Team, please contact Pastor Pat, Jolene Patterson, Ed Bonney or Tom Ellenberger.

Confirmation

This month, seven special young people will be formally confirmed by the congregation. Two students, Ada and Adric Montgomery, will also be baptized!

Due to continued COVID-19 concerns, their confirmation celebration and baptisms will be recorded in separate (invited family and friends only) services. These recorded ceremonies will be part of the July 19th worship service.

Congratulations to Marilyn Jerray, Brooke Tucker, Matthew Wanager, Ada and Adric Montgomery and Lucas and Logan Struckhoff!



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MATTHEW 25

As part of the Presbytery's Matthew 25 initiative, the Mission/Outreach committee is collecting prepackaged socks and underwear during the month of July. The items will be delivered during the Presbytery's August meeting. The collection basket will be in the narthex, and donations can be dropped off any time during church office hours.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on July 3rd in observance of Independence Day. We will return to the office Monday July 6th.

Per Capita

The Presbytery set the Per Capital allocation for **2020 at \$32.00 per member.**

Please designate "Per Capita" on the outside of your envelope.

CAMP PEACE

Vacation bible school will not be in-person this year. However, we are posting an online option for children of all ages on our website for the summer. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information within the next few weeks.

"The Gospel According to Peanuts" Sermon Series

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Woodstock, Linus, Lucy, Peppermint Patty and so many more! These characters are etched into our cultural lexicon. The comic strips, television specials and movies may seem like insignificant yet insanely popular children's entertainment. However, there are profound spiritual lessons to be gleaned from Charles Schulz's indelible characters. Through the month of July, Pastor Pat will be preaching a four week sermon series based on the antics of the Peanut's characters. Drawing from literature written by Rev. Robert L. Short, Including "The Gospel According to Peanuts," you won't want to miss this fun and nostalgic look at the surprising wisdom of Charlie Brown and friends.



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Online Giving

As of May 1st, you can now contribute to PCW through online giving. Online giving is a fast, easy and secure option to support the mission and ministries of PCW. You can access the giving portal through our web-site: www.presbywashmo.org. Click on the "Give Now" icon and you will be on your way! You can either choose to give one time as a guest. Or, you can create a profile to set up recurring gifts (weekly, monthly, annually) so you won't even have to worry whether you made your contributions or not. Online giving has been set up through the Presbyterian Foundation. They do charge a 2% transaction fee that will be deducted from your contribution. Or, you can select the option to pay the 2% fee yourself, ensuring that the church gets the full amount you intended. There is an instructional video on the PCW@Home webpage that will walk you through your first contribution: www.presbywashmo.org/pcw-home/.

"Reel Faith" Movie Club

July's "Reel Faith" Movie Club will meet at 6pm via Zoom on Tuesday, July 28th. We will discuss the 2019 movie, "The Two Popes." Behind Vatican walls, the conservative Pope Benedict XVI and the liberal future Pope Francis must find common ground to forge a new path for the Catholic Church. "The Two Popes" is a fascinating and frequently amusing story of an unlikely friendship with two very strong performances from Anthony Hopkins (Benedict) and Jonathon Pryce (Francis). "The Two Popes" is playing now on Netflix. Please watch the movie during the month of July and join us via Zoom. If you need the link sent to you, please contact Pastor Pat.

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July Worship Services

On Thursday evening, July 25th, the session of PCW made the decision to cancel in person worship services on July 5 and 12. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Besides the obvious reason of continuing COVID-19 concerns and the many in our congregation who fall into the "at risk" categories, the church leadership has found that there are many things that the church needs to do to prepare for in person worship services. Many of these preparations are things that we have learned from other churches as they too prepare to hold in person worship services again. One important preparation is to ensure that we will continue to have online worship services available to those who choose to stay at home, of which we have many. During the first two weeks of July, our tech team will be collecting the equipment necessary to live stream in person worship services on the church website for those who cannot attend. This will take some practice and some patience and some time as we work out the kinks.

We anticipate returning to in-person worship services on Sunday, July 19th. We will have the same restrictions in place that were outlined in a congregational letter (available on our web-site): masks and social distancing will still be required, worship services will be "contact-free."

Church Life Committee

Our PCW Church Life Committee continues to meet monthly and is looking forward to celebrating worship in person at a safe time. Fellowship Table, Coffee and the Visitors Table opportunities will be interrupted and will return at a later time. We hope you will consider signing up for our Fellowship Table when it is safe to do so.

Our committee has been calling church members regularly and it has been great to communicate with each other. Please feel free to reach out to a Church Life Committee member at any time. Church Life Committee members are: Judy Bierbaum, Beth Bonney, Anna Mae Boehmer, Linda Booher, Shirley Coulter, Jan Eade, Barb Hagan, Jan Hardin, Karen Ladd, Heather Miller, Sarah Spear, Jean Weekley, Sharon Weise and Nancy Sebastian.

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PRES-BITS NEWSLETTER

Community Book Sale

Book Sale set for September 11-13, 2020

Our world may be a bit different these days and some events have been greatly impacted, but one church event we are going forth with this year (with a few modifications) is our annual Book Sale which is now scheduled for the second weekend in September on Friday and Saturday, **September 11th and 12th, 2020, from 8am – 6pm, both days.** We will also be open briefly on Sunday, September 13th after worship for any church members or friends wishing to check out the Book Sale in our Fellowship Hall. We are asking EVERYONE, volunteers, shoppers, browsers, to wear masks. We will have masks on hand along with plenty of hand sanitizer and gloves, and we will encourage use of all safety measures. Plus we are making our aisles one way to respect social distancing for all. We will have a sign-up sheet in August for volunteer help at the sale as set-up will start on Tuesday, September 1st going through Thursday, September 10th from 9am – 3pm for all seven set-up days (we will NOT have any set-up on the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th nor on any weekend days unless necessary) giving us several more days than usual to set-up for a clean and safe environment. As we move forward with our Fall Book Sale this year, we encourage you to support this event and our church in any way possible! We may all benefit from gathering some wonderful winter reading material!

We will be glad to accept any book and media donations for the Book Sale until Monday, September 7th.

Thank you!

Gretchen Farrell and Kathy Froning, Book Sale Co-chair people

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RUMMAGE SALE

On Monday, June 1st, the session made the decision to cancel this summer's rummage sale. This decision was based on many factors: the health and well being of our volunteers and the public, the potential contamination of donations, a dramatically shortened list of willing volunteers, etc. The session decided to cancel instead of postpone in light of the enormity of the task to hold the sale during its normal time of late July. The rummage sale will return, God willing, in 2021. We will NOT be receiving any donations for the rummage sale at any point in 2020. Thank you for your understanding.

Graduation Recognition

This year, the class of 2020 has had to endure a lot. This month, we will honor our three high school graduates: Haylee Struckhoff, Matt Benedict and Dani Tucker. Due to continued COVID-19 concerns, we will be recording our graduation recognition in separate (invited family and friends only) services. These recorded honors will be part of the July 19th worship service. Congratulations Haylee, Matt and Dani!

Meals on Wheels

Weekend Meals on Wheels is back! Last month, we served 20 clients with prepackaged meals. This month, we will continue to follow the lead of the Senior Center Meals on Wheels program and deliver prepackaged meals again. Delivery day will be Saturday, July 18th at 11am. If you are interested in shopping that week or delivering that day, please contact Pastor Pat or the church office.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Prayer for Life 9a Book Club 10a Franklin Co. Singles 7p	3 Office Closed	4 - Happy 4th! MOW Life Stream 
5	6 Session 6p	7 Boy Scouts 7p	8	9 Prayer for Life 9A Book Club 10a	10 Bridge 7p	11
12 Confirmation / Graduation	13 Mission 11:15a	14 Church Life 9:30a Boy Scouts 7p	15	16 Prayer for Life 9A Book Club 10a	17 Bridge 7p	18 Meals on Wheels 8:30a
19 Property 11:30a	20 Finance 10a Worship 5p	21 Boy Scouts 7p	22	23 Prayer for Life 9A Book Club 10a	24 Bridge 7p	25
26	27 Christian Ed 6p Cemetery 7p	28 Movie Club 6p Boy Scouts 7p	29	30 Prayer for Life 9A Book Club 10a	31 Bridge 7p	

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July BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Alex Benedict
3rd	Rebecca Brehe
4th	Ed Bonney
16th	Ollie Whyte
16th	Kaci Conley
17th	Steve Sebastian
18th	Wyonia Goebel
18th	Michael Becker
22nd	Dorothy Mutert
25th	Chris Brehe
29th	Connie Conrad
31st	Paige Carpenter



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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS



Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, John Anglin, Jan Eade, Jamie Tucker, Joy Kopp, Robert Van Der Kamp, , Jocelyn Van Buskirk, Eden Wanagar

SOUTH POINTE: George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth, Connie Conrad

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Eddie & Sarah McGurthy & family (daughter and son-in-law of Ollie & Virginia Whyte)
Patricia Hucke (daughter of Kay Hucke)
Pam Evangelist (sister of Sharon Fenner)
Marjorie Hines (grandmother of Miles & Ian McCracken)
Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)
Lydia Disbro (great granddaughter of Laura Evans)
Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)
Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)
Diana Brinker (niece of Anna Mae Boehmer)
David Gruendler (brother of Laura Lawson)
Arlene Moll (mother of Pam Kellermann)
Quinn Burton (daughter of Kelly Burton)
Mary Washabaugh (former member)
Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)
Shari Voepel (Emmaus Homes caregiver)
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Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)
Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)
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Tony Bieg (Husband of Jenny Bieg)
Diane Rinehart (friend of Nancy Thater)
Charles Johnson (Friend of Jolene Patterson)
Family of James Marsters (Relative of Karen Gruber)

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Colossians 3:11

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