



Central Life

Central Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2020

Session Update

The Session met by ZOOM meeting on Tues, March 31, at 7 p.m. The following were actions by Session:

- * The building of Central Presbyterian Church will be closed to all outside groups as well as church events until June 10, unless the ban in Virginia is lifted before that date.
- * It was approved for the Finance Director to apply for the Small Business Administration Loan and the Payroll Protection Plan which do not have to be repaid, but can provide funds for utilities and to cover payroll expenses, especially to cover APPLE staff.
- * Approved the request from the Memorial Committee for \$1,700 to have Bristol Sign Co. repair and refurbish the large Euclid Avenue two-sided sign.
- * Approved the authorization to have Virtual Communion (as described by the PCUSA Worship and Theology Committee) on Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday), Thursday, April 8 (Maundy Thursday) and Sunday, May 3. Instructions on how this will be done will be explained on the videos (& see next page).

Ann Aichinger reported on how things were going and possible projects coming up.

- * She will continue the daily videos and to record worship and will have Robert Campbelle work on supplying the music and Ed Updyke work on piecing it all together into one video. Thanks goes out to them for their work in this area.
- * The elders will continue to call members of the church family.
- * Working with a new Confirmation Class and will get mentors for each student.
- * Project Hospital Masks: Thais Sikora and Joan Keith plan to provide kits with directions for those who sew to be able to make masks and then return them to the church. Watch for more information about this in the near future.

To sign-up to participate, call or email one of these team leaders who will be working to prepare the kits next week:

Thais Sikora 423-416-4390 fsekora@yahoo.com

Janis Davis 423-574-1202 davisjh@2btes.tv

Joan Keith 423-652-7868 joan@keith-international.com

- * The Palms for Palm Sunday have been delivered to the church and they will be made available under the covered entry area starting Friday morning, April 3, for the church family and friends to pick up to use for worship on Sunday
- * Ed Updyke is working on making DVDs available of the Sunday worship services as well as the daily videos and other opportunities from the music ministry. These will be available in a box under the covered entry area of the church.

Several people have expressed an intention of donating a portion of their Federal relief check to the church, and a wonderful option is to give to the Central Presbyterian Service Fund. This fund assists those in our church family who are having a hard time making ends meet, and this need will grow over the next few months as we continue to deal with the pandemic. You can make a gift to the Service fund by clearly marking the memo line of your check and mailing it in.





Virtual Communion: On Sunday, April 5, you are invited to participate in Communion. You will need to have bread or crackers or croutons or some other element that represents bread and also have cups of juice or water or tea to take as we drink the cup. In the sacrament, we will take the bread together and drink the cup together. Though it will seem odd, it will be a way to connect with others in our church family and with those around the world who will be participating in this sacrament. For more information about the PCUSA Worship and Theology statement you can visit: www.pcusa.org and go to the red banner at the top of the page about PCUSA response to Corona virus and go to Worship and Sacraments tab.

Palms and Palm Crosses for Sunday, April 5

As we were planning for Palm Sunday, we ordered Eco-palms which are harvested in an ecologically healthy way and the farmers receive the money for their work. Because we will have Palm Sunday worship recorded and on the website, you are invited to come to the church starting Friday, April 3, and pick up palms for your family. They will be in a bucket under the covered entry area. Also you can take a palm cross for each member of your household. May these be helpful in your celebration as we start Holy Week.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs

This year's offering will be going to support three vital ministries of the PCUSA:

- * Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
- * The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and
- * Self-Development of People

All of these areas work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. You can make a direct donation on the website or you can send your gift to the church; please mark it clearly for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Need help? If you need assistance to get enrolled in relief programs, please do that soon. You can call 211 for assistance as well as check out Benefits.gov for SNAP or healthcare concerns, and CareerOneStop.org for information about the unemployment benefits in your state. The USDA will be able to provide food to everyone in need. In Virginia you can go to VAFoodbanks.org to find out more information. For those in situations of Domestic Violence and feeling isolated, victims can call 1-800-838-8238.

Help needed...

The Bristol Emergency Food Pantry is trying to continue some assistance at this time, but is finding it difficult with most of the regular volunteers being older folks. They need teams of people to pack a generic box of food and give it out to the clients. If you are younger and healthy and can help, please call Patty Caldwell (423-878-2140) for more information. Days to serve are M-W-F from 1 to 3 pm.



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You do not have to sign-in or log on. Just click the “not now” and the site will pop up.

www.CentralPresBristol.org

Click on “View Sermons” to see Ann’s videos for each day.

Sympathy ...

Our Christian sympathy is offered to Eric and Kim Moore in the death of Eric’s father, Joseph Moore, on Monday, March 30. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial Gifts...

To the Memorial Fund for Sara Burleson by Beatrice M. Stauber;
To the Backpack Ministry for Mary Geiger by Terry Parks.

EASTER FLOWERS

Even though we will not be celebrating Easter in the church building, we will each one be celebrating in our homes as a church family. If you would like to get one of the Easter hydrangeas for your home (and then they can be planted outside), please contact the church office at 276-669-3157 (leave a message) or pcaldwell.cpc@bvu.net and we might be able to arrange that. They are \$12.50 each.



FLAT

JESUS

Do you still have your Flat Jesus from last summer? Or have you lost yours and want a new one? Then get a new one by going online and searching for Flat Jesus printable and you can have Flat Jesus with you through our Stay at Home time. Take pictures with Flat Jesus hanging out with you - doing school work or taking care of your pets or being out for a walk - and then upload them to the Central Presbyterian Church Facebook page so you can share it with your church family. Flat Jesus might not travel far, but he will sure have a wonderful experience with us all.