



First Presbyterian Church ENews

Keeping Our Faith Family Up-To-Date

March 27, 2020

Positive Thoughts from the Pastor...



Dear Faith Family,

Are you empty or full?

When United Methodist Bishop Leontine Kelly, now retired, was elected to the episcopacy in the United Methodist Church in 1984, she was the second woman and the first African-American woman to be elected bishop of any major denomination.

When she was 10 years old, she lived with her parents in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her father was a pastor, active in the community. One morning, as she was getting ready for school, she heard a knock on the front door. She ran down the stairs to answer it. There on the step was an imposing woman with a confident air. Only later did Leontine find out that the visitor was Mary McCleod Bethune. Dr. Bethune was a prominent educator and civil-rights leader, founder of a school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida, that became Bethune-Cookman University, and advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She was in town to raise money for her school, an effort with which Leontine's father was helping.

Bishop Kelly says that as she looked up in awe at this imposing woman, Dr. Bethune looked down at her, with no preliminary statement or question like "How are you this morning?" or "Could you go get your parents?" She simply looked at her and inquired, "Little girl, who do you plan to be?" At the moment, the fifth-grade girl had no plans to be anything other than a fifth-grade girl. But the question started her thinking, and it came to guide her life, gaining more and more resonance as she came to understand just who it was who was asking the question.

Mary McCleod Bethune's question is a good one: "Who do you plan to be?"--Alyce M. McKenzie, "What's in your heart?" *Knack for Noticing* blog for February 5, 2011. <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/knackfornoticing/2011/02/whats-in-your-heart-2/>.

In light of the resurrection, who do you plan to be???

We are Easter People living each day as if it were Easter. Who needs to hear from you how knowing Jesus lives has saved your life? We are Easter People called to bring hope in a Monday Morning messy feeling world. Easter fullness is needed now more than ever. An empty tomb leads us to full lives.

You are encouraged to join together in online Easter Praise! Snap a picture in your new Easter Stay Home attire or hat ☺ !

From empty to full,
Pastor Angela

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WORSHIP

Livestream Worship continues!!! This growing ministry is only possible because of volunteers. Share with your neighbors and friends. Here are steps for livestream: 1. go to fpcjcmo.org/livestream, 2. Click on "Log in" and create a log in (you will receive a confirming email) or Log in with your Facebook account, 3. watch and share.

April 1 Lenten Vespers livestream.

EASTER UPDATE

The Session met via conference call on March 19th and tentatively agreed to host the Easter Sunrise Service on May 31st. Plans are contingent on safety guidelines in Cole County.

CANCELLATIONS

Physical worship is suspended for the foreseeable future and JCPS schools are closed until the earliest (April 13), which means our preschool and KPlus are closed also.

April 9th Maundy Thursday Service

April 10th Community Good Friday Service at Second Baptist Church. Pastor Angela was to be one of seven pastors.

April 29th Mission JC

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CONTINUE

Friends of Mission,

I wanted to share some updates with you and assure all that we are NOT discontinuing our compassionate missions during this time of social distancing and isolation. We are being smart and cautious – but continuing to share the love of God. Here are a few updates and information:

Mission JC is cancelled. It will NOT be held on April 26 and will not be rescheduled this year. We are suggesting that folks volunteer with the Habitat summer builds or other projects later.

Homeless Connect planning meetings are cancelled for March and April, but we still plan to hold the event in October. Amy Rogers is our key contact person on that Planning Team.

Common Ground office is closed - our volunteers know this -and the Common Ground Staff is working from home and helping remotely. Open House is postponed.

Salvation Army – our groups can take food already prepared – meet a staff member at the back (outside kitchen door). They will bring out a rolling cart and step away. We load the cart and step away and they take the food and serve it. We will use disposable trays.

Our Coat Rack is empty of coats BUT we are putting the shirts, sweaters, pants and other things we have in our storage room – those which can be on hangers – on the coat rack to be available for those who need them.

In the past few days we have assisted two families with eggs, fresh meat and bread – and will do this for other families as needs arise. We have also provided medicine for two families, adult diapers for a family and a bus pass (last one we had) to a man who still has a job but no transportation.

We continue to ask all in our Faith Family to call one another – especially those who are homebound or in "locked-down" care facilities, write notes and pray.

We are continuing to pray, pray, pray for our ministries and our international mission partners. I have received word from my friends in Peru something that we knew would be true – those who survive by selling things to tourists (like our friends who make the crafts we buy) are not selling anything because there are no tourists there. I am sure this is true everywhere else where folks depend on travelers and tourists.

As our son Chris quoted from the movie Frozen in his livestream sermon last Sunday, "Do the next right thing". We're all in this together as a world community of God's children and we will get through this with God's help.

Pastor Dave

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STAYING CONNECTED TO OUR FAITH FAMILY

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Sharon Keating is leading the Lenten Book Study on Mondays at 5:15 pm on Zoom. If you would like to join, please contact Pastor Angela for instructions.

ZOOM LEARNING

Your pastors are seeking to set up other ZOOM learning meetings for Adults and High Schoolers. Contact Pastor Angela or Pastor Dave.



GOOD NIGHT PRAYERS WITH KIDS

Pastor Angela will lead good night prayers for kids and parents on Thursdays between 7:00-8:30 pm. Parents will need a computer or phone to access a Zoom free account. To receive a "join Zoom"

invite, please email or text Pastor Angela.



SUNSHINE MOMENTS

On Facebook Live at 10 a.m. daily Monday through Thursday with Pastor Angela.

The church Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fpcjcmo) has had 10 new followers since Monday. Please consider following and connecting and commenting and sharing some Sunshine!

THANK YOU...

For generously sharing your offerings of time, talents and treasures. Your hearts continue to show the heart of God through this vital church to a hurting world!



Keep connected with your Faith Family! Post pics on the Church's Facebook page: Facebook.com/fpcjcmo. First Presbyterian Church Facebook has seen an increase of 28% in followers and people liking our page. Some recent posts have been viewed more than 2900 times. This positive ministry visibility is strengthened by you. Have you liked the church's page? Do you follow and share? it's a simple means of evangelism. This church, our church, is doing wonderful important discipleship.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jack Dodson
- 1 - Diane Van Zandt
- 1 - Embry Collins
- 2 - Emelia Clinton
- 4 - Pat Fletcher
- 4 - Linda Green
- 7 - Nathan Nickolaus
- 7 - Richard Glassner
- 8 - Tim Mason
- 9 - Donna Huff
- 9 - Jimmy Epema
- 10 - Janet Land
- 10 - Louisa Stabenow
- 13 - Tom Holt
- 13 - Elise Delleart
- 14 - Susie Jones
- 14 - Sharon Jarodsky
- 14 - Steve Weller
- 14 - Cole Dodson
- 16 - Kylee Dee
- 18 - Annika Stabenow
- 19 - Tom Carr
- 19 - Rev. Angela Madden
- 20 - Mark Van Zandt
- 20 - Anne Schneider
- 21 - Pat Slevin
- 21 - Dan McPherson
- 23 - Tim Galbraith
- 25 - Charlie Ledgerwood
- 25 - Patton Collins
- 26 - Kathryn Tetley
- 26 - Thomas Clinton
- 28 - Holly Nunn
- 29 - Sharon Keating
- 30 - Barb Long



PALMS-TO-GO

Palm branches will be delivered to the children of the church, along with some educational material about having a parade for Jesus in their homes!

Enjoy your expanded ENews in light of our office team working remotely.
No hard copy newsletter will be sent in April.

SUMMER CAMPS!

The Session Spiritual Leaders want to send any and all kids to church camp in the summer 2020! Missouri Union Presbytery and the Disciples of Christ are partnering up again to bring kids another amazing Camp experience at Jo-Ota (Clarence, MO) and Mo Val (Union, Mo)! The Session joyfully is offering a \$200 scholarship to each kid!

The Faith Family is invited to join with the Session Spiritual Leaders in this concerted effort to give kids a camp journey with Jesus and encourage them to have a faith forming meaningful experience. This awesome Faith Family loves children. Jesus said "Let the little children come to Me"...and... "whoever welcomes a little child in My name welcomes ME..." (Matthew 18 & 19). At Jefferson City First Presbyterian Church, we strive to model our ministry to children after Jesus' example. We want to encourage your child to know, love, and follow Jesus.

Sign up today! The registration form and information sheet are available in Knox Hall and in the Church Office. Simply bring your registration form to Pastor Angela and/or Pastor Dave to sign and process an immediate \$200 scholarship! Full scholarships may also be available!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 10TH SESSION MEETING

The Session meeting was incredibly upbeat and joyful/filled!

Nathan and Emily had their baby and sent me a photo before the meeting. Alexander Lyle Weinert was born yesterday at 3:46 p.m. All are great! Baby will receive a cradle cross from us later this morning—pending visitation guidelines.⁶

Dine to Donate was approved for Thursday April 16 at Texas Roadhouse. Flyers and graphic designs will be sent to us!⁶

Session approved with joy \$200 per camper scholarships for MUP church camp this summer. Those in need of help with the other \$150 of camper fees are encouraged to talk with Pastor A or Pastor D. Pastor Angela and others will drive the van. The Session set a goal to meet or exceed 20 campers this summer and encourages friends of member/kids to join in the disciple formation experiences. Paul Wilson's language regarding suggestions for the communication



Donations for our Sunday Night To-Go Meals for our community. Thank you!

Pastor Angela, Head of Staff, and the Personnel Team give a huge shout out to all staff and teammates of the faith family! Please continue to stay home, take care of your health and families, and know that your full pay continues. We are deeply appreciative of all you do to sustain connections and ministries.

of this decision "*The Faith Family wants to make a concerted effort to give kids a camp experience. The collective whole of the Faith Family wants any kid to journey with Jesus and we will nurture young people in this endeavor.*" An unlimited number of campers will be supported! Praise God for this action.

The deaths of Maxine Hall and Jackie McCann were both accepted and both were removed from membership.

A plan from First Christian regarding COVID Contingency plans was reviewed.

A letter from Nick Lepper regarding the van was received and read. At the Session's direction, the letter will be discussed at various committees as the Session seeks more research and input regarding options for transporting children. (A copy of Nick's letter is in the church office in my drawer should anyone want to read it).

September 12, 6:30 p.m. we will host a concert by "Missing Pieces" and raise donations for the Feed My Starving Children 3rd Annual Event. The Feed My Starving Children event is November 13-14.

October 10: Elizabeth Lehman wedding in the sanctuary.

W.T. Edmonson preaches at 5 p.m. 4/26.

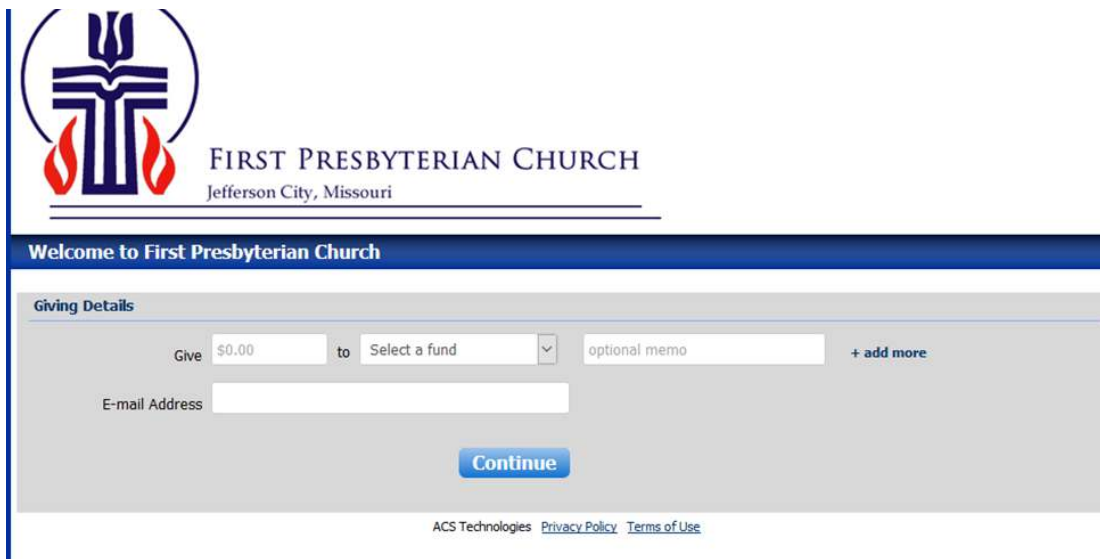
The Session spent 45 minutes touring and really taking a fresh look at the gym, preschool areas, Basement, Stairways, and Upstairs new wing. The February Session meeting toured the remaining parts in 50 minutes!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE GIVING FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Go to the FPC website – fpcjcmo.org.

Under the "Get Involved" tab, click Give. Scroll to the very bottom of the page. In the blue section, click Give Now.

This will be your landing page:



The screenshot shows the church's logo and name at the top. Below is a blue header with the text "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church". The main content area is titled "Giving Details" and contains a form with the following fields: "Give" (with a value of \$0.00), "to" (with a dropdown menu labeled "Select a fund"), "optional memo" (with a text input field), and "+ add more". Below these is an "E-mail Address" field. A blue "Continue" button is centered at the bottom of the form. At the very bottom of the page, there are links for "ACS Technologies", "Privacy Policy", and "Terms of Use".

Enter the information requested:

Give - Dollar amount of gift

Select a fund from the dropdown. There are currently only 2 options:

Budget (general contributions)

Youth Director Fund

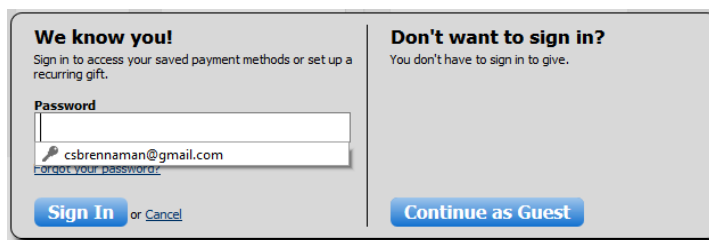
All other contributions should be made by check until further notice.

Optional memo for special instructions for the church office

Email Address

Click CONTINUE

If your email address is in the church's records, you will receive this message:



The screenshot shows a sign-in prompt with two columns. The left column is titled "We know you!" and contains the text "Sign in to access your saved payment methods or set up a recurring gift." Below this is a "Password" field with a text input box containing the email address "csbrennaman@gmail.com" and a "Forgot your password?" link. At the bottom of this column are "Sign In" and "or Cancel" buttons. The right column is titled "Don't want to sign in?" and contains the text "You don't have to sign in to give." At the bottom of this column is a "Continue as Guest" button.

You have an option to log-in to the Church's website if you have already created an account. For a one-time gift just click on CONTINUE AS GUEST. **You will be directed to this page where you will enter your bank information.**

Fill-in your:

Select Account Type from dropdown.

Account number

Routing number

Billing name as it appears on the check

Your address as it appears on the checking account

City

State

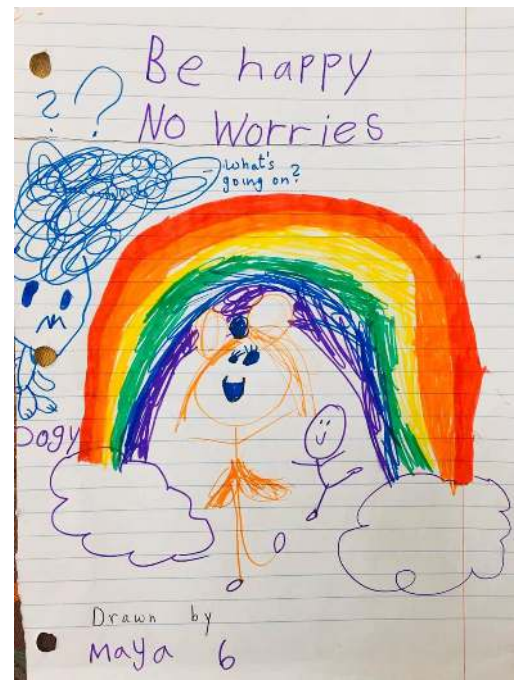
Zip Code

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Once you have filled in the Payment Details, click the GIVE button.
 After the transaction is processed you will receive a message with the transaction details.
 Check your email and you will receive a message with the transaction details.
 Close your browser – this logs you off of the Giving website.
 Information you entered is not stored on either the Church’s website or the ACS website.




While practicing social distancing, the kids of First Presbyterian’s FPCJC Presby Kids Sunshine Project are working on art projects to share with our homebound, nursing home members and you! Here are some of this week’s artwork:



Artist: Maya Harrison



Artist: Abby Bax

 Thanks to kids and adults for sharing HEART ART with the homebound, and for generously sharing sustenance with Sunday Night To Go meals.

BANNERS TO SHARE THE LOVE



Since so many people are staying home now, there are fewer people driving past our church. However, many of the people who are driving down Madison Street are performing important services that help our town keep functioning. They would probably get a lift from seeing some encouraging words on the front of our church. So, if anyone is willing to make a banner that offers a message of faith or encouragement, they can be hung on the outside railing in front of the newer part of the building. The banners shouldn't be larger than 2 feet by 2 feet and don't have to be square. If they are made of cloth, they can withstand the rains. They can be sewn, or have their message ironed onto the base fabric, or be drawn on with fabric markers or just regular markers (permanent markers will hold up better). Any age can participate!

TAKE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH

It is time to purchase "STOCK" in our Youth to "share" in the mission and ministry and work and learning of our Mid High, Senior High and College Youth as they participate in Mission Trips and Conferences in 2020. A "stock" is \$25.00 and you may purchase as many as you would like to support our youth. Your "dividends" include postcards from the youth while on their trips, a "no cost to you" lunch on Youth Sunday and a "Stock Certificate". As one member of our faith family said, *"This is one stock which will never go down in value!"*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Since it seems quite possible that we won't be back together for Holy Week or Easter this year, we have prepared a set of materials to use

in your home to study the events that happened on the day we call Maundy Thursday. These materials will be sent to all families with children at home, but may also be sent to any other families that might want to use them. It will provide an explanation of the Passover service (the story of Moses), and include several suggestions of activities that you can do as a family to learn about this very important day. This promises to be an educational experience as well as an interesting way to learn more about our faith. If you do not have children in your home and would like a set of materials, please email Marilyn at mhofmann@fpcjcmo.org. The materials will be distributed next week.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance respond to tornado victims near Nashville, Tennessee. Give online at www.pcusa.org/pda to account DR000015 or Text extension "PDA" to 20222 to give \$10 to PDA General Relief Fund.

From Brenda Waters, Presbyterian Women Moderator for FPC...

As I write this column, I am – like many of you – practicing what we now know as "sheltering-in-place." Later today, if I decide that I need something from the grocery store or need to check my mail, I will ensure that I stay 6 feet away from the closest individual – i.e., "social make distancing." These are phrases that we have become intimately familiar with in the past few weeks, and most of us are trying our best to ensure that we keep those we care about safe.

But what I have found during this enforced separation is just how much I miss the casual encounters that used to be so much a part of my day. The conversation with the ladies in the library – a joke shared with the cashier at Wal-Mart – the postal clerk who always has a smile for whoever come to their counter.

Eventually, if we all do our part, things will return to some semblance of normal. But I know that I will never again take for granted those people who have become – without my knowing it – woven into the fabric of my life. If you, like me, have these people in your life, be sure to let them know how much their presence means to you. I know that I certainly will.

Stay safe and well, and remember to keep in touch with those members of our faith community who are much more isolated than many of us are.

Brenda