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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

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Proverbs 29:18a



Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. - Psalm 47:1-2

Dear Friends,

I am still aglow in joy following the glorious Easter weekend we experienced at PCW last month! Like it says in Psalm 47 above, God is indeed awesome! Our God blessed us with incredible weather over Easter weekend. We may have had cause to grumble about the long harsh winter. But, we had even more cause to clap our hands and shout to God with songs of joy about that amazing sunshine on Easter weekend!

On Saturday, April 20, 148 children ran through our back yard and searched our patio area for over 1,000 eggs! 148 children is our new record for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you Gretchen Farrell and all the other volunteers who organized, promoted, stuffed and/or hid eggs, provided snacks, took pictures, painted faces, registered families and ensured everyone had a wonderful experience!

For our 8:30am outdoor Easter service, we weren't sure how many worshippers to expect. With the help of great set up crew (thank you!), we set up for over 50 people. In my head, I was planning on being satisfied with 45 worshippers, since we had not done a service like this in many, many years. To my glorious joy, 82 people gathered on our beautiful back patio in the amazing sunshine to worship the resurrected Christ! Thank you Emily Bounds and John Bugele for leading worship!

We then gathered in the fellowship hall for a delicious and bountiful brunch. Egg casseroles, biscuits and gravy, pastries and of course, copious amount of coffee were enjoyed by all! Thank you to Judy Bierbaum and the rest of the Church Life Committee for working so hard in the kitchen. And thank you to everyone who donated food to ensure there was plenty for all!



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We have hoped for quite some time that we could one day pull of a Choral Cantata at church. However, that always seemed a distant dream. Enter our new Director of Music Ministries. Aaron Bounds! Suddenly our choir has swelled in size and in song! The Cantata was a huge effort for the choir, Aaron and Emily. However, it paid off in a big way! 132 people (including 25 choir members!) were treated to beautiful music that told the story of Jesus' journey to the cross and empty tomb. Thank you, Aaron, Emily and the Choir!

Many of you participated in all three Easter morning activities! And, for that, I am personally very grateful. After adjusting for those of you who attended both services, our final count of total worshippers on Easter morning was 156 people! That shatters our previous record for Sunday morning attendance in the past ten years. And, for the month of April, we averaged 115 worshippers, which is also a ten year record!

Thank you to everyone who greeted, ushered, operated the sound, led the video presentation, set up the patio and/or sanctuary and everything else that goes into place to ensure satisfying and Godly worship services. This was our first year since I have been your pastor that we have attempted two services on one morning, along with a community brunch. And, I could not have dreamed of a better result! The risen Christ was worshipped and in grand fashion!

Thank you to everyone who attended one or both services, invited friends and family, participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing, or prayed for the blessings of God upon these Easter activities! We were immensely blessed and should be grateful above all else to our amazing God who gives us such great joy!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Pat

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OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus Christ calls us to:

- Enliven our spiritual lives by experiencing God among us,
- Grow in love for one another as children of God,
- Invite all to Share in our fellowship,

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• Demonstrate God's love through service to others.

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Church Life

Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am Karen Ladd* Jean Weekley* Judy Bierbaum – Chair Shirley Coulter Jan Hardin Anna Mae Boehmer Sharon Wiese Jan Eade Linda Booher Heather Miller

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Meets the 3rd Monday at 10am Bruce Wiese* - Chair Karen Ladd* Kay Hucke* Bob Eade* Becky Vogt Ed Bonney John

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Meets the second Monday @ 11am David Brunworth* Jean Weekley* Christy Eckert* - Chair Kay Hucke* Gretchen Farrell Lois Kempf Jolene Patterson Pam Schwarzen Debbie Bandy

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Weekend Meals on Wheels

This month, Meals on Wheels will be delivered on Saturday, May 18th. We will be making Chicken and Rice Casserole. Kitchen Team B will be preparing the meals. This team is made up of Francie Turnure, Virginia Whyte, Debbie Bandy and Valerie Burton. If you are interested in delivering meals that Saturday, please contact the church office.

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<u>Last Day of Sunday</u> <u>School and Youth</u> <u>Group</u>

Attention all parents and students! Our last Sunday of Christian Education will be Sunday, May 19th. That night will also be our last night of Youth Group as we take a break for the summer. We pray you all had a wonderful year at Sunday school!

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<u>May Potluck</u>

The next potluck dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. Phyllis Orgeich will be displaying her decorative egg collection, and Pastor Pat will be updating the group on the church's recycling efforts. The main dish will be Mostaccioli. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



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<u>The Church Facelift</u> <u>Continues</u>

By now, you have probably noticed all the new enhancements to our property. The narthex received a beautiful paint job, the new landscaping around our back patio enhanced our outdoor Easter worship, and the old electronic sign next to the fellowship hall doors was cleaned out and is now lit at night! BIG "Thank You's" to everyone who has pitched in to enhance our property: Steve Sebastian, David Brunworth, John Bugele, Gordon Upchurch, Dan Greer, Bob Eade, and many many others. We apologize if we overlooked anyone.



Donation Table: Weekend Meals on Wheels

In an effort to reenergize our donated items toward various local ministries, the Mission/Outreach Committee has decided to focus on one ministry at a time, over a specific time period. So, from now until the end of June, there will be a donation table for our Weekend Meals on Wheels ministry outside of the sanctuary. Items that are needed for Meals on Wheels include: 1-lb Large Shell Pasta, 1-lb Rotini, 8oz Tomato Sauce, 46-oz Tomato Juice, 6-oz Tomato Paste, 2-lb White Rice, and Plastic Shopping Bags. We are also always in need of homemade cookies. If you wish to donate cookies, place them by the dozen, in freezer bags, clearly marked "Meals on Wheels."



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Sound Tech Training

The Sound Booth could use some more volunteers by this coming September when the choir resumes singing during worship. We currently use a "once a month" schedule for the sound booth. So, if you think you could commit to one Sunday a month in the sound booth, please talk to Tom Ellenberger, or call the church office. We will fully train you for the task!

Safe Spot for Teens Location

In April, the Session voted to become a "Safe Spot for Teens" through the SafeKids organization and Jireh Ministries. A "Safe Spot" is a location where teens in crisis can come for help. You have probably seen the green decals around town. If a teen comes to the church looking for help, there is a number on the decal that will be on our front door. Have the teen call that number, and the SafeKids organization will take it from there. There is a "Safe Spot Procedure" included in this issue of Pres-Bits.

Thank you all for your cards, calls, and words of comfort, encouragement, and concern about my carotid artery surgery and my unpleasant, slow recovery. I missed most of the April tree blooming, but my heart bloomed with contact from you. - Jocelyn

SAFE SPOT PROCEDURE

Be aware of students hanging around:

A youth may not ask for help immediately but instead just stand around and wait for you to speak first.

Any youth asking the following questions may be looking for help:

- "Is this a Safe Spot?"
- "Can you help me?"
- "What does that sign mean?"

1. Get a general idea of what is wrong. Ask if the youth came in to your location because it is a "Safe Spot".

2. Do not try to go into detail about the problem. Be supportive and show the youth where to sit and wait. This should be in the designated area that was set up during the initial site orientation (such as an employee break are, office, etc.) The youth should not be in the way of normal activities, but at the same time should be in an area where you can easily monitor the situation. Offer something to eat and/or drink if possible.

3. Where will you be making the call from? If possible make the call from the designated area where it is private and the youth feels the freedom to talk to the Safe Spot agency. If the youth has their own cell phone and if it has plenty of minutes, ask them if they feel comfortable using it to call the Safe Spot agency number or if they want you to make the call for them. If they are ok with you using their phone, you can make the initial call for them and pass the phone to them when instructed and if not, you make the call from your business line for them.

5. Call 636-364-8112.

If the youth is making the call, the agency will instruct the youth on what to do. Write down the contact number, your business name, address and phone number for the youth, and give them your name as well.

If you are making the call, tell the person answering the phone you are calling from a "Safe Spot Site". Identify yourself and your location, giving the address and phone number. Give the youth's name and birth date, and let them know you are going to pass the phone to the youth.

6. Check on the youth every few minutes and show support without getting into the specifics of the situation. The agency will instruct the youth what to do next. At this point, you are done.

Thank you! We appreciate your help.

If you have any questions, need materials or training please contact

SafeKids: safekidsmo@gmail.com



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2019 Graduate–Alex Johnson

Graduation day will be a proud day for Alex Johnson and his wonderful family. Alex is graduating from Eureka High School May 20th and his commencement will be at Chaifetz Arena. Alex will be attending St. Louis College of Pharmacy (STLCOP) in the fall. He will study in a six year program where he will earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Alex worked hard in high school and earned both athletic and academic scholarships. Alex will be playing volleyball for STLCOP and has played four years of volleyball in high school. Alex's proud parents are Karen and Patrick Gruber.

Alex is very polite, thoughtful and easy to talk to. He has a great sense of humor, is easy to get along with and well behaved as described by his dear friend Shirley Coulter. Friends are one of life's greatest treasures. Shirley said of Alex, "In the years I have known Alex, I have come to respect him greatly. He is the kind of young man anyone would be proud to call their son and I am very proud to call him my friend. He has a bright future ahead of him and I wish him well in anything he chooses."

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is honored to have Alex as a trained leader. He attended Presbyterian Youth Triennium in2016 and will attend again this summer. Alex is very active within the Presbyteri-

an Church of Washington (PCW) youth group and serves as a great role model for the younger youth.

Presbyterian Church of Washington honors Alex and challenges him to keep on growing and adding to the beauty and goodness in the world. Our members are anxious to see where life will lead you next and wherever it is our prayers are with you. Warmest congratulations, Alex, on your well-deserved success and best wishes for all your tomorrows.



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Youth Fund Raisers

The youth of Presbyterian Church of Washington (PCW) want to thank our wonderful members for supporting our fund raising efforts. Our soup luncheon was a huge success and our bake sale exceeded our expectations. From the bottom of our hearts we cannot thank each of you enough. All money will be used for scholarship camp opportunities. Many baked contributions were received from members for the bake sale and these are greatly appreciated. Our great bake sale shoppers did a fabulous job enjoying the delectable treats. Our PCW members rock!

Save the Date!

Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to PCW for summer fun.
Is your child inviting a friend to come along?
Best youth function for miles around
Leave daily with a happy smile
Especially exciting experience

So special to share with friends Can't wait to see you there Happening July 8—12, 2019 Oh so much fun with Captain Andy Over the hill and through the wood to PCW we go Leave daily with your heart full.



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<u>A.E.D. (Defibrillator) Training</u>

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Please mark your calendars. Training for the AED will be on Saturday, June 15 at 10AM at church. If you signed up for training, you will be contacted closer to that date.

> Questions? Christy Eckert christyeckert@charter.net 314-703-5984 (text)

Easter Egg Hunt THANK YOU!

What a gorgeous day we had for our TENTH annual community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th! Our church's back lawn never looked so pretty with nearly 4000 eggs covering it! We had another record number of children attend, 148, and we had quite a crowd of nearly 500 with their parents, grandparent and other relatives watching on! It took many people helping to



pull this event off, so a big thank you goes out to ... all our kitchen help for the cookies and punch after the Egg Hunt, to our Registration people being so organized, to all of our energetic Youth Group kids for staffing the fantastic Face Painting and coloring tables, and to the many people that helped the Easter Bunny FILL and HIDE all of those eggs! Whew, that was a lot of eggs! We had such a SWEET event and we look forward to it next year! Gretchen

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<u>Rummage Sale</u>

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Sale dates this year are Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27.

It's time to be cleaning ou those unwanted (unneeded) items from your home, that your neighbors and friends are anxiuous to buy and repurpose. If you must get the sale items out of your house, you may bring them Fellowship Hall to (classroom 13) after Sunday School concludes for the summer (Sunday, June 2). Otherwise please hold the items until after Sunday, July 14. PLEASE NO TELE-VISIONS. Many thanks for your donations.

Christy Eckert christyeckert@charter.net 314-703-5984 (text) 636-583-4266 (voice)

Book Sale THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all the hard working volunteers that helped with our April Book Sale this year as we celebrated TEN years of this wonderful fundraiser event! Once again, we had record numbers as we sold \$2700 over the three days and donated 80 boxes of books to teachers and other local organizations that are in much need of books. We also collected \$131 in our YMCA Literacy Council bucket, so along with our 10% tithing of our total sales, we will deliver a check to them for \$400! What an amazing time we had, it was physically demanding, but we thank you for all the organizing help and all the muscles moving the boxes. Keep cleaning out your home of books for next year's sale!

Gretchen Farrell and Kathy Froning, Book Sale Cochairs

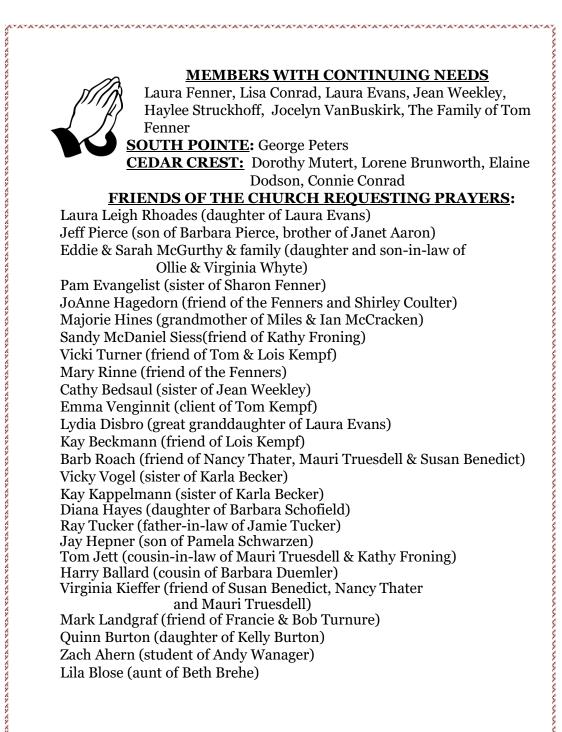
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		Lou Brunworth
	May 4	Al Leary
	May 6	Laura Evans
		Kate Hall
	May 7	Marty Brunworth
	May 8	Laura Lawson
	May 9	Tom Ellenberger
	May 12	Logan Struckhoff
		Lucas Struckhoff
	May 13	Miles McCracken
	May 14	Melissa Pierce
		Haylee Struckhoff
	May 17	Scott McCracken
		Paul Struckhoff
	May 22	Jeff Pierce
	May 23	Jane Stelzner
	May 25	Nancy Sebastian
Ó	May 26	Olivia Tucker
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May 2019	Wed	1 Youth Group 6:30pm	8	Potluck 5:30pm	15	22 Warblers 11am	29
	Tue		7 PDO 9am	Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 8:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	14 PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	21 PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm	28 PDO 9am Yoga 5:30pm Cub Scouts 8:15pm Boy Scouts 7pm
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	Sun	Align Annual Marine	5 New Member Class		12 Graduation Recognition Sunday Mother's Day	19 Last Day of Sunday School Youth Group 8:30pm	26 Last Day for Choir

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