

Grace Presbyterian News

May 2020

The Outlook for May

As the month of May arrives, we are about 7 weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic. Like many churches, we began worship through online resources only on March 22, 2020. Counting that weekend, we have recorded six Sunday worship services, including Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter, in addition to Maundy Thursday worship and Good Friday Tenebrae. At this writing, I personally do not see as likely that we could safely return to in person worship in the month of May, but perhaps things could change rapidly in an encouraging way. Many of us have accommodated ourselves to this “new normal.” When I talk to church members through the week, many say they have watched or listened to our online worship. About 6 or 7 of us gather on Saturday mornings to record the service you see or hear on Sunday. Thanks to those who help us with the worship service on behalf of all. I am also offering Wednesday morning prayer at 9:30 a.m. as another chance for church fellowship and prayer. More on that below.

Online Game Night – Friday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

We are working to find a suitable internet platform that might allow for some games typical of game night. If you are interested in being part of this, email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com and he will send you the links you will need to have, if we can pull this off.

Online Wednesday Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

We began online morning prayer on Wednesday, April 22, and will plan to continue it certainly through May. Email Mike to be given the link to join us at Google Hangouts or possibly another social meeting site. Mike sends the link around at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 start. We also chat and catch up on each other's news. The service lasts 30 minutes.

Online Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings in May (Lesson 9 in the study book)

The Night Circle meets Monday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. online.

The Day Circle meets Tuesday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m. online.

Send an email to Patsy Krech at patsykrech@gmail.com if you need information about how to be part of these online meetings.

Don McKim Article

An article by Dr. Don McKim, “Pondering in the Pandemic” is available online at:

<https://pres-outlook.org/2020/04/pondering-in-the-pandemic/>

Financial Matters

Thanks to the many faithful and generous members of the church family for maintaining your financial support of the church during the COVID-19 crisis. We hope to be able to come through this extraordinary period in the life of the church without having to reduce the 2020 budget. This is our aspiration, and, as you are able to continue your previously committed financial support, it can be done. Thank you.

Graduates

Please help us be aware of all graduates in the church family. We would love to recognize them as best we can in the current environment.

Maintaining the Church Grounds – A Task That Continues

At Grace Presbyterian Church, we are dedicated to doing much of the work maintaining the church grounds to be good stewards of our financial resources. Our church has a great expanse of property. There is much to be done, and the Property Committee welcomes help. The church has a zero-turn riding mower and two push mowers, one of which is self-propelled. There are also two string trimmers for

edging and trimming. The Property Committee will provide training to anyone needing it. You do not have to commit to any particular schedule. Join the few, the humble, the volunteers of the GPC Grounds Crew. Send an email expressing interest to Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com and he will forward it on to the Property Committee.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Online Worship Easter 4/Good Shepherd Sunday</p> <p><i>Blake Ragghianti</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Online</p> <p><i>Karen Wilson Hicks Matthew Washburn</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1/8</p> <p>May 1 at 7:00 p.m. Game Night Online</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2/9</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Online Worship Easter 5</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7:00 p.m. PW Night Circle Online</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle Online</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Online</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p><i>Rickie Cooke</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Online Worship Easter 6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Session Mtg.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Online</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Ascension Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Online Worship Easter 7/ Ascension Sunday</p> <p><i>Jane McGoldrick</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Online</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Game Night Online</p> <p><i>John Gordon Hannah McAdams</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Online Worship Pentecost</p>						

Scripture Readings for Worship:

May 3: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 10: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 17: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 24: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 31: Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3-13;
John 20:19-23

A Prayer for the Ascension of Christ

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior
Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that
he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to
perceive that, according to his promise, he abides
with his church on earth, even to the end of the
ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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