

The Disciple Faith Presbyterian Church

GROWING IN FAITH BY CARING, CONNECTING, AND SERVING COMMUNITY
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A message from our Interim Pastor

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12.)

Hello Everyone,

Well, this has been a month like no other, that’s for sure! I have tried to stay in contact with as many of you as possible. But please reach out if you ever have a need, just want to talk, or perhaps want to offer up an idea, or a helpful suggestion, or offer to help someone else. I certainly miss the personal contact built into Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings with Blankets by Faith, Lunch Bunch, PW Women and much more. That all said, I am thankful for a warm, safe home to shelter in during this pandemic. You and I have enough to eat (I hope), a warm bed to sleep in, a TV or some good books for entertainment, and of course phone calls and other means of getting in touch. Still we need to hear those words from the apostle Paul in Romans 12: *“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”* How are we all doing with those three commandments?

Session has been meeting over Zoom (which means hearing and seeing each other on a computer or smart phone, with the option of just calling in too) and discussing what it will be like when Faith Church is able to come together again on Sunday morning. First of all, some of you may still want to stay home, especially if you have health concerns or are in the high risk age group. Yet when Faith Church is open again, we will strive to stay at least 6’ apart, wear masks, and have plenty of hand sanitizer available. Also you may be encouraged to pick up your own bulletin instead of having it handed to you, and to perhaps pick up your own communion elements from the table on communion Sundays. And it will be a while longer before coffee and refreshments make a comeback.

It’s funny sometimes to listen to commentary on the radio. Today a woman was talking about how happy she was to purchase some slippers from LL Bean to wear while she’s working from home. She said it made all the difference in her day. Meanwhile I’m thinking, I’ve enjoyed wearing slippers every day since a very long time ago! I’ve also always enjoyed cooking, on a minimal scale; no fancy recipes, just the basics. Yet I do understand that some families who prefer not to cook, or haven’t had time, are struggling to adapt to being in the kitchen more.

However you are getting by, know that you have lots of company as together we all strive to “rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, [and] persevere in prayer.” Praying with hope and patience that Faith Church can soon safely be back to worshipping and being together once more.

Pastor Julia

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Greg Hughes
 Financial Secretary: Don Niece
 Treasurer: Diane Grycz
 Support: Paul Brown

Finances:	March YTD
Income:	\$19,469 \$41,762
Expenses:	<u>\$ 9,146</u> <u>\$31,968</u>
Difference:	\$10,223 \$9,794

Next Meeting: May 7th at 7 PM

Thank you to all that have been sending in your pledges. One member made their total yearly pledge this month and this has really helped our finances. As you can see, our YTD income is \$9,794 more than YTD expenses. Your continued prayer for our church's spiritual and financial health is greatly appreciated. The first quarter payment of our Per Capita Connectional Support, General Assembly and Synod was made \$978.

Session Notes

April, 2020

Your Session has been busy "Zooming" around with a special meeting on April 2 to discuss continued church operations during the stay-at-home order, including delaying communion until we can again meet as a congregation. Also, staff will continue to be paid. They "zoomed" again on April 16 in regular session. Pastor Julia continues to stay in touch with the congregation as much as she can through phone calls and messages as well as by texting. She has also been busy preparing written and recorded devotionals and recording Sunday services for YouTube. Nominating Committee reported they are continuing to search for people feeling the call to join Session and the Nominating and Personnel Committees. A congregational meeting will be needed to elect the new officers but has not been scheduled as it is necessary to get a better idea of when we may be able to meet again. There is currently no provision in either the Bylaws or Policies and Procedures permitting electronic meetings. To correct this, an amendment was approved to the Policies and Procedures to permit electronic meetings for Session. In addition, an amendment to the Bylaws to permit electronic meetings was approved for presentation to and approval at the next congregational meeting. While it is preferable the congregation meet in person, it was felt this authority should exist in case circumstance arise that require it.

As we move forward

While we do not know when the church will reopen, the session has been working on a plan to keep us all safe. We will still have greeters (just no shaking or hugging). Our ushers will wear gloves to hand out bulletins, and our chairs will be spaced apart. We also are working on a cleaning plan. The folding chairs have all been scrubbed, cleaned, and disinfected. The floors are being cleaned and waxed early so they will be ready for our shining faces. We are working on a way to do communion without fear.

We have several talented seamstress generously sewing masks. If you have need of one contact the office at 937-233-0873 or email faithchurch5555@gmail.com.

Hope at this time you are safe and well.

The Session of Faith:

Don, Jo, Paul, Greg, Ellen, Kyung-Hee, Diane, Mary, and Cyndi.

Your Connectional Support at Work

Were you wondering how our presbytery has been functioning in light of social distancing the past month or more? Here's how Faith Church's support of the Presbytery has made a difference in many ways during the first Quarter of 2020.

- Presbytery staff has equipped congregations and leaders as they respond to the Covid-19 virus by sharing important information through many different channels in order to reach as many people as possible.
- The PMV Stated Clerk Larry Hollar hastened the annual "session minute reading and training," bringing together church clerks to review official session records and to address polity matters and practical issues that clerks face.
- Presbytery staff assisted several churches as they concluded their ministries and closed their doors or departed the presbytery in a gracious and caring way.
- The Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly was able to "come home" to Miami Valley Presbytery, Her powerful messages and words of encouragement were shared throughout the presbytery February 7-9.

Presbytery staff continues to be grateful for our partners in ministry. Your individual prayers, financial support and faithful expressions of God's love contribute to our collective witness throughout the Miami Valley. Together we are finding ways to be prepared, equipped, nurtured, and connected in God's mission to touch the world with God's redeeming Love.

PNC Activities

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has started to work. We've completed, had approved, and entered into the PC(USA) search system the Ministry Information Form. This form provides a description of who Faith Presbyterian Church is and what we'd like to see in a new pastor. With the help of EP Terry Kukuk we've received the first group of Personnel Information Forms (PIF) of pastors searching for a new position. The PNC has started to review these and expects to receive more in the coming weeks. We will continue to work diligently but please remember that this may not be a quick process. We will keep you updated as there is information to impart.

Due to current events that are beyond our control all events at Faith are on hold.

Weekday Exercise, Blankets by Faith, Lunch Brunch, and Sweet Communion Book Club are all events that we know many of you miss. We have also many missions and ministries that are being looked at going forward. Our Session and the Presbytery are meeting via zoom to develop a plan that will be effective and safe for all. VBS is also being revised this year. We had hoped to do a week long VBS this summer, but to ensure safety that has been canceled. We are looking at a one day VBS in July or August, that of course is depending on resolution of many factors.

We will keep you informed as we develop a plan of action. Thanks for your patience at this time and please keep all of this in constant prayer.



Pat Peck, George O'Bryan, Mary Swartzel, Maria Beimly, Deborah Moore, Jan Schroeder, Sets Nagaoka, Norma Leshner, Beth Griffin, Betsy Morris, Bob and Emily Christian



Are we a “Hunger Action Congregation”?

Addressing hunger in our local community and beyond has long been a compelling mission of our church, particularly visible in our support of the Huber Heights FISH pantry with both food and monetary donations. In recent years, we have expanded our hunger mission to include volunteering at the Dayton Foodbank and the House of Bread, advocacy through our Offering of Letters to Congress, and resuming participation in the CROP Walk.

We now have an opportunity to become a “Hunger Action Congregation” as designated Presbyterian Mission Agency, giving us a framework in which to celebrate our work, explore more profound aspects of the hunger issue, and better articulate our vision for ministry. We could join 164 participating churches

across the nation who are responding to the biblical call to alleviate hunger and end its causes, including 78 who have been certified as doing ministries in all six designated areas of hunger action.

The six areas identified by the Presbyterian Mission Agency are: Hunger Alleviation, Development Assistance, Hunger Education, Lifestyle Integrity, Corporate and Public Policy Witness, and Worship.

With our current work addressing hunger, achieving full certification with ministries in all six areas is a reasonable goal! In the coming months, we will be assessing how our current work fits into these areas and holding brainstorming sessions to hear your ideas on how you’d like our church to engage in areas we’ve not yet explored.

Together, we can be a “Hunger Action Congregation.”

Our Local FISH food bank

As of April 13 two deliveries have been made to FISH. Though the church isn’t meeting in the traditional way, your love has continued at such a critical time.

Current needs: peanut butter

All donations are appreciated. *Thank You!*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of 4 special offerings collected each year by our congregation. The collection is usually taken on Easter Sunday. Since we were unable to attend church on Easter, you can still contribute. Just mail in your donation to the church. The need is great. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. So far in April, our congregation has given \$525.

You shall be called repairers of the breach...Isaiah 58

Bible Quiz

Here is something to do why you are waiting.

- 1) In the book of Genesis, Joseph is sold to which captain of the palace guard?
- 2) According to the book of Deuteronomy, how old was Moses when he died?
- 3) To which tribe of Israel did Samson belong?
- 4) In Kings, what is the name of the priest that anoints Solomon with oils?
- 5) According to Luke, the Ascension of Jesus took place in the vicinity of which village?
- 6) 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want' is the opening line to which psalm?
- 7) According to Matthew, who did Jesus say, in his Sermon on the Mount, 'shall be called the children of God'?
- 8) In the Acts of the Apostles, which candidate was not chosen for the office of apostle after Judas Iscariot committed suicide?
- 9) What was the name of the blind beggar at the gate of Jericho?
- 10) In cubits, how long did God tell Noah to make the ark?
- 11) Who is mentioned in the Book of Exodus as the wife of Moses?
- 12) In the Book of Daniel, who interprets the vision of the ram and he-goat to Daniel?
- 13) Which Queen, the wife of King Ahab, was thrown to her death from a window and trampled underfoot?
- 14) What did Jesus compare to mustard seed in a parable that appears in three of the Gospels?
- 15) Which Jewish holiday commemorating the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, is recorded in the Book of Esther?
- 16) Who committed the first murder in the Bible?
- 17) Which temple is destroyed by Samson as his last act is to bring down two pillars which collapsed the temple?
- 18) How many days does Jonah spend in the stomach of a large whale-like fish?
- 19) In the Gospel of John, who does Jesus restore to life four days after his death?
- 20) Which mountain is the traditional resting place of Noah's Ark?
- 21) Which king is credited with the construction of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon?
- 22) Which of Joseph's half-brothers persuades the others not to kill him?
- 23) Towards the end of the Book of Numbers who is spoken to by his donkey?
- 24) Name the third book of the Old Testament?
- 25) Name the son of Isaac and Rebecca, and the younger twin brother of Esau?
- 26) The Ten Commandments are also well known by what other name?
- 27) Which prophet was lifted up in a whirlwind in a chariot of fire and horses?
- 28) In the Book of Daniel, who holds a great feast at which a hand is seen to write on a wall?
- 29) What is the longest book of the Bible?
- 30) Who exclaimed: 'Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'?
- 31) Which Hebrew Prophet lived to be 969 years of age?
- 32) What is the last word in the Old Testament?

Children's Page

Pentecost

Paper windsocks

Materials:

Bingo markers, crayons, markers

Card stock

Tape

Hole punch

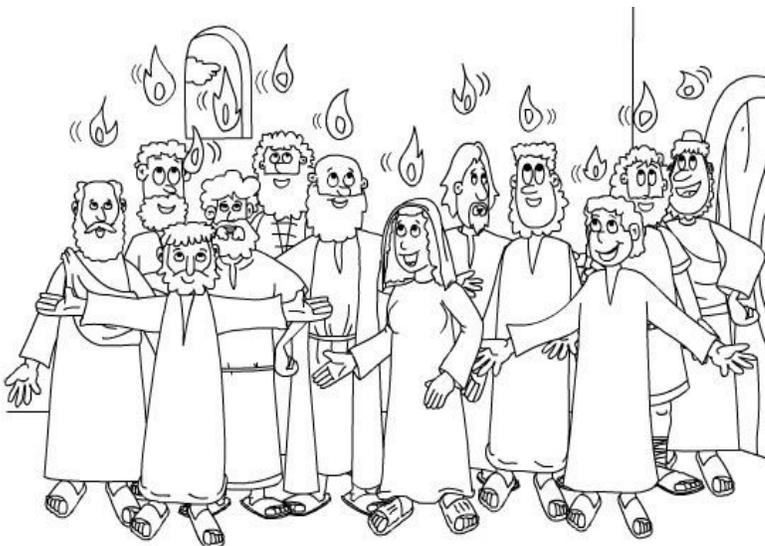
Pipe cleaner

Crepe paper (Orange)

Directions:

- A. Let kids decorate cardstock with bingo markers, crayons, or markers, however they want.
- B. Once dried pull the short ends together and tape together.
- C. Using hole punch make two holes on opposite sides of the cylinder, now weave a pipe cleaner into each hole to make a handle.
- D. Cut crepe paper tape on the inside of the cylinder, repeat until you've gone around the cylinder alternating colors.

Hang outside and enjoy.



Verse of the Month; Acts 2 :2-4 Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to talk.

May

2020

First in person worship will be May 31, Pentecost Sunday. Protocol for that is in process. No small groups at the church until further notice. We are working on how to open to everyone in a safe and timely manner. This all being done so not to effect our primary function Worship and the Church Body.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Popcorn with the Pastor 6:30 pm		Missions & Outreach 1:30PM			Mother's Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Popcorn with the Pastor 6:30 pm		Session 7pm			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Popcorn with the Pastor 6:30 pm		Ascension of the Lord			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day	Popcorn with the Pastor 6:30 pm					Day of Pentecost Worship 10:30 AM