

The Bell-Tower NEWS

Florissant Presbyterian Church

June 2020

Enter as Guests, Leave as Friends, Return
as Family

CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly April Session of Florissant Presbyterian Church was on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7 p.m. held virtually using ZOOM.

There was also a called meeting on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at noon in Harmon Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss reopening the sanctuary for church services.

Chris Mahurin has taken the lead as Session continues to discuss and chart a way forward at least for the next few weeks at FPC regarding our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Services have switched from Drive-In to virtual (Facebook Live, ZOOM, YouTube).

Candy is meeting biweekly with other Clerks of Session via ZOOM.

Treasurer's Report: Ellen reported our current balance is \$78,000 (includes grant/loan from the Care plan). Learning Center teachers will be paid through May.

Paula is there Monday through Wednesday.

On motion duly made and seconded we will meet in the sanctuary May 31 at 10:15 following St Louis County guidelines requiring masks and social distancing.

With ever changing circumstances, revisions and additions to plans will be made, as necessary.

– *Candy Shelton, Clerk of Session*

CHURCH NEWS

Stepping Forward with Faith

“Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.” (2 Peter 1) As we have faced the COVID Pandemic, faith has continued to guide us as we take steps to begin worshipping in many ways. As we have shared worship together from our cars and over Facebook, we have stayed connected in faith and focused on the

safety of the congregation at every turn. Through this experience, we have been able to reach outside of our congregation and share the word of God with a larger audience. An average of 150 individuals have participated in viewing our Facebook videos with approximately 25 cars in person. What an amazing gift from God to be able to reach over 200 people on a weekly basis during this time of uncertainty, fear and confusion.

With much conversation, discussion, and discernment, we will begin worshipping in the sanctuary beginning Pentecost, May 31st, 2020. Following the guidance of St. Louis County Health Department and phase one reopening requirements, Florissant Presbyterian Church will be taking the following precautions:

1. For individuals who would like to attend the service but are in the higher risk groups, a drive-in option is also being offered using the FM broadcaster. For individuals wishing to enjoy the service from the safety of their car, please park on the left side of the lot (Visitor parking sign and small lot. At the time of the worship service this area is shady as well.
2. We will continue to broadcast on our Facebook Live account as well for individuals with Facebook who would like to attend from the safety of their homes.
3. Individuals who attend in person will be required to wear a mask.

4. To reduce contact the main doors and funeral doors will remain open during the entry and exit of attendees.
5. The floor is marked with boxes every 6 feet to assist with social distancing of members of the congregation.
6. The bulletin will be available by email as well as at flopresby.org webpage. Bulletins and the order of worship will be displayed on the large screen in large print for everyone's ease.
7. There are two hand sanitizer stations set up for your convenience which are available prior to entering the sanctuary.
8. An usher will assist with seating for the service. We will be utilizing every third pew for social distancing during phase one reopening. Pastor Sean will then at the end of the service release by rows.
9. The offering will be taken as you enter the building for worship.
10. The bathrooms will be available and cleaned after each service.
11. During Passing of the Peace, Pastor Sean is exploring some different options to "Make A Little Noise" during this time so stay tuned.

We look forward to continuing worshipping together in whatever manner you are most comfortable. - *Chris Mahurin*

PER CAPITA - Per Capita for this year is \$32.00/person. We would appreciate it if

everyone could complete this task by July 1st. Thanks for your support.

PRAYERS – Marilyn, Bill, Mike, Doris, Carol, Sara, Jon, Pamela, Georgiana and her brother, Richard, who is in critical condition, Mary's brother, Barb's son-in-law Cliff, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth and her great grandson, Sue and her brothers-in-law Jeff and Shawn and her sister Lynn.

Prayers for Doug Law who is recovering from having a stent put in.

Stay Positive – *by Betty Walters*

We're all concerned about the Coronavirus
In God we know we can trust
With this epidemic, we must all stick together
Through the rough times we will weather
Stay in and stay well, find something to do
Millions of others feel the same way too
We'll come out stronger than ever
Through all the hard work and our endeavors
There are hard days that lie ahead
Days that we all fear and dread
Keep hope in your heart and stay the course
Look for the best and not the worse
We have reasons to hope
And God to help us cope
Coming together will make us stronger
Praying that this epidemic will not last much longer

IN LOVING MEMORY

Ester Murray
Louise Perkins

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Bob Lorenz
- 10 Vernon King
- 11 Jean Roff
- 14 Marlene Sorber
- 17 Addison Gierer
- 22 Tom Collins



Happy 90th

Birthday Jean!

ANNIVERSARIES

- Bob & Betty Williams
Married 71 years on June 4
- Gary & Vickie Goehri
Married 31 years on June 24
- Chris & Jen Mahurin
Married 22 years on June 27
- Kevin & Dianne Ruyle
Married 17 years on June 28
- Tom & Karen Collins
Married 46 years on June 29

ACTIVITY

Quarantine Exercise: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

Words of Wisdom

from Andy Rooney

I've learned...That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned...That when you are in love, it shows.

I've learned...That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

