



Dear Friends,

Another church year is now fast upon us. Another year of meetings, pot-luck dinners, singing, ringing bells, lighting candles, Sunday school, Bible study, special services, men's fellowship, women's circle groups, mission events, and of course, repairing and beautifying the facility...and all this just to name the one's that initially come to mind.

Hey! Wait a minute! That can't be what I'm thinking? Nothing is happening...right? I pulled the first few sentences from an old September newsletter. Back then it was true, but today, not so sure? Things are much different going into this 2020-21 church year. Although I feel optimistic, I would not be honest if I didn't share that I do feel a sense of sadness over the state of our current situation. Although the church will be ready for reentry on the 13th, it will not be the same. For those who might come to Sunday worship, there will even be, in our sanctuary, isolation and limited human interaction. Well, except for a "high, how are you doing," from across the pews. Not how most of us would define church fellowship. We crave human interaction. We crave being able to share in each other's stories, ideas, hopes and dreams. We crave laughing together. So what do we do in this atmosphere of limited interaction? What can we do in this environment of isolation that might strengthen your spirit? What might we do so that when things get back to normal, we will be ready to serve the Lord better and more fully than we have ever done before?

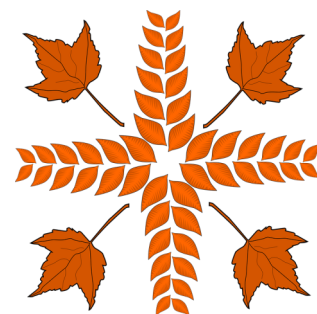
I recently read an article from Alan Wilson, DMin. He writes the following: "These are strange and unusual days we are living in, days where our freedom has been greatly curtailed. For some, isolation can be exceedingly difficult psychologically and emotionally, causing them to feel lonely and disconnected, especially if they are living by themselves. When our emotions are overcome with negativity, it is difficult to maintain a spiritual perspective. One might come to believe or feel that God is distant, not in control, or does not love us." How can we remain spiritually and emotionally faithful to God as we find ourselves in a world that, at the moment, is much different?

If we recall the life of the Apostle Paul, we know that most of his words of encouragement were written in isolation. Much of what we read in the Pauline letters were written while he was in prison. What did Paul do in his prison cell, in isolation, that might be an encouragement to us? Paul always made room for God. Know matter what situation he found himself, making room for God was always on his agenda. The same should be true for us. He made his cell his sanctuary. He made his cell a prayer space, a space where there were few limits on his continuing faithfulness to a faithful God. He journaled, writing wonderful words of faith and insight. He prayed and sang songs of praise. He even ministered to other prisoners. He ministered to the jail officials entrusted to watch him, feed him, and tend to his critical needs. He did a lot in isolation. He always had room for God and to serve Him faithfully regardless of his situation.

Just two things to end. First, consider your "confinement" in isolation an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God. Secondly, view your present situation as an opportunity to encourage others. Encourage others with cards, letters, email messages, and phone calls. Make room for God and be like God to others.

Blessings of Love,

Pastor Jim



Mark Your Calendars

Facebook Live 7:30 am/Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm.....	Sept 1
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 2
Facebook Live 7:30 am	Sept 3
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 4
Worship Facebook Live 10:30 am.....	Sept 6
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 8
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 9
Facebook Live 7:30 am/Session 7:00 pm.....	Sept 10
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 11
Worship 10:30 am.....	Sept 13
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 15
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 16
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 17
Facebook Live 7:30 am.....	Sept 18
Worship 10:30 am.....	Sept 20
Worship Facebook Live 10:30 am.....	Sept 27



CURRENT EXPENSES



Amount pledged	\$145,000
Anticipated monthly contributions	\$12,083.33
Contributions August to date :	\$9,635.00

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: We will be receiving the Peacemaking offering on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020. Envelopes are included in this newsletter or in the church office. Our church will retain 25 percent of the offering to use for ministries of peacemaking within the church and the community. Presbytery and Synod retain 25 % and General Assembly uses 50% for ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

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Church School Coordinator, Jean Bowers.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time: 10:00 a.m.

October issue will be published on **September 30th**. The deadline is **September 21st**. Please submit articles to the church office or by email to: office@washingtonfpc.com

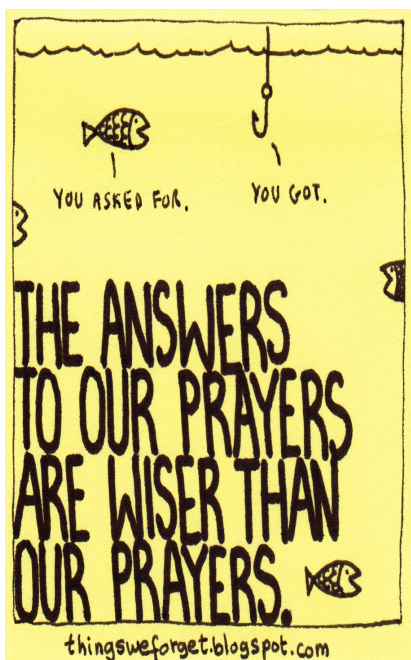
WORSHIP: As many of you know We will be opening the church for the first time since March on Sunday September 13th. We will still continue to record the services to post on Facebook and email them to you as well. Please mark you calendars that we will not be having in person worship on Sunday September 27, 2020. It will be a recorded hymn service which we will post on Facebook and email. Thank you for you understanding and we look forward to seeing you all on the 13th.

Presbyterian Women

Deborah/Ruth and Rachel Circle meetings are held in the church parlor. Martha Circle meets in a member's home.

All the women of the church are invited to join one of our circles. For more information contact Karen Graf 689-4294.

Circle	Date	Time
Deborah/Ruth	PP	1:00 pm
Rachel	PP	1:00 pm



PRAYER CORNER

O Lord, we live in tension. We feel you calling us away into the quiet, sacred, holy and lonely spaces, and we also feel the heat and the crush of the urgent. Needs are all around, pressing us for answers, pushing us for help and pulling us for time. And yet we cannot fully engage the needs without the perspective that only you can bring from our time in the quiet. Grant us grace, Lord, to now come fully engaged, as we pray for all those on our hearts and minds.



those ill or recuperating at home: Martha Kenny, Esther Wasser, Grace Sweet, Sue Wiedman, Bob Anderson, Tempe Schramm, Vickie Brown, Nancy Penman, Bob Schuch, Ralph Martin, Charlie Wright, Marion Kingsbury, Kerry Webb, Peggy Westlake, Grace Murphy, Joan Anderson.

relatives of church members: Bob & Joan Anderson's son Robert Scott, Tami Phelps cousin Jimmy, George Van Veldhuisen's brother Bill, Peggy Westlake's brother Dave, Elaine Boreman's mom Florence, Jean Scovell, Sarah McLeod's son, Lawrence Lewis, Barbara Miller's cousin Kayla Norvis, Jolene Foley's cousin Dan, Stacie Ullrich's husband Rick, Martha Kenny's cousins Gail & Bob & 2 daughters, Eleanore Jensen's son and daughter-in-law, Phyllis & Warren Kearns' son, Karen Wilson's mother, Melanie Plenge's mom, Joan Miller's brother & sister in-law, Cindy & Rich Reilly's son Kevin, Nancy Vlossak's niece, Ken Dirkes' wife & great grandson, Betty Ann Roseberry Wright's sister, Vicki Tensfeldt's mother & niece;

those in care centers: Connie Allen.

Those in mourning: The family and friends of Harold Musselman and the family and friends of Ann Horner.

friends of the church: Joyce Parson's friend Chris, Joan Miller's friend Patty Fratticcioli, Joan Miller's friend Charlotte Olsen, Christine Otto, Jason Ford, Michelle, Lisa Groff, Ostrander Family, Hoskins & Gerard Families, Anna Leyburn, Bill Trachin, Hunter Page, Fred Mosher, Gale Soler, Ellen Gulick, Bob Sinnott, Christopher Cassinni, Jessica Yerance, Robin Halozan, Marge Foster, Bruce Mannon, Tori Reade, Kris Miller, Betty Ramsland, Sandy Clark, Mrs. Cook, Valeria Turnbull, Nicole Smith, Sandra Torres, Bob Best, Larry Friedman, Kevin Hynhos, Leah Woods, Jason Lance, Grace Maricovich, James Henderson, Markie DeVoe, Christian Smith, Chris Carnahan, Rita Fennell, Ken & Karen Mattison, Brendon Hydock, Mark Christie, Vlossak family's friend Hallie, Angie Haydu, Gary Palmer, Frank Vitale, Shirley Pulsinelli, Barbara Kries, George Stevens, Ann Teeter, Michael Deresky, Johanna Cognato, Eva Oliver, Beatrice Gillis, Debbie Gabor, Evelyn Reese, Becky Long, Janet Beck.

also, pray for our servicemen and women and their families: Albrecht's nephew Captain Kyle Mogensen, Vimp Smith's grandson Cory, D.J. & Bob Pesaniello's grandson Ryan, Stephanie Farley's nephew John, Kathy Perry's nephew Jimmy, Cindy & Rich Reilly's son Sean, Bob & Barbara Schuch's grandson Adam, Elaine Boreman's nephew Drew, Linda Darwin's friend Sean Devine.



BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH



September 4 Barbara DeNichilo

September 5 Warren Kearns

September 6 Catherine Tensfeldt
 Vicki Tensfeldt

September 22 Carol Teabo

September 26 Gail Speirs

September 30 Cameron Duncan



MUSIC NOTES

Dear Friends,

Summer is nearly over, and we are getting ready to return to live worship on September 13th, only a couple of weeks away! There will be some differences, as you are probably aware. We will all be wearing masks and sitting some distance apart. There will be no singing, which makes me feel very sad, but we will be able to hum along as the hymn is played on the piano or on the organ. Unfortunately, this also means that we will not be having in person choir rehearsals.

On the plus side, we will be able to have instrumental music, including hand bells! At the moment, our bells are being refurbished by the Schulmerich Company, and they will be ready sometime in mid-September. If we wear masks, and give each ringer their own table (and put the tables a distance apart) we will be able to have hand bell rehearsals. There is a reputable article on the subject entitled: "Guidelines for Ringing Safely during COVID-19". I am hoping that some of our choir singers, who are quite experienced with reading music, will be willing to join our bell choir this year. In addition to bell ringing, it will be possible this year to have other instruments in worship, particularly stringed instruments.

Julie and I are looking forward to seeing many of you in worship! It will be different, but I am looking at the positive aspects of live worship, which we have not had for quite some time. On September 27th we will have a special service: "A Celebration of Hymns". This will not be a live worship service, but instead will be one that you will need to watch online. Julie and I are hoping to have the involvement of our daughter, Sara D'Sa and our son Philip for this occasion.

Faithfully yours,

Peter Stevenson





WORD SEARCH

2 Kings 12

- breaches
- conspiracy
- hole
- Jehoshaphat
- scribe
- snuffers
- vessels of gold
- bowls of silver
- chest
- Hazael
- Jehoiaada
- priests
- sin money
- trumpets
- workmen
- carpenters
- forty years
- Jehoash
- Jerusalem
- servants
- trespass money
- vessels of silver

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September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am Deacon's 7:00 pm	2 Daily Devotions Facebook 7:30 am	3 Daily Devotions Facebook 7:30 am	4 Daily Devotions Facebook 7:30 am	5
6 Worship/ Communion Facebook Live 10:30 am	7	8 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	9 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	10 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am Session 7:00 pm	11 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	12
13 Worship In Person 10:30 am	14	15 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	16 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	17 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	18 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	19 Festival in the Borough Pantry open 9:215 am to 11:00 am
20 Worship In Person 10:30 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship Facebook Live 10:30 am. No in person	28	29 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am	30 Daily Devotions Facebook Live 7:30 am			