



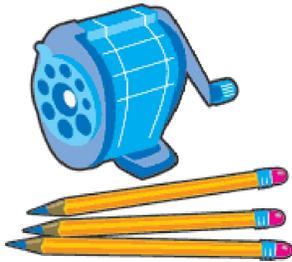
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WHAT'S COMING UP?

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for the CARE of CREATION - Sept. 1
 LABOR DAY- Sept. 7
 SCHOOL STARTS?- Sept. 8
 GRANDPARENTS' DAY- Sept 13
 INTERNATIONAL DAY of PEACE - Sept. 21
 FIRST DAY of AUTUMN - Sept. 22

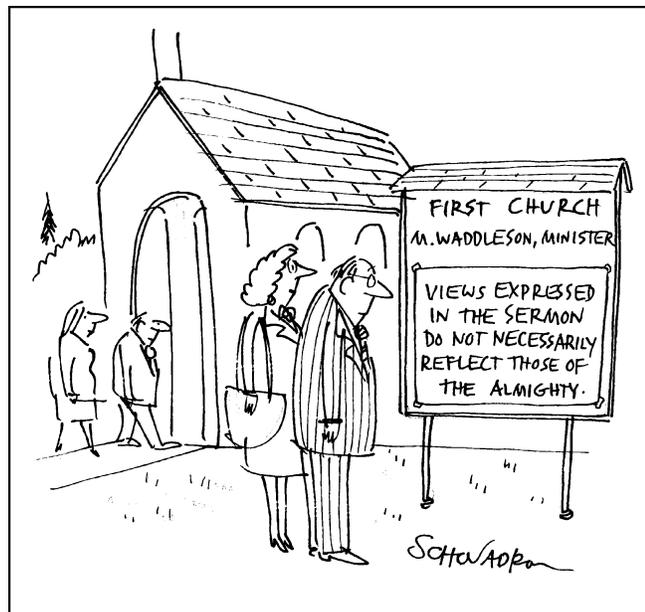
Back to School !!??



Prayer Group Every Monday at 10:00

Treasurer's Report

Net cash flow	January to July 2020
Income	105,631.73
Expenses	88,585.51
Net income	17,046.22



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MUSTARD SEED
 Hours are Mon., Tues.,
 Thurs., and Friday
 11AM -3 PM. To
 volunteer, call
 Dolores Yoke @
 304-624-6077

Have only 3 volunteers. In dire need of help!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
 Church School 9:30 AM
 Worship 10:45
 Live on WPDJ Radio,
 109.4 FM or 750 AM

September Scriptures and Sermons

2020



Sept. 6 14th Sunday After Pentecost (Communion)

Scriptures: Exodus 4:1-17
*Acts 18:1-4, 18-28

Sermon Title: "Priscilla & Aquila"

Theme: It has been said that the most difficult instrument to play in the orchestra is "second fiddle." Paul was such a towering figure that he seemed to overshadow many of the other Christian leaders of his time. Yet, he didn't do the work of God alone. Among those who helped were a married couple named Priscilla & Aquila. This is their story.

Sept. 13, 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: *Exodus 14:19-31
Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Title: "God Delivers"

Theme: For most people the basic God question is not about whether God exists. The basic question is, "Does God act? Is God there for me?" Today's scripture is an eyewitness account of God in action for his people.

Sept. 20, 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: *Exodus 16:2-15
*Philippians 1:21-30

Sermon Title: "Murmuring"

Theme: Lots of people spend a great amount of their time complaining, grumbling, and murmuring. What is the cure? How do we get beyond complaining to counting our blessings?

Sept. 27, 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7
Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon Title: "The Proof Is in the Pudding"

Theme: Jesus tells a parable in which a father asks his two sons to work in the vineyard. The first says he won't but then changes his mind and does. The second says he will, but then doesn't actually go to work. Neither answer is what the father had hoped for, yet the one who actually does the work is commended. As the old saying has it, "Actions speak louder than words."

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First Presbyterian Church

Session Agenda

Wednesday August 19, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Session

HIGHLIGHTS



- Work groups canceled for this year. Possible work group for 2021 on the week of July 4th.
- Terra has been doing VBS outside on Wednesday nights. That will be moved to Sunday nights starting this Sunday, August 23rd.
- Rally Day will be October 4. We are considering some kind of Zoom fellowship time.
- Handicap accessible concern. The worship committee brought up the possibility of removing the front pews on each side so that it would not be so crowded up front when the bells play. It is especially tight between the front pew and the piano. It was also suggested that we could shorten a couple of the other pews so that a person in a wheelchair would not have to sit in the aisle. The session will investigate this idea and make a decision next month.
- Approved the purchase of liquid filled ends for the candlelighters. This would be much less mess than the current wax wicks. Special thanks to Jeanne and Sandi for volunteering to each buy one for the church.
- A Task force is being formed to look into the possibility of our church doing some kind of ongoing feeding mission.
- Yard Sale new date will be Friday, September 25.
- Reviewed the active roll of the church as required by the Book of Order.
- Jenna Bennett gave a report on the August 15th Presbytery Meeting.
- We have agreed to host next year's Presbytery's Small Church Conference, September 18, 2021.
- The request of the pastor for vacation September 17-23, for his daughter Theresa's wedding on September 20 was granted. A special thank you to Mary Beth Paletta who will be preaching for Pastor John on September 20th.

In Memoriam

Larry P. Woods

July 10, 1937 - July 22, 2020

Pastor's Report:

Hospital visits: 5 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 39 almost all by phone

Funerals: 7-25-20 Rev. James A. Harris conducted services for Lawrence "Larry" Woods burial at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on July 5 serving 18 and August 2 serving 19.

Home communion was not served because of the pandemic.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2020 -

MONTH	REQUESTS	COMPLETED	AMT PLEDGED	AMT DISBURSED
January	20	20	\$1,654.65	\$1,654.65
February	16	16	\$1,356.78	\$1,356.78
March	11	11	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
April	4	4	\$427.23	\$427.23
May	0	0	0	0
June	3	3	\$297.29	\$297.29
July	4	4	\$400.00	\$400.00
			Total	\$5,285.95



Rummage Sale

Friday September 25

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY
AND OUTREACH EFFORTS OF THE CHURCH

9-5

Anyone wishing to help can email the office at

CbungFPCSecretary@yahoo.com. or come

on in during the sale. See ya there!!



JOHN'S JOTTINGS



When are things going to get back to normal?

If by normal, we mean “back to how things were before the whole Covid-19 pandemic,” the answer may well be “never.” The pandemic itself will pass. But the changes and shifts that it has produced in our society may not. This is both good news and bad news.

It is bad news in that most of us, myself included, long for things to be as they were. And that is simply not going to happen.

The good news is that within this unfolding change are new and wonderful opportunities. The opportunities are there for those willing to embrace change and look for them.

The temptation is always to deny the new reality and hope that it will just go away. The church has been caught in that trap many times in the past, but the church is not alone in this failure.

When digital, battery operated watches first came out, the Swiss dominated the market. “Swiss movement” watches had been the most carefully crafted and accurate watches for many years. The Swiss watchmakers were comfortable in their well-earned first-place position.

The Swiss watchmakers had every opportunity to purchase the patent when digital watches were invented. They refused saying, “Everyone knows that watches have intricate gears and springs. This so called digital junk does not have those things so it is not a watch at all.

The Japanese bought the patent and started the Timex brand. The new digital watches were far more accurate than the old style watches plus they could be manufactured for a fraction of the cost. Soon the Timex watch brand took over the market. Because of their denial that reality had changed, the Swiss lost most of their watch market and have never regained it.

A similar thing happened to I.B.M. International Business Machines had the best typewriters on the market. They were among the first to produce electric typewriters and typewriters with a ball instead of the old individual striking letters. I.B.M was among the first to produce working computers. Of course, their computers were the “main-frame” type that took up whole rooms. But they were on the leading edge.

Then reality changed with the invention of the personal computer. I.B.M. was in great position to take the lead on the machines that would replace the typewriter. But I.B.M. was in denial about what was happening. They just couldn't believe that personal computers would ever catch on. They kept putting their effort into typewriters and main-frame computers. They were wrong. Today most offices do not even have a typewriter.

I think the church is facing this kind of major shift in the way we worship. During this pandemic more and more churches are providing some type of online worship and Bible Study. On the upside of that, we are reaching more people with our live-streaming than we ever reached before. On the down side, the online worship doesn't feel like the same thing as gathering together for worship. And we are concerned that once this pandemic is over, people may prefer to stay home and participate through the live-stream rather than coming to church. How can we be an effective and close-knit community if we are not physically meeting together? Is that even possible?

Once this pandemic is over some churches will put their energy into trying to get everything back to the way it used to be. Other churches will put their energy into finding new ways to develop an even larger online presence. Still others will try to find a middle road.

There is a lot at stake and no seemingly safe answer. Our church will also have to struggle with this question.

And so we pray for discernment and help in this and in all situations.

Hope and Confidence and Peace,
John

Children's Moments

Sept 6- Jeanne Harris

Sept 13- James Harris

Sept 20- Terra Burnett

Sept 27- Dick Ogden



Worship Leaders

Sept 6- Beth Allen

Sept 13- James Harris

Sept 20- Loria Cavallo

Sept 27- Dick Ogden

Deacon Greeters

Sept 6- Loria Cavallo

Sept 13- Ginger Delawder

Sept 20- Sally Gray

Sept 27- Loria Cavallo



Acolytes

ACOLYTES



Sept 6- Hannah Burnett and Gia Corsini

Sept 13- Amelia and Kierra Harris

Sept 20- Bradley and Hannah Burnett

Sept 27- Bradley and Hannah Burnett

We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

Exodus 1:1-7, 11:1-3

Charles Adkins
Sarah Arnold
Eddie Cox
Jeremy Cox
Debbie Cunningham
Angie Fowler
Mark Freeman
Carol Lee Griffin
Yvonne Gump
Derek Hardman
Bob & Janice Hardman
Robbie Hood
Doug Linton
Jerry Lynch
Nora McLean
Nada McNemar (Jim McQuaid's sister)
John Michome
Lillian Mick
Bob & Mary Moore (aunt of Sandi Nuzum)
Robin Morris
Nickolas Nardone
Kenneth Oldaker
Wilma Oldaker
Susan Orr (Carole's Sister)
Amy Pack
Donna Pitzer
Jo Plybon
Joey Rogers
Susie Saunders
Everett Schiffra
Melanie Simmons
Bonnie Smith
Chuck Smith
Donna Smith
John Wamsley
Jennifer Wetzel
Jack Wright



Lisa Leiberling September 1
Jeep Wilson September 1
Dave Allman September 2
Jackie Corsini September 4
Jason Burnett September 7
Ginger Delawder September 10
Chip Corsini September 16
Courtney Nuzum September 18
Jeff Mitchell September 22
Brian Nickerson September 22
Robin Corsini September 22
Treytin Tustin September 25
Beckie Alvaro September 27
Bobbie Davis September 28



I have openings for flowers in the
reredos for September 6th, 13th, 20th
and 27th. If you would like to order
flowers, please call the office at
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