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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends,

The words "Social Distancing" have now entered our lexicon. Staying 6 feet apart for the last few weeks, and for the foreseeable future, is becoming second nature to many of us. However, the term "social distancing" does not seem accurate. I have seen others referring to this distancing as "physical distancing" instead. I like that a lot more.

Even though we can't be social together physically, doesn't mean we can't be social through other means. Telephones still work, the mail is still being delivered and the internet is still functioning. And, as we strive to the Church (capital C) during this time that we must practice "physical distancing," we must also use other means to ensure our answer to Christ's call to ministry continues. And out of this need to practice "physical distancing," the idea of PCW@Home was born! Many, if not most, of you have participated in PCW@Home over the last couple of weeks.

If you have not yet participated in PCW@Home, please consider joining us during this time that we cannot gather for worship in person. PCW@Home is what we are calling our endeavors to remain

"The Church" during this time of uncertainty and "Shelter at Home." Every Sunday at 10:15am, there will be a broadcast of our worship service. You can participate from the comfort of your own house! You can find the broadcast feed on our web-site:

www.presbywashmo.org/pcw-home/
If you use Facebook, our church's Facebook page will also be broadcasting the service at the same time.

But, PCW@Home is even more than worship! We also have virtual classrooms for adults, youth and children every Sunday morning at 9am. Andy and Jocelyn will make sure all participants have the links and information needed to join. Confirmation classes will also continue online with me teaching.

We may not look like the church as you know it right now. But, we are still very much THE Church, part of the Body of Christ. And, nothing will slow that down or threaten that reality.

Blessings on your health and safety,
Pastor Pat

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PCW@Home Tech Team

Hello Everyone!

With the likelihood of more cancelled worship services through April at least, the more PCW will need to lean on technology to offer worship services online. We currently have a small team of dedicated individuals. However, what we thought was going to be a couple weeks of commitment is turning much more laborious.

So, we are looking for people with any experience (or willingness to learn) with videotaping, movie editing, etc to help us keep PCW@Home going until life turns normal. Please let Ed Bonney, Jolene Patterson or Pastor Pat know if you have any interest in being trained.

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.

ZOOM MEETINGS

All committee meetings and Session will continue in April using Zoom and/or phone and e-mail.

Your committee chair person will contact you.

There are also three virtual fellowship groups that will meet in April. And, more might be added!

Coffee Chat w/ Pastor Pat: every Wednesday at 9am

Prayer Gathering: every Thursday at 9am

"Reel Faith" Movie Club: Tuesday April 28th at 6pm

If you need instructions on how to join any of these groups, please contact Pat.

We will also have plans on how we can engage in mission at this time as well.

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Choir News

We are still planning to perform the Easter Cantata no matter when we return to church, so please keep singing and enjoy the music!

We would like to encourage choir members and anyone who feels called, to be singing at home with the tracks we have provided through email. There is a PDF of the sheet music available as well. If you are interested, please contact Aaron at the following address; aaronbounds@gmail.com. We will provide you with what you need.

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts for Special Music, please let us know. We will start a sign up for those who want to do at-home recordings to send to our tech team for Sunday Worship. Contact Aaron or Emily for any questions. Please keep in mind, we are striving to keep social distancing, so your performance may have to be with a track or a cappella.

Thank you all for your hard work and hope everyone is staying well (mentally and physically).

God Bless Everyone,
Aaron and Emily Bounds



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2020 Committee Members

Asterisk (*) Donates Session Members

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 Huckle*
Bob Eade
Becky Vogt
Ed Bonney

Mission/Outreach

Meets the second Monday @ 11am

Jolene Patterson* - Chair
David Brunworth
Jean Weekley*
Christy Eckert
Kay Huckle*
Gretchen Farrell
Lois Kempf
Pam Schwarzen
Debbie Bandy
Kathy Rogers

Personnel

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm

Tim Urban* - Chair
Bruce Wiese*
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
Mary Ellenberger

Worship

Meets the 3rd Monday at 7pm

John Anglin* - Chair	Judy Bierbaum
Anna Mae Boehmer	Tom Kempf
Rebecca Brehe	Barbara Duemler*
Tom Ellenberger	John Bugele*

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April Worship

On Monday, March 30th, the Session of PCW voted to cancel in-person worship services through the month of April.

All April services including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter will broadcast via PCW@Home.



April Community Book Sale

The Community Book Sale has been postponed.

Please watch for any further updates.

The Presbyterian Cemetery

When we visit the grave of loved ones, we like to see that it has been neatly mowed and trimmed, but have you considered who does the mowing and trimming? It takes a substantial amount of money for the upkeep of the Cemetery, especially during the spring/summer/fall mowing months. The board hires someone to mow and maintain The Presbyterian Cemetery. This care needs to be funded in some way. Financial contributions to the Cemetery provide for the vital upkeep of the grounds. Would you please consider making a contribution to support the upkeep and care of The Presbyterian Cemetery? You will find a Cemetery envelope in your packet of church envelopes each quarter. The next envelope is dated "March". If you do not have envelopes, just make the check payable to The Presbyterian Cemetery and place in the offering on Sunday or leave in the church office. Thank you to those who have made donations, your donations make a difference!

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Thursday AM Prayer Group

No virus will keep God's people from gathering to pray! Every Thursday morning at 9am, there will be virtual prayer group gathering to share prayers, concerns and joys. This gathering will happen via Zoom. If you would like to join us, and have not received instructions on how to use Zoom, please contact Pastor Pat. The prayer group will meet in person once the shelter at home instructions have lifted.

Office Closed

Pastor Pat has made the decision to close the church office indefinitely. We all wish to keep our staff safe and healthy and we also wish not to contribute to the further spread of the COVID-19 virus. Pastor Pat and Jaime will be working from home. Email, voicemail and snail mail will still be answered. And, the Session did approve that compensation for all staff will continue throughout this time that worship is all online and the office closed. We will send out word to everyone once the office is back open.

Coffee Chat w/ Pastor Pat

During this time of "Shelter in Place," having fellowship has proven to be difficult. In response to that need, Pastor Pat invites everyone to a virtual fellowship gathering over coffee every Wednesday morning at 9am. The gathering will happen via Zoom. If you would like to be a part of this fellowship group, and have not received instructions on how to join, please contact Pastor Pat.

This group will meet until the shelter at home instructions have lifted.

Mark Your Calendars!

Maundy Thursday
Service

April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 12

10:15 a.m.

Available to Watch on
PCW@HOME

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Children Education

"Where is everything?? Why do I HAVE to?!?! I don't even NEED shoes anymore dad!! Your grades don't count DAD!!!"

These are some new sounds in my life...sounds of change, fear, and frustration. How do I respond?

"Kids!! Will you JUST listen to me!!! Calm Down! Stay Still!! Just STOP!!!!"

Not exactly meeting my normal expectations for my OWN behavior. Maybe that is the thing really...learning ourselves and how to manage time AND how to find a NEW normal.

Well, we kind of have a new normal - or at least an expectation of one for our Christian Education for at least the next few weeks. We will be adding the following online enhancements and continue to look for more ways to connect and serve:

1) **Online Sunday School** via Zoom. Every Sunday morning at 9am we will meet using the ZOOM platform. We will begin with worship and then break out into separate classrooms for study. This is a work in progress and Sunday morning will be our first attempt at the break out session. Please bring your patience and your smile!

[Zoom Meeting for Sunday School](#)

2) **Web updates** with fun videos and educational resources via the church website. I will be working to update and add content to the children and youth pages. We hope to grow this option into a real knowledge sharing and a repository of information including vlog, blog, chat, etc.

[Sunday School Page](#)

I am interested in more opportunities and ideas and encourage the youth especially to reach out to me if they would like to add to the content or participate in any way. My email address is PresbyAndy@gmail.com

Even though other activities are postponed, I am currently focused on Second Grade bible presentation and graduation of this Year's seniors. Please let me know if your child is a Senior or a second grader so I can be sure they are included in our plans.

Thank you all for all you do to support our young people and their future. We are all truly blessed with a wonderful church family.

-Andy

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"Reel Faith" Movie Club

"Reel Faith" Movie Club WILL continue to meet despite theaters being closed! We will gather via ZOOM at 6pm on Tuesday, April 28th. We will discuss what we have been streaming, binge watching, renting, etc while we are spending more time at home! We'll also discuss some of our very favorite movies and movies that have impacted us spiritually. If you would like to join us, and have not received instructions for Zoom, please contact Pastor Pat.



Maundy Thursday

This month, PCW@Home will have a special Thursday edition! Even though we can't gather safely together, we will still have a very special Maundy Thursday worship service on PCW@Home. Go to the PCW@Home web-page, www.presbywashmo.org/pcw-home/, at 7pm on Thursday, April 9th and you'll be able to participate in a unique service. There will be scripture readings and dramatic monologues about the last few days and hours before the arrest and trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. Communion will also be served, so have some grape juice/wine and bread/crackers handy to celebrate with us. We hope you can join us!

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS



3rd	Jan Hardin
3rd	Matthew Wanager
4th	Drew Greer
5th	Patrick Gruber
10th	Phillip Henderson
17th	Nancy Thater
17th	Ada Montgomery
18th	Scott Brauer
27th	Carl Bounds

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MEMBERS WITH CONTINUING NEEDS

Scott McCracken, Heather Miller, Laura Evans, John Anglin, Kate Hall,
Jan Eade, Jamie Tucker, Joy Kopp,

SOUTH POINTE: George Peters

CEDAR CREST: Dorothy Mutert, Lorene Brunworth,
Connie Conrad

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH REQUESTING PRAYERS:

Bob Turnure (husband of Francie Turnure)
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)
Vicki Turner (friend of Tom & Lois Kempf)
Mary Rinne (friend of the Fenners)
Emma Venginnit (client of Tom Kempf)
Lydia Disbro (great granddaughter of Laura Evans)
Kay Beckmann (friend of Lois Kempf)
Barb Roach (friend of Nancy Thater, Mauri Truesdell & Susan Benedict)
Diana Hayes (daughter of Barbara Schofield)
Tom Jett (cousin-in-law of Mauri Truesdell & Kathy Froning)
Greg Butler (son-in-law of the Kempfs)
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)
The Confirmation Class of 2020
Jane Kitt (aunt of Nancy Thater)
Shari Voepel (Emmaus Homes caregiver)
Gary & Sue Brauer (parents of Kevin Brauer & Scott Brauer)
Vicky Vogel (sister of Karla Becker)
Denise Gleeson (daughter of Anna Mae Boehmer)
Wendy Dennison (friend of Rebecca Brehe)
Keith McCracken (son of Virginia Boren)
Phillip VanBuskirk (grandson of Jocelyn VanBuskirk)
Grady Thayer (Grandson of Mark & Robbin Thayer)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 PFL 9:00a	3	4
5 Youth Worship 9:00a Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a	6	7	8	9 PFL 9:00a Maundy Service 7:00p	10	11
12 Easter Youth Worship 9:00a Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a	13 Mission 11:15a	14 Church Life Mtg. 9:30a	15	16 PFL 9:00a Circle 10:00a	17	18
19 Youth Worship 9:00a Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a Property 11:30a	20 Finance Mtg. 10:00a Worship Mtg. 7:00p	21	22	23 PFL 9:00a	24	25
26 Youth Worship 9:00a Sunday School 9:15a Worship 10:15a Staff Mtg. 11:30a	27 Movie Club 7:00p Cemetery Mtg. 7:00p	28	29	30 PFL 9:00a		

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Christ is all and in all.”
Colossians 3:11

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