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Our Mission

Sharing Christ's Love Through Service

From the Pastor...

“Let us Stand Firm”

What a journey we are on. What a strange time of life. Our lives have been disrupted, to say the least. As I talk with people across different periods of life and lines of work, it fascinates me to see how this COVID-19 virus has affected so many different aspects of life.

And church services are different, obviously. We have moved online for now. Wearing facemasks is new for us. Phone conversations, cards mailed, in-home worship, and connections via technology are now the new norm. Have you felt like you are in a “new norm” yet? A temporary rhythm for the time being?

Things changing may be a mark of our new normal for some time ahead. Adaptability, flexibility and self-discipline are required—at home, with your family and friends, at work, and at church.

The session will decide when and how in-person worship service will resume. The scheduled Sanctuary renovation is a factor. It is supposed to begin at the beginning of June. We might wait until the renovation is completed in July or August to resume. There are things we don't have control over and this pandemic is one of them. But let us not forget too, the stories in the Bible also tell us that like this time, God uses crisis to bring more people into His kingdom.

Meanwhile, imagine with me how the Holy Spirit might be nudging us in this time. When all that we know has been turned upside down for a time, why not take a moment to reflect, to use this time as an opportunity to learn and grow, to examine our purpose and clarify our priorities? So, friends, we have an opportunity in front of us to follow God's lead forward and to share and spread the Good News in many and various ways. That when they see our peace, our joy, and our desire to help others especially at this time they will know who we are.

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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS Sunday 9:30 AM

**PASTOR & SECRETARIAL HOURS
 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
 Monday-Thursday**

*For corrections or additions to the newsletter
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JUNE WORKMONTH FAMILIES

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From the Pastor...(continued)

What has worked well for you in this time? How have you connected to God? How has your faith impacted you and others around you? How has your faith helped you in this time? What might being and doing church look like for us in the coming months? I invite conversation, thoughts, ideas, and participation. Let us see what the Spirit has in store for United Presbyterian Church as we look to the weeks and months ahead.

While we are in this pandemic period, let us do what is pleasing to God. In Philippians 4, it says ‘stand firm in the Lord.’ We have to be warned that times like these can be used by the devil to tell us, ‘Where is your God?’ But the Bible tells us to stand firm in God’s words, let us not be swayed by anything, not by human opinion, or by circumstances, rather, at this moment let us be anchored in God’s words. In Matthew 24, is where our assurance is written, “but the ones who endures to the end will be saved. Let us all stand firm and get well anchored.

Pastor Bob Boyar

Free Meals



The Presbyterians served up 64 meals on Tuesday, May 12th from 5:00 to 6:15 PM as part of a ecumenical free community meal that is located outside St. Johns Lutheran Church. This is the third week that these dinners have been provided. This meal idea started when Pastor Bob Hoekstra, the pastor at Grace Episcopal Church, wanted to reach out in some way to the community and engage other churches while serving. So far St. Johns Lutheran Church, United Presbyterian Church, and Episcopal Church have all taken a part in hosting the meal with hopes to engage other churches. This meal is offered every Tuesday free to anyone who wants a meal in to-go boxes that are served by someone in a mask and gloves. Freewill donations are also accepted.

Thank you to Amy and Zoe Bennett, Boyars, Holstens, Diane Witzig, Charlotte Freeberg, Cindy Wermager, Dixie Lee, and all those that came by to pick up a free meal! Next Tuesday, May19th will be hosted by Grace Episcopal Church outside between the ambulance building and St. Johns Lutheran Church from 5:00-6:15 PM.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Sylvia Pringle	1
Jim Morris	4
Douglas Reimers	5
Agnes Neypen	8
Sally Morehouse	14
JoAnn Albrecht	15
Randall Miller	18
Les Lueck	23
Sue Parries	23
Michelle Siek	23
Brittany Schlenker	25
Amy Bennett	28
Joe Burgard	28
David Nething	29
Kristie Cagle	30



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES.

Neil & Ruth Barkus	5
Gary & Lou Mayer	5
Larry & Bev Hoffman	7
Bill & Sue Parries	9
Lynn & Pam VanDyke	16
Tony & Reina McIntyre	17
Richard & Colleen Nelson	18
Roger & Sylvia Pringle	19
Charles & Bonnie Schmitz	24

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

Anonymous

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember the most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between their health or making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

as fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.