



First Presbyterian Church ENews

Keeping Our Faith Family Up-To-Date

May 1, 2020

"Meditation for a Beautiful Day"

By Sara Campbell

Ah, how beautiful is this day.
How crisp and clean the air.
How clear the sky.
How full of life the teeming earth.
And we are alive!

Yes, we feel the beat of our own hearts,
the pulsing of life in our veins,
the rhythm of our breathing.
We come into the silence of this time with gratitude for this day.
We come also with our needs.

Our gratitude stirs us to praise and sing our thanksgiving.
Our loneliness draws us into the company of others.
Our restlessness draws us into these moments of quiet.
Our longing for the spirit brings us before the mystery of the holy.
Our desire to heal our own wounds and the wounds of our world
brings us here to renew our strength and hope.

And we come into this space because we have gifts to share:
words of healing and encouragement for those who are burdened; songs of praise and hope;
smiles of comfort and affection;
deeds of love and kindness.

Each of us comes to dip into the well that nourishes our hungry spirits.
Each of us comes with our own cup of goodness to pour into the well.
We drink together.

May we be strengthened in our bonds of love and peace.

Think about a moment of truth in your life. A moment when you came face-to-face with God and realized that you had something on your heart that needed to change. Similar to a cleansing that happens when we are baptized, similar to what Peter calls being '*cut to the heart*' a 'cleansing of the heart'—what happened to you in that 'moment of truth?' Repentance, as I have said before, means a change of heart, embracing new attitudes and behaviors, turning, a 'teshuva' of heart. A moment of truth—is when you realize that loving God is the most important thing in your life. These moments of truth in our lives—that prompt us to love God above anyone else and anything on earth—

It is an arresting question and a daunting exercise to answer it. What would we do if we knew that we had but 24 hours to live? [If any of you are moved to write down your own response and share it with me, I would benefit from your thoughts.]

What's Love Got to Do with it? Pastor Angela isn't thinking about the Tina Turner lyrics but rather Acts 2: 36-41 and also Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 for this Sunday. What would you do if you knew that you had only one day to live?

We are embarking on a new 'normal' May 4th, 2020. And yet, isn't everyday a 'new normal?' We can pack our suitcases but really each day is a SURPRISE and a vast UNKNOWN. Together, as we begin to Come Home to First Presbyterian Church, JCMO, over the next month (first with the staff having staggered office hours, then, as the Session and Deacons meet with separation and make plans for our return to corporate worship), we know that God is already going ahead of us. God is already there, ahead of us. See you LIVESTREAM the next few Sundays, as we 'unpack' what our new 'normal' will be.

God's very best blessings on all of you.
I miss you and cherish you.

Pastor Angela

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SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

Pastor Angela and Natasia Sexton are designing a visual worship experience for Mother's Day 2020.

Please email a photo of a special mom, woman, grandma, aunt, daughter in your life to:

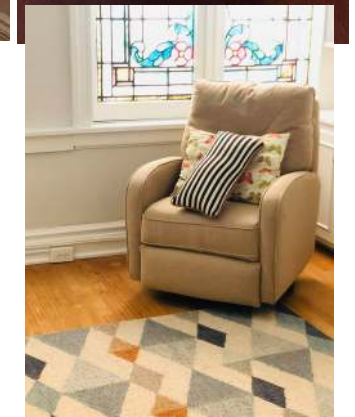
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Please send your photos by noon on Thursday, May 7th to be included in the worship.

Pastor Angela & Natasia

FIRST PICTURES OF THE BABY COMFORT ROOM AT FPC

Thanks to the design ideas from the Crabtree and Lepper families, and painting from Kent Burson & Ruthie Caplinger, the Baby's Comfort/Cry Room (Or Funland for Babies - named by Major Scott) is almost ready to welcome families.



A SURPRISE STREET PARTY & PARADE TO CELEBRATE PASTOR ANGELA'S BIRTHDAY APRIL 19TH

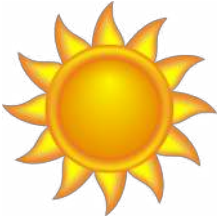


During this time of transitioning, the Church Staff will be working staggered hours at the church office. **If you need to stop by - PLEASE CALL FIRST**, so we can be sure someone is there and proper COVID-19 safety protocols are observed. Marilyn Hofmann can be reached on her cell phone at 353-9160. Thank you!

STAYING CONNECTED TO OUR FAITH FAMILY

STORY TIME WITH PASTOR DAVE

Monday - Friday at 2:30 pm on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/dave.henry.5430>)



SUNSHINE MOMENTS

On Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/fpcjcmo) at 10 a.m. daily Monday through Thursday with Pastor Angela.

You can also follow Pastor Angela's Sunshine Moments anytime on Youtube.com at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FPCJCity>
Subscribe and like us!

DID YOU MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNSHINE MOMENT, SPECIAL VIDEO FROM US?

Subscribe to our Youtube Channel to watch videos from the church anytime!

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We extend our sympathy to:

*The family and many friends of **Maxine Hall**, who made her transition from this life to life eternal with God on March 6th. Celebration of Life services will be held sometime in July.*

*The family and many friends of **Ken Fletcher** who made his transition from this life to life eternal with God on April 25th. Ken's Celebration of Life webcast will be at 11:00 am on May 4th on the Freeman's Mortuary website.*

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Lucy Kay Doyle, daughter of Madelyn & Dalton Doyle, born on February 26th.

Alexander Lyle Weinert, son of Nathan Weinert & Emily Wales, born on March 10th.

Lincoln David Best, son of Lyle & Katherine Best, born on April 16th.



Keep connected with your Faith Family! Post pics on the Church's Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/fpcjcmo](https://www.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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Jon Beetem
- 2 - Todd Holt
- 5 - Vivienne Weber
- 6 - Nancy Bolin
- 6 - Ethan McPherson
- 7 - Carol Weller
- 8 - Jerry Vander Tuig
- 9 - Kelly Bone
- 10 - Sydney Turner
- 10 - Mary Nichols
- 11 - Jerry Couchman
- 11 - Rayelyn Cole
- 12 - Drew Watson
- 13 - John Howland
- 13 - Melissa Rizner
- 15 - Abby Kemp
- 15 - Ruthie Caplinger
- 15 - David Epema, Jr.
- 15 - Cody Epema
- 15 - Aaron Dee
- 16 - Blaine Smallwood
- 17 - Hugh Lenart
- 18 - Eleanor Trout
- 18 - Barbara Ostrander
- 20 - Lorraine Dodson
- 20 - Isaac Epema
- 20 - Beck Lepper
- 20 - Ellie Lepper
- 21 - Christie Kittrell
- 21 - Taylor Burkhardt
- 22 - Joe Kemp
- 22 - Grant Toomey
- 22 - Gabriel Collins
- 23 - Vena Beza
- 23 - Paul Wilson
- 23 - Kalen Brickey
- 24 - Bill Gamble
- 24 - Betty Harrison
- 25 - Jean James
- 25 - Jim Crabtree
- 27 - Megan Rehagen
- 30 - Debbie Denning
- 31 - Sherry Simon
- 31 - Don Shook
- 31 - Nicole Collins

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

OUR SERVICE TO THE TENANTS AT KEN LOCKE APARTMENTS AND MORE

Just a little update for everyone on our ministry at Ken Locke Apartments. As Pastor Dave has told us all, the ministry is continuing. The last two Saturdays we provided lunch for Ken Locke residents, we provided sack lunches, and those were very well received, I think. This time, Mary Kabiri and I took on the task.



We wanted to try something a little different. We got to thinking of all the restaurants now offering carryout in lieu of dining in, and we thought it might be fun to provide lunch in carryout containers. I found some of those square plates with clamshell lids, the things restaurants use, except these are brown, made of some sort of paper, and they biodegrade.



We decided we'd fix a ham, with pasta salad as the side dish and cake for dessert. Everything went well, I think. I was a little slower this morning than I've been in the past because there was more to do. I put together 25 meals. Twenty of them went to the general population. Five went to shut-ins. After I closed every dish, I taped it shut with masking tape. I then made up stacks of five containers and fastened them together with masking tape. Lots of extra effort, but fun.

For the delivery, I wore a mask (see photo) and gloves. The meals turned out well, I think (see other photo). I have 25 of the meal containers left should someone else want to try a meal approach like this.

Blessings,

Cecil Caulkins

**FPC FOOD PANTRY HOURS
OF OPERATION
Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Here is a list of things that have been happening with our children during quarantine:

1. At least 3 sets of "packets" of materials and crafts, etc. have been delivered to our church children – these have been related to Holy Week, Easter, and the time between Easter and ascension.
2. Contact-less drop-offs of school "worksheets" and other materials have been given to the K+ children as well as the Preschoolers.
3. Emails, zoom times, texts, phone calls and letters have been going on with preschool and K+ families.
4. The CE closet is 99% cleaned up and labeled!

VBS - START PLANNING NOW!

Vacation Bible School will be held on August 17th-21st. More details to follow.

MONTREAT

We are planning on attending the Montreat Conference Aug. 1-8.

Please be advised, if you are mailing contributions to the Church Office, it will possibly take an extra day or two for it to be received at the office as we return to mail being delivered to the Church once again.

JOINT MEETING OF SESSION & DEACONS

The Session and Board of Deacons are scheduled to have a joint meeting May 12. If we are able to physically be together we will perhaps use spacing of 6 feet and wrap around Knox Hall with microphones and sound set. Please plan on a joint Session/Deacons zoom meeting nevertheless at 7:30 pm May 12.

SEWING HELP NEEDED

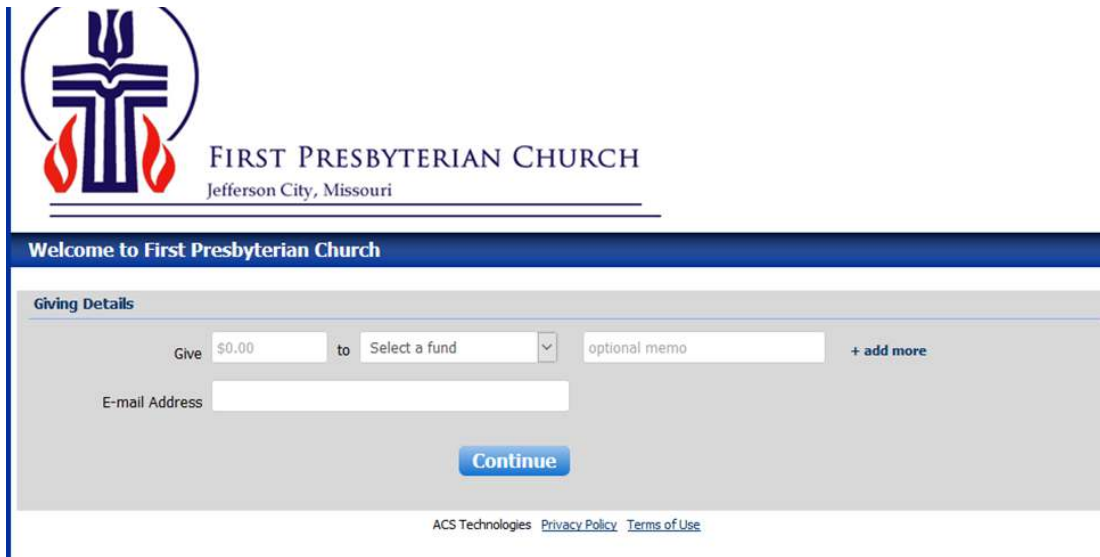
The Community Health Center has a need for gowns and are looking for folks who would be willing to sew gowns for their dental clinic. Dr. Sarah Crabtree has a prototype she can share with anyone interested in helping. You can contact Pastor Dave or Deacon Sally Lepper if you or someone you know is willing to take on this project.

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: "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Jefferson City, Missouri". Below this is a blue header that says "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", a "to" dropdown menu labeled "Select a fund", an "optional memo" text box, and a "+ add more" link. Below these is an "E-mail Address" text box and a blue "Continue" button. At the bottom of the form area, 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

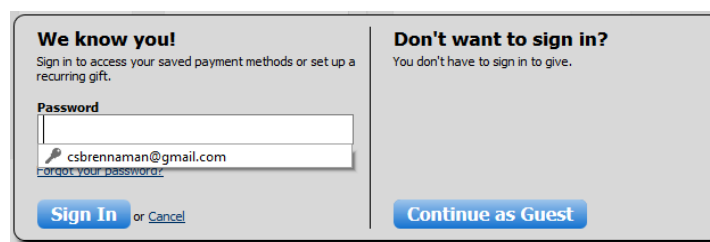
All other contributions should be made by check until further notice.

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 box containing "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

Continue next page 

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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.

CREDIT CARD GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

As a result of your great thinking we are making CREDIT card giving an option for anyone anywhere! Perhaps you will earn a rebate on your donation to the church?! Perhaps your gift will allow you to earn some bonus miles on a trip. Perhaps you don't even have a check book and never use cash. No matter the reason, your gift through a credit card helps your church in her mission and outreach and we appreciate your ongoing stewardship. Send an email to Cynthia Wankum and she will invoice you for a credit card donation. Cynthia's email: cwankum@fpcjcmo.org

Cynthia Wankum, Steve Brennaman and Pastor Angela

SOME THINGS TO BE PONDERED ABOUT RETURNING TO CHURCH

This is an article which is spot on with our issues that we prayerfully ponder.

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/04/23/returning-to-church/>

Here are some things my colleagues downtown are hearing from church leaders:

- The "re-opening of the state" is about averting financial disaster. The resuming of church life isn't made according to the same calculation.
- There is wisdom in waiting several weeks after the state re-opens to ensure there isn't a spike in new cases created by the reduction of social isolation. What we learn from the lag time will help us make the right decision.
- How to treat older/vulnerable people is imperative to figure out. Need to not be paternalistic but also make sure they do not feel compelled to return. Continued offering of a virtual worship option is key here.
- Worship should come first. Other activities (Sunday School, youth group, Bible study) should follow. Both because worship is the central thing we do AND because it is harder to social distance in classrooms, with kids, etc.

Pastor Angela

Meetings Scheduled

Monday, May 4th

Fellowship Committee Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, May 5th

5:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom

5:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting via Zoom

6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meet via Zoom

Wednesday, May 6th

9:00 am Church Staff Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, May 12th

7:30 pm Session Meets (sanctuary or via Zoom)

Sustenance Snacks are still appreciated to help feed our Neighborhood friends. We are grateful for the outpouring of gifts to support our feeding ministries!

MISSION PRAYER

Please pray for our mission partners in Nepal, for the Aasish Presbyterian Church in Kathmandu and Pastor Mahendra. Pray for Dr. Rabi Malla and his wife Sudha as they deal with medical emergencies in Kathmandu. And pray for the students and their families supported through the Ripple Nepal program as they are experiencing so many COVID-19 emergency needs.

PRAYER CONCERNS FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Prayers for the Roma children and families in Ukraine. We have been in contact with David Pandy who was in Ukraine several weeks ago before the border was closed. The virus is not widespread in the part of Ukraine where we partner is mission with the Roma families, but the threat is there especially with the crowded living conditions and poor access to sanitation. Also, for folks already living in intense poverty, this pandemic will intensify that poverty.

Prayer for the children in the School for Children with Special Needs in Tamshiyacu, Peru. We have heard from our teacher there, Kelly Morales Noguiera. Kelly has a home in Iquitos, but teaches and lives in the school in Tamshiyacu during the week. The schools on Peru are closed and she is in Tamshiyacu and the river taxis are not running. She stays in touch with the children and their families through Elder Jhony. She reports that life is very difficult in the villages with no river travel (necessary goods are not being transported). It is also difficult in Iquitos since it is a city that depends heavily on tourists.

Prayers for our community neighbors here in Cole County as they feel the direct effects of this pandemic.

Pastor Dave

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 GRADUATES

Congratulations to Christopher Larivee, Albert Naaman, Andrew Naaman & Blaine Smallwood, 2020 Graduates! If you would like to bless them with a "card shower," you can send cards to the Church office (with Attention: Graduate's name) or mailed to their homes.