

The Presbyterian

A Newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church
125 South Poplar Street, Bucyrus, OH 44820

April 2020

Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves. Loving our Neighbors.

Hello church family!

As you are aware by now, the Governor and the Health Dept. of OH have ordered a mandatory “shelter-in-place” until April 6th to combat the spread of the coronavirus and to prevent our medical systems from being overrun. They have ordered all non-essential businesses to cease working, unless they can work remotely from home.

Technically, religious institutions have been named as “essential infrastructure,” insofar as they can maintain the social distancing guidelines. However, we will be functioning “as closed.”

What does this mean?

- office hours at the church will be suspended until April 6th
- all church programs will be suspended until April 6th (even those that do not meet at the church. We cannot sanction a gathering in the name of First Presbyterian).
- We cannot visit hospitals or nursing homes (an order that was already in place)
- Michelle (419-569-3115) or myself (256-652-7823) can be reached in case of emergency. - We will still stream a Sunday service
- Any physical needs you may have can be addressed by the church

We recommend everyone follow the state guidelines closely. The sooner this virus is stopped, the sooner we can gather together again. I am thankful that the state considers churches essential. They are not trying to stop the first amendment rights of citizens, such as worship or charity. They made this explicit in the full write-up of the order.

Therefore, as people called to love their neighbors well, we will seek to assist these efforts. And as always, we ask everyone to seek the Lord continually in prayer. Give thanks in all circumstances. Use this time of forced Sabbath rest to seek the Lord in deeper ways. When you feel bored, open his word again and again. His word never fails!

We love you all, and please let us know if you have any questions.
May God bless you all during this time. May his goodness shine all the more through the darkness!

For His Kingdom,
Pastor Jeremy
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Jeremy McNeill
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***Tentative Group and Committee Dates**

Author of Life Book Club

The Author of Life Book Club will meet **Thursday, April 2, @ 6:30 PM** at Dorothy Watts home.

Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will meet **Wednesday, April 8, @ 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.**

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet on **Tuesday, April 14, @ 10:30 AM at Donna Watts home.**

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet **Tuesday, April 14, @ 6:00 PM** at the church. Please note new time.

Gamma Delta

Gamma Delta will meet **Wednesday, April 15, @ 12:30 at Lulu's Restaurant** on Marion Road for lunch and a meeting following.

Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be on Thursday, April 16, @ 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Presbyterian Men

The Presbyterian Men's group meets each **Friday @ 7:00 AM, at the Pelican** . All men of FPC are invited to attend.

Discipleship Groups

The Women's group will meet at **6:15** for prayers followed at 6:30 for the book study on **April 14 & 28**. The Men's Discipleship Group will meet at **7:00 PM** on **April 7 & 21**

Wednesday Night Prayer Service

Please join us **Wednesday evening @ 6:30** for Fellowship, Music and Prayer Service.

Check the Church Website Calendar for any changes.
www.firstpresbucyrus.org



Happy Birthday

- 4 Betty Hauenstein
- 5 Jensen Eyster
- 7 Lisa Goldfuss
- 10 Kelli Patterson
- 11 Tom Heminger, Tasha Nickler
- 13 Sam Eichhorn
- 15 Mary Lou Hastings,
Beth Barton
- 17 Barb Price
- 19 Phylicia Dishon
- 21 Shepherd Randall
- 22 Chuck Fancourt
- 24 Lori Rager
- 26 Kathy Byrne
- 27 Marv Hauenstein

Happy Anniversary

- 23 Sam and Judy Eichhorn
- 25 Pete & Rhonda Hoerig
- 27 Glenn and Jean Gibson
- 29 Chuck and Sue Fancourt

April Ushers/Greeters

- 05 – Joe & Angela Collene
Dave & Debbie Hablitzel
- 12 – Joe & Angela Collene
Tom & Marcia Heminger
- 19 – Joe & Angela Collene
Lori & Sam Rager
- 26 – Joe & Angela Collene
Mark & Marcia Dishon

March Deacon: Caroline Campbell
March Elder: Joe Collene

Flowers

- 05 –
- 12 – Easter Sunday
- 19 –
- 26 –

In Our Prayers for April

Surgery, Injury, and/or Recuperating:

Brenda Mutchler, Duane Watts, Joyce Hahn,
Marv Hauenstein, Sam Eichhorn, Norm
Campbell, Judy Eichhorn

Shut-Ins:

Mary Lou Hastings, Sue Headley, Glenn Gibson,
Grace Kearns, Mary Kiess, Marcia Dobbins

Cancer

Steve Hoover
Bruce Betz, Kelli Patterson's stepdad
Ann Pokopac, Kathy Bardon's sister
Ellen Andrews, Kathy Bardon's cousin
Bruce Price, in remission, Dan's brother
Ruthie Robinson, friend of Gennie Rios

Members, Family and Friends of Members:

Jim Hunt, Music Director at St. Pauls
Jamie Carver, Bucyrus Police Officer
Sylvia Lane, Kelli Patterson's grandmother
Jo Anne Johns, Donna Watts mom
Gary Waugh, Gennie Rios' cousin
John Scott, Kathy Bardon's relative
Cody Howard, friend of Ashleigh Helbert
Florence Cooper, Vickie Ahlefeld's mother
Sandy Will, Carrie Diebler's mother
Bob Downing

Military:

John T. Ballinger III, Cody Gibson, Keagan Rios,
Levi Diebler, Daron Watts, Zach Wilson, Brydan
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Prayer Requests

Prayers are needed for:

___Member ___ Family___ Friend ___

Remove Prayer request:

Requested by:



First Presbyterian News To View the Worship Service

Go the website

www.firstpresbucyrus.org

Under the picture of the church there is an orange box that says “Watch services live on Facebook,” click on that and you will be directed to the churches Facebook page. Under the picture of “Walk in the Light” you will see a thumbs-up symbol that says “Like”, click on that.

Scroll down the page past photos & videos and on down until you see the sanctuary with Pastor Jeremy and the Praise group moving around, the service can be viewed there.

Presbyterian Women Palm Sunday Bake Sale

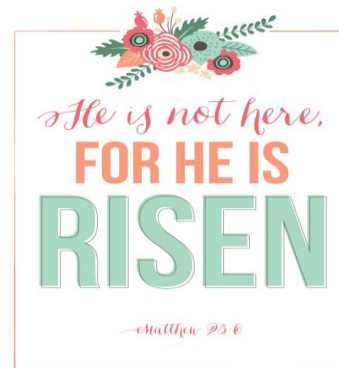
The Presbyterian Women would like for everyone to know that the Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale has been postponed until a later date.

Session Notes

Over the past several months members have come to the Elders to ask questions, express concern, and to express there are things they had no idea was happening. When it comes to the happenings of the church, your Elders are working to be diligent and transparent to keep communication open. Our hope is to keep all informed and to receive feedback from anyone who may have concerns. Each month we will put a summary of the session meeting in the newsletter...titled Session Recap.

Session Recap **Meeting held February 20, 2020**

- **Coronavirus “Stay-at-Home”**
The main focus of the session meeting was the health and safety of the congregation during the outbreak of the Covid-19 and how we will communicate during the Stay-at-Home policy. The Elders and Deacons are taking a very active roll and want everyone to know if you need anything to call your Elder of Deacon. You can also call or email the church and the calls will be checked daily. You may also call Michelle or Jeremy, see the Pastor’s letter on the first page.
- **Building and Grounds**
- The Safety Team has been hard at work to keep our church safe. There are doors that need either replaced or modified. Estimated completion will be by early April. There is a committee exploring ideas for the Welcome Center that can serve multiple functions. As more develops we will update you. The parking lot is still on the schedule to be repaved, pending the contractor’s schedule. The committee is looking into a controlled temperature and humidity environment for the history room.



Young Adults

During this time you are spending as a family here are just a few things you can do:

- Arts and crafts
- Start a few seeds growing in an old egg carton or a small cup in a windowsill.
- Go outside as a family, go for a walk or bike ride.
- On rainy days there are zoos and nature centers doing live webcasts.
- Challenge friends to see who can read the most books.
- Start a bible study with your family and say your prayers every day.

Easter Word Search



JHEDHSNSPG
ZEOPNIAEZG
NRSRYPINYO
JHOUAULOAG
XHCLSMSTRZ
TPMEVOLSPQ
BSSINJGESB
RMZCROSSMH
RFAFFPOOXD
ZDJLOLTTPW



CROSS
LOVE
PRAY
THORNS

JESUS
NAILS
SIN
TOMB

LAMB
PALMS
STONES




**COMMUNITY
NEWS**

BORN

IF: BUCYRUS 2020

The **IF: BUCYRUS 2020 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** The Womens conference scheduled for April 3 & 4 has been cancelled.

Born Spring Fling

The **BORN Spring Fling Vendor & Craft Show** will be held May 9th, from 10:00 to 3:00 PM, at Bucyrus Nazarene Church, 2165 State Route 4. Admission is Free. Door prizes every hour.

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