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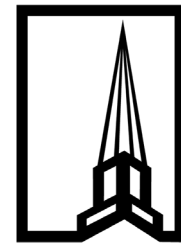
Sunday Worship: Sunday School – Temporarily Cancelled
Worship Service – Online Only

First, an update on my activities.

On April 20, I received orders from the PA National Guard placing me on a full-time status. Whenever my unit is activated to provide support for a state emergency, we serve as the headquarters for PA's Task Force-North. Right now, we have over 290 Soldiers and Airmen serving alongside the PA Emergency Management Agency and local Departments of Health across the northeastern region of the state. Our missions include running a COVID-19 community testing site, augmenting the medical staff at long-term care and nursing home facilities, and operating a quarantine/isolation site for Soldiers and Airmen who may have been exposed in the course of their duties. As the Task Force Chaplain, I am visiting our personnel and providing brief "field services" at several locations throughout the week. My current orders have me on full-time duty through the end of May. Fortunately, I am able to support my troops while still coming home every night, and my commander has offered me the flexibility to continue serving our congregation. I am still available to talk and email, so please reach out to me if you have a need, concern, or just want to catch up!

On April 28, the Session and Staff met via Zoom, and decided to continue our current suspension of all gatherings and events. As long as we remain in this health emergency, I will continue to post recorded worship services on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. If you would prefer to have a DVD of the service, please call the office and we will gladly mail you a copy. If you have a concern or joy that you would like included in our prayers, please let me know. You can either email it or call the office. Alison is working on ways to distribute those requests and thanksgivings so we can support and rejoice with one another in prayer.

Also during our meeting, we decided to postpone Vacation Bible School until the week of August 3rd. Because we can't say for certain if we'll still be social distancing, our VBS team is going to plan ways that families can participate in the activities, crafts,



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 10



Happy
**Mother's
Day**

Monday, May 25



May Meetings

*Cancelled or held virtually at this time

*More information will be provided as it becomes available

and lessons even from home. If you'd like to be part of our VBS team, please contact Corey Jusko!

Even in the midst of this total disruption of 'normal' life, I hope you've discovered some hidden blessings. Time to read, study, or pray. A chance to talk with family and friends. Watching the arrival of spring with more wonder at God's beautiful handiwork. Resting, even if this slower pace has not been by choice.

I miss seeing you all, and can't wait until we can gather again! But I trust that even in these circumstances God is still at work among us. God is still present for each of us. And until that day comes, the love of Jesus Christ will hold us, and His Church, together.

Peace to you,

Pastor Ryan

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 2 Mary Kay Torretti
- 3 Seth Ziegler
- 9 Ashley Kalcich, Amie Reif, Jan Temple
- 14 Maya Jusko
- 15 Anne Goehring
- 17 Jeff Creighton, Katie Mebius
- 18 Derek Guissanie, Virginia Means
- 19 Barb Light
- 22 Laura Mae Chiboroski, Carole Friery
- 23 Doug Winner, Marilyn Zaiser
- 25 Leslie Temple
- 26 Avery Brown
- 31 Joseph Gallagher

May Anniversaries

- 9 Michael & Kim Gilger
- 21 Paul & Marsha Tarves, Drew & Christianne Wright
- 28 Doug & Cindy Fischer
- 31 Ken & Corey Jusko



Capital Campaign Update:

We are almost to our goal!

Since the capital campaign was started in November, we have received \$218,240 in pledges sufficient to cover the cost of the HVAC system, which is installed and working, and enough to begin to cover the cost of exterior painting. We need to receive further pledges to reach the goal of \$250,000 that will complete the painting project and cover the cost to install new doors that will provide increased security inside and outside of the building. We know this is an unbelievably hard time for everyone, but if many members make small pledges to give over the next 2 years, the campaign will be a success.

Kathy and Randy Storm



First Presby Kids News MAY 2020

Day 1,203 of social distancing. Okay, it hasn't been quite that long, but sometimes it might feel that way! I pray you are all staying well, staying safe, and staying home as much as possible. Working from home, teaching your kids at home, and not being able to leave your home can cause stress,

boredom, and anxiety. Thankfully, we have many resources available to us to help combat those feelings:

- Follow us on Facebook at First Presby Kids where I'll share activities, tips, and resources to help keep YOU sane and your kiddos busy!
- Look out for our weekly Sunday school materials via email every Wednesday.
- Tune into our YouTube channel (First Presby Kids Lewisburg) on Sunday morning for a Children's Message.

Life seems to be anything but normal right now. But we can count on our GOD to be with us through this struggle, now and forever!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

<p>Acts chapter 1 List the names of the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Who replaced Judas when he died?</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Acts chapter 2 When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles it was like a violent _____ blowing, and they saw something that looked like flames of _____. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in _____.</p>	<p>Acts chapter 3 Peter heals a _____ man.</p> <p>It was the power in the name of _____ that healed the man.</p>
<p>Acts chapters 9-13 Saul, who had spent a very long time threatening Jesus' followers, encounters _____ on his journey to Damascus. He becomes blind! But then Ananias went to him to baptize him and the _____ fell from his eyes.</p>	<p>This month our Sunday School lessons lead us through the book of Acts. Challenge your kiddos to dive into Acts with this Bible Scavenger Hunt!</p>	<p>Acts chapters 13-14 Name 3 places where Saul (Paul) and Barnabas spread the Gospel</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>Acts chapters 17-20 Paul continues his missionary journey and visits many places. Name 5 cities or towns where Paul continues to spread the Gospel (hint: they were names of Oikos at last year's VBS)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Acts chapters 24-25 Paul is accused of making trouble and causing riots among the Jews. He is also accused of making the temple unclean. He is taken to _____'s court to make his case.</p>	<p>Acts chapters 27-28 Paul was set free and sails to _____. He was allowed to live alone with a _____ to guard him. Paul lived in a rented house for _____ years, welcoming anyone who went to visit him and teaching about the Lord _____.</p>

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May Youth Newsletter

Unfortunately, along with many other events, our annual summer mission trip has been canceled. Thank you all for your support throughout our fundraising year and we will continue to trust in the Lord and look forward to summer 2021.

All of our normal programming is still at a standstill as a precautionary measure against Covid-19. Despite not being able to meet in person, we are finding ways to continue learning and diving into God's word together through daily devotionals in the YouVersion Bible app and messages through Zoom.

Although circumstances aren't ideal, it's been encouraging to see how we can continue to grow despite remaining apart for the time being.

We can't wait to play games, worship, and be together once again (sooner rather than later).

Please join us in continuing to pray for the youth, their spiritual development, our leaders, and of course the health of those around the world affected by Covid-19.

Thank you all,

Matthew Rishell – Director of Youth Ministry

Would you like to be included in our weekly Youth Newsletter to stay up to date on all of our latest events and updates? Contact Matt at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org



We would like to start a weekly "Prayer & Praise" email as a way to gather prayer requests for those in need as well as share moments of joy and praise that you are experiencing during this trying time. Please send prayer requests and praise to info@first-presby.org. If you would like to receive the weekly email, please let me know at the above email address.



If you are unable to view the weekly worship service online and would prefer a dvd copy of the service to watch, please notify the office at info@first-presby.org or leave a message at 570-524-4419. We are also working on providing bulletins and sermon notes prior to the service to anyone who may be interested. These pages could be mailed or emailed by request.