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You know, when I talked about change being all around us all the time last month, I wasn't thinking of anything as intense as what we are dealing with right now.

All of a sudden, we've been asked to stop touching our faces, to wash and sanitize our hands way more often, and to mostly stay home.

Those first two are habits that will be helpful for staying healthy well into the future. But that last one... ouch.

I'm old enough to remember the awful sound of a needle screeching across a record album if you tried to stop the music midstream. That's what this kind of change feels like. Sudden and almost painful.

If we are all at home, then we can't be together at church. Not for worship or PW circles. Not for bell and choir rehearsal. No committees. Nothing. Which doesn't feel like church to me.

Except... We can gather.

What if we make plans to watch the recorded videos of worship at 8:30 and 11 on Sundays, participating in the music and the responsive prayers, then call and greet one another for fellowship?

What if we use voice and video conference tools to continue Sunday School and Circles, and perhaps even add other small groups or book clubs?

What if we forward emails with links to worship or with helpful devotions to friends and family?

What if we continue to give generously (online or by mail) to the church and to charitable groups we know will be helping our neighbors through this hard time?



That feels a lot like church. Even in the midst of hard changes. And we might just find some new habits that will help us be a healthy, vital church well into the future.

Much love & many blessings,

Pastor Laura

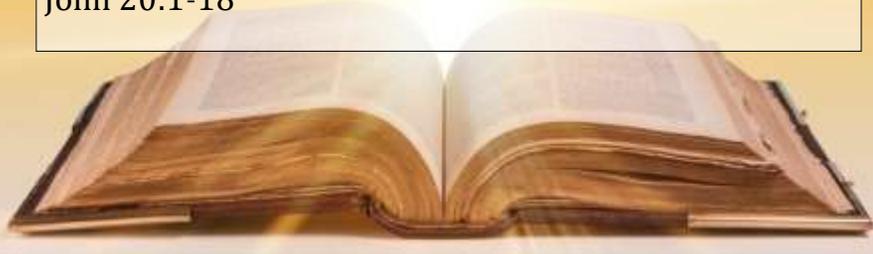
Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, April 5
Palm Sunday
 Matthew 26:6-13

Sunday, April 19
2nd Sunday of Easter
 John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 12
*Resurrection of the Lord/
 Easter*
 John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 26
3rd Sunday of Easter
 Luke 24:13-35



To my Christian Family,
 Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my recent surgery.

It was a success! And you were a large part of it!

I cannot express in words my sincere THANKS for the kindness and love you have shown me.



God bless,
 Erskine Blount

A Note from the Stewardship/Finance Committee

The following is a brief summary of our giving and related expenditures of the Operating Fund for the 2 months ended February 29, 2020 with comparative amounts for 2019 and 2018.

	2020 Actual	2019 Actual	2018 Actual
Pledges & Other Offerings received	\$ 72,141.92	\$ 76,636.78	\$ 73,041.64
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	18,505.55	35,893.42	33,420.64
Local Program Ministry	4,086.67	2,394.05	1,707.36
Property and Grounds	15,326.38	12,880.56	15,736.91
Administration	3,558.18	4,969.73	4,183.06
General / Sessional	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missions and Benevolences	8,735.00	8,901.68	9,149.68
Total Expenditures	50,211.78	65,039.44	64,197.65
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ 21,930.14	\$ 11,597.34	\$ 8,843.75

A thought to consider....

Offerings are not fees or dues given out of obligation.
 They are gifts of Thanksgiving returned to God from the heart.

**Food
 Pantry
 Sunday
 is April 12**

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may mail it to the church office.



If you have placed a name on the list below and it needs to be removed, please call the Church Office, 754-6929.

Church Family

Tim Bartlett, John Buechner, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Betty Coggins, Bill Coggins, Larry Cook, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Bert Lamport, Ann Long, Martha Miller, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson and Bob Williams.

Extended Church Family

Justin Boyd, Marlena Braddock, J.C. Brooks, Sue Coats, Corey Copeland, David Davidson, Tyler Davies, Calvin Flanagan, Bart Furlow, Lynn Gause, Daniel House, Kenny Keisler, Louise Kerns, Caleb Leimoni, Nancy Luger, Robert Olfzak, Al Parker, Harry Ritchie, Judy Santora, Ken Schroder, Ann Smith, Eddie Stephens, Nancy Suared, Eddie Swan, Phyllis Thomas, Brian Willis, and Gary Wright.



In the Military



Gabriel Garratt, Brian Soles, and Clay Thompson.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women are continuing to grow spiritually with the study of the Seventh Word in our Bible study. Again, we learned that God goes way beyond his leadership for us with this Commandment "Thou shall not steal!" Many of our members attended Lenten Lunch and shared the joy of completing our roster of leaders for next year. Thank you ladies.

Circle # 1 was lead by Marie Greene giving the study for 18 members. Our ladies were very generous to donate over \$100. for our churches Food Bank along with canned goods. We also added to our collections we have been working on for the Scholarship Fund that we will continue until May. Our lunch for the Habitat for Humanity was postponed but will be rescheduled for later.

Joyce Skeen gathered 17 members to be inspired on our study by Joyce Winkler. They are busy making plans for the rest of the year, and collecting for Hope Harbor.

Next year we open up our PW Coordinating Team meetings to have various members attend to see how it all comes together.

Thank you ladies for your continued support to the PW, missions and making our groups successful.



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

PW Coordinating Team Meeting
Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00am

Circle #1

Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30am
Hostess: Helen Odum
Bible Study Leader: TBD

Joyce Skeen Circle

Wednesday, April 8 at 1:30pm
Bible Study Leader: Joyce Winkler

SAVE
THE DATE!

Presbyterian Women
Birthday Luncheon

Saturday, May 16
11:00am
Church Fellowship Hall

Salad Covered Dish
(dessert provided)



SPC one day Scholarship Challenge *Achieved*

**WOW between the 8:30 and 11:00 am
service you doubled what you gave
last year!!**

**On behalf of the young adults in our
church and Myself, THANK YOU X 7 X 77
for your generous support!!**

Erskine Blount, Project Chair

When we begin to gather at church again, our church is **seeking** a **Nursery worker** for Sunday mornings 8am-12 noon. Wages paid hourly. Please contact: Stephanie at church@atmc.net or call 910-754-6929.

Must have First-Aid and CPR certification.

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Our lives are hectic and complex, especially during the holidays. Demands and expectations of everyday life create a certain amount of stress, but when an unexpected event or tragedy occurs, our stress levels increase dramatically.

In order to cope, we must first recognize stress, and then find ways to reduce or manage it. There are numerous signs and signals we get when we are overly stressed. Not paying attention to the symptoms can result in serious damage to ourselves both physically and emotionally and to our relationships.

Tense muscles, clenched teeth, sexual difficulties, insomnia, headaches, stomach aches, and fatigue are some of the physiological indicators of stress. Certain behaviors can also be indications of non-controlled stress.

They can include under- or over-eating, increased smoking and alcohol consumption, prescription and nonprescription drug use or abuse, pacing, emotional outburst, excessive absences or tardiness. Procrastination and lack of ability to concentrate may also be stress related.

A healthy lifestyle is important in managing stress, there are times when proper diet, rest and exercise are not enough. Sometimes major life changes are required to gain control of the stress. Can your stress level be managed with some simple adjustments? Or do you need to make major changes for your life in order?

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