

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

August, 2020

An Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Reopening

In last month's issue of *The Bridge*, Drew let you know that Session has created an ad hoc committee to study the timing and manner of reopening church facilities and gathering in-person for worship or other purposes. The committee consists of Pastors Drew and Brenda, and Elders Julie Dean (Worship), Roy Schoeneman (Administration/Personnel), and Mike Gulinson (Clerk.) The committee will make recommendations to be considered by the full Session, and which will only be implemented if approved by them.

This committee has been meeting diligently starting in June. The philosophy underlying our discussions is (a) to honor and respect the full spectrum of opinions regarding when and how to resume in-person activities and (b) to develop protocols and environmental changes to improve safety. I think we all yearn for community and "normalcy" but there is room for much discussion as to when and how that can be done with reasonable expectations of safety, taking into account the demographics of our congregation. We desire that, as we take steps in reopening, members are well-informed to make choices for themselves as to the appropriateness of participating. We will strive for alternative methods of engagement for each and for all.

The committee (and Session) is in agreement that in-person worship in our sanctuary may be the most complex challenge. The challenge is related both to the configuration of our sanctuary (narrow entrances, for example, and restricted space for passage) and to the adaptation of liturgy to new realities. Examples of the latter include handling of bulletins, bibles and hymnals; singing; passing of the peace; communion; taking up offering; and many other aspects. Acting on this belief, the committee has prioritized studying other, smaller scale ways of gathering. The results have been that we have made three recommendations that have been approved by Session. The first related to resuming office hours on a limited basis, beginning June 29. The second concerned resuming small group gatherings. (Implementation of this recommendation was initially delayed until we had a better understanding of the recent surge in active COVID-19 cases in our community.) The third recommendation regards a new offering, "**Invitation to Sacred Space**," which begins August 4. You can read more about "**Invitation to Sacred Space**" on the last page of the Bridge.

The most recent recommendation to Session, approved by them July 20, is to purchase and install a product in each of our HVAC systems which will greatly improve the purity of the air in our buildings. This product utilizes UV light technology to kill microorganisms as air circulates through our ductwork. It must be recognized, and we do, that a system like this is certainly not guaranteed to eliminate all microorganisms, nor even specifically the coronavirus, but the manufacturer has supplied empirical evidence that illnesses may be significantly reduced with its use. If you would like more detailed information, please contact either Derek Faulkner or Roy Schoeneman.

The committee will propose that the cost of acquisition and installation of this product be defrayed by a distribution from the Capital Fund. Funding this type of improvement is an important function of the fund, and we are very grateful that it exists and thankful to those who have made contributions to it over the past several years.

We continue to work on other proposals that will start and keep us down the path, if not to permanent normalcy, then at least to a temporary new reality. We will do our best to be sure the congregation is fully informed as we travel down this road together.

From the pastor

Rev. Drew Travis



We were fortunate enough to get out of town for a few days in June. We almost didn't go and even postponed our trip a day as we pondered the wisdom of traveling during this pandemic. We were going to Colorado to see our kids and to get a change of scenery for a few days – to see something other than the walls we've been studying for the past months. We were concerned by what we might be sharing with our children and grandchildren and they, in turn, were having the same conversations about how safe we would be from COVID interacting with them. It was a different conversation than we usually have before we go see the kids. Normally, all I ask is if there is food and a bed.

After the 24 hour delay where we all discussed and thought about the advisability of us making the trip, we came up with a plan. More correctly stated, the kids came up with a plan. One of our daughters offered to deep clean and sterilize her home and allow us to stay there on our own. She and her husband and kids packed up what they needed and moved across town to stay with her sister since they had already been traveling in the same circle together. So, we took over her large abode and Rhonda and I made ourselves at home and spent a good deal of our time by ourselves.

We had some pretty strict rules: all our shared activities took place outside; no one entered the house without a mask; we washed hands and made a concerted effort to use hand sanitizer as often as possible. We distanced and were very careful. Even the little ones followed the rules. The only outings we shared were trips to the park and a hike for a picnic. We were assured by our daughters that the hike to the picnic site was brief (1/10th of a mile or so) and on a level surface. We stood at the foot of the mountain and I looked up the path – it was straight up and miles long! I tried to leave my mask on but a fat guy at 7,000 feet walking uphill for any distance is not a pretty sight. With each gasping breath I took, my mask descended halfway down my throat into my lungs! In exasperation, I finally relieved myself

of my mask and drank in as much oxygen as I could. I was crawling on hands and knees for the last several yards but I lived to tell the tale!

It was good to get away but it was a strange trip. We saw five of our children and 12 of our grandchildren at some point along the way. We never touched a one of them. We bumped elbows a time or two but there were no hugs and no kisses and no holding small ones in our laps and tickling them and laughing too loudly and hugging them even more. It was one of the most difficult things I have ever done. I'm a hugger. I like physical displays of affection. It charges my batteries and makes me feel human. I miss it. I miss it very much.

As this season of COVID drags on longer than most of us ever thought it would, it seems to me that the operative word is "connection." Many of us simply feel we've lost our connection with others. The phone is fine and Zoom is wonderful but neither one is the same as touching. I wear a mask religiously (and I mean that literally) but I miss seeing the smiles that I assume are underneath the face coverings. I understand that folks want to be together and they want to touch and they want to be like we were before and they want to make the *connection*. I am sustained by the thought that it will come again – it may be a bit different – but that connection will come again. And in the meantime we're not alone. God is with us. That's a presence that is hard to beat. We're in this thing together and we'll get to the end together. You'll see.

See you online,

Drew

Be sure to watch for new opportunities to be together brought to you by a church you love and belong to.

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Prayer of the Month

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Joys & Concerns

Our Church Family

- Winette Lovelady is home after 5 weeks of rehab!
- Donna Callahan had a cardiac procedure.
- Jerry Davis's tests came back with good news!

Our Extended Family

- Karen Stahlman has asked for prayers for her 90-year-old mother, Nancy Sands. She was diagnosed with Covid-19 and is in a nursing home in Florida and recovering well.
- Pete James, son of Bill and Laneal James, died from complications of Covid-19 on July, 27th.



We mourn together the passing of our loved ones.

- Ruth Garrett passed away on July 7th. Private family graveside service was held in Abilene.
- Marty Dapogny died at home on July 11th. Her ashes will be placed in the family cemetery plot where her parents are buried in Frankfort, MI. No religious services will be held until 2021. At Marty's request, memorials may be made to the Texas Star Oaks Fund, Inc. The TSOFI provides assistance for PEO's and/or other citizens residing in Texas who are in dire financial need. Memorials may be made through the church office.
- Marilou Schairbaum passed away July 2nd. Our prayers go out to her family and good friend, John Cheney. Marilou's ashes will be scattered on Mt. Rainier when possible. No services are planned.

August in Texas! Usually our warmest month and one whose days tick by slowly because we feel stuck inside avoiding the hot cars, hot pavement and hot inhalations. And now, on top of that, we are masked ... after months of being isolated in the avoidance of a terrible virus. Holy moly! I think it was Mel Brooks who said the only reason language came about was so people would have a way to complain to one another — and, I will add, to God. We come from a long line of complainers. The people of Israel “murmured” their frequent complaints as they wandered in the desert.

We are people birthed in freedom and there is no complaint too small not to be voiced out loud. And regrettably, big complaints ... justifiable complaints ... are being accompanied by violence. And here is where we hit the wall. Alone, we cannot quell the unrest, stop the destruction, end the virus, or make anyone do anything, let alone wear a mask. Even though everyone in the health care community agrees that ... blah, blah, blah.

So, we are at the wall we just hit trying to wrap our minds around situations that seem difficult, if not impossible, and I think most of us at this point cry out to God for help. We are very clear about the problem and saturated with dire information, we are sinking. Instinctively we reach up and God's hand reaches down and the tightness in our chest begins to resolve and we can once again breathe deeply. You gotta love a God that can do that! You've got to praise and thank a God you know is ever present for you. Despite your faults, your sins, your failures, God is there for you, for us. It's time to remind ourselves we are a people of power. We are a people of intelligence. A people of compassion. A people capable of action and able to embrace one another, and help one another. We might sink alone but we rise with the company of others. Max Lucado says we are prone to be a people of the past tense so I am trying to avoid complaining about the “virtual” world we are inhabiting now and will say we are a people joined by the one triune God, joined by the saving grace of Jesus Christ, joined by the Holy Spirit. So, most assuredly, we rise in the company of others.

Gracious God, you are holy and wise, compassionate and loving, powerful and present-tense. How grateful we are to be your children. Remind us to reach up to you and out to others. Encourage our generosity and open our eyes to see where we can act to represent you. Let us use present day tools and not insist on the past tense. You are gracious and humble, let us be also. You are loving beyond reason, let us lose our reasoning to love. Let us rely on you for bravery, courage, wisdom and strength beyond our limitations. Remind us we are never without you. We are never alone. Your spirit in-dwells and comfort is immediate when we call out your name. We know your light never leaves this world so let us see your light shining forth and embracing all of your creation. Heal us, Father, as a nation, as a world, as a people.

Amen
Pat Collins

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August Birthdays

1	15
Shirley McDonald	Howard Lovelady
2	16
Christopher Smith	Mark Higgins
Rhonda Travis	19
3	Mark Collinsworth
Nancy Bennett	20
5	Wanda Moon
Jane Johnson	William McMillan
7	24
Emily Holmes	Daniel Fick
8	25
Cory O'Carroll	Richard McCarthy
9	26
Deborah Sanders	Cindy Cress
Donna Callahan	Elinor Foote
10	28
Jim Deaver	Kaila Wilkes
13	29
Connie Gilmore	Beverly McKusick
Cynthia Horner	Cynthia Fick
14	30
Sue Root	Anne Hults
	Hannah Briese



At care/retirement facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Ted Dolan
Nita Collinsworth

The Cove at Lake Granbury

Eloise Pauli

Quail Park

Nancy Pauley
John Cheney
Charles Basket

The Oaks of Granbury

CH Tubbs

Autumn Hill Manor (Weatherford)

Dee Holt

Bridgewater Memory Care Granbury

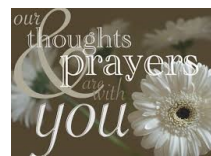
Kathleen Moore

August Anniversaries

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Jamie Sanders & James Witt
5
Andy & Lou Ann Attaway
12
Derek & Vanessa Faulkner
14
David & Dennie Treat
17
Terry & Nancy Worcester
23
Ted & Triah Goller
24
Gary & Brenda Towers
25
Margaret & Mike Gulinson
27
Richard & Paula Hicks
Kathy & Jerry Long
28
Max & Ruth Ann Jewell
Howard & Winette Lovelady



At home and/or receiving treatment



Martha Ferrill
Ed Smith
Stan Bowlin
Bill Lowe
Jeanie Smith
Jean Haight
Edith George
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About Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's groups are organized at all levels of the denomination—congregation, presbytery (made up of several churches in an area), synod (made of up several presbyteries) and church wide (national). You can participate at one level, all levels or somewhere in between!

We invite you to join in the mission efforts of Presbyterian Women. Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our PW Purpose, and that includes ministry, resources and relationships.

PW Purpose

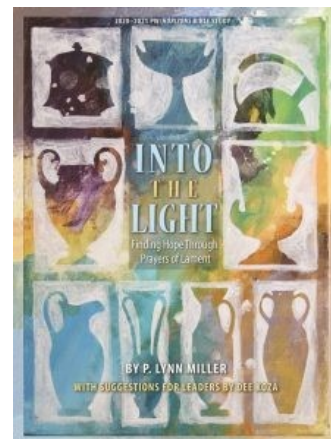
Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Anyone who supports the Purpose in any way is participating in Presbyterian Women. So even if you're just learning about Presbyterian Women, there's a good chance you're already supporting Presbyterian Women—in spirit or in action! Won't you consider connecting with us? Call me!

For most women, participation in Presbyterian Women starts in the congregation. Like the connectional structure of the church, the PW in the Congregation has representation and contact with the PW in the Presbytery; the PW in the Presbytery relates to PW in the Synod; and the PW in the Synod relates to PW Church wide. Information and programming moves in all directions throughout the structure, with local and regional work impacting national work and national work informing regional and local work. Presbyterian Women is connected and connectional—there is a lot of good work happening in PW all of the time, from the mission of a local church, to the fulfillment of a Thank Offering grant in Sudan!

Please plan to participate in our Fall Bible Study, *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller. If we cannot have in-person meetings, we will find a way to do our study electronically, via Zoom, You Tube, or something. A special treat for us this year will be having Pastor Brenda lead our lessons! Watch for more information soon.



Christian Education

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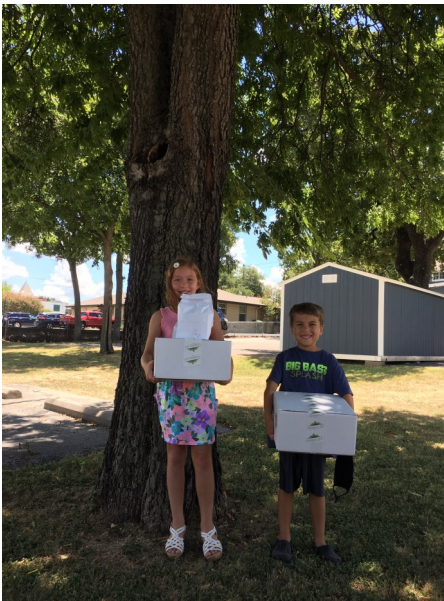
Christian Education

This year, VBS looked a little different! In order to provide a screen-free approach to VBS, we purchased Camp-in-a-box for our local families. And since our budget allowed, we contacted Child Protective Services and provided 40 children that are currently under their care with a box as well. Included in each box were activities for 5 days, encouraging the child to go out into their yard or a park. The themes for each day were: New Creation (Psalm 104); New Shape (Jeremiah 18:1-6); New Life (Ephesians 4:1, 22-32); New Thing (Isaiah 43:9-21) & New Community (Phillipians 1:3-6). Each day had activities and lessons for the child as well as their families including learning to make a cat's cradle, tie dye a bandana, sign language or a friendship bracelet. We included a short letter and a small bag with crayons, play-doh and other little items to accompany the boxes. Below are some photos from distributing the boxes.



We've also offered two Adult Education opportunities: *Who Is My Neighbor?* which examined the story of the Good Samaritan using the stained glass windows of Chartres Cathedral; and *So you want to talk about race* which is a multi-week class led by Sharon Curry using the book authored by Ijeoma Oluo.





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**YOUR FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SUPPORT TO THE
FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IS GREATLY
APPRECIATED.**



Record of Giving and Budget Need:

Updated Year-to-date (Jan – Jun 2020) Giving: \$317,891.73

Year-to-date (Jan – Jun 2020) Budget Need: \$313,655.70



I have been thinking a lot lately about my physical and my spiritual health. It seems I, like others I have been told, have gained the Covid -19....you know, the 19 pounds around my midsection that weren't there in mid-March...maybe not quite 19 for me...but certainly approaching the Quarantine-15!

As I was thinking about working out the other day, I considered the common "Back to Workout" progression. I make a decision to begin again and go! The first day is always awesome...great workout...great people! After the first day, I feel good! Sure, the next morning, I am generally sore but not too sore, so off I go to work out again. And once again, the workout is great, the people are great and all is still well in the World of Workout! But, consistently, for me...the post-second day reality is not all that great. It is then that things start to really hurt and all the sudden it's not so fun anymore!

Once, as day 2 went on, I started to realize that my left arm was hurting like crazy...and, well, I couldn't extend it. My right arm was doing the same thing...just not as badly. I remember thinking at one point that I understood how a T-Rex feels as I stared at my curled up arm...extended to an angle much less than the normal 180 degrees!

I knew I had a choice to make. An important choice. I could either decide that surely I was injured and that working out the next morning would be detrimental. Or I could recognize that I was simply sore and that working out the next morning would be just what the doctor ordered. So, the next morning I went and I worked out hard. It was good...and my arm even cooperated...mostly.

The next day, all was well. I had worked out the soreness and could once again bend and extend my arms with no problem or pain whatsoever. I was so happy to discover that I had made the right choice. I needed to stay the course and I am thankful that I did.

In much the same way that physical health is often dependent on stretching our bodies to new limits instead of giving up, our spiritual health requires that we also stretch ourselves...reaching for new understanding rather than giving up on the hard work of faith. We become weary because we focus on our spiritual arms that aren't able yet to fully extend. We begin to believe the lies that our spiritual health doesn't matter or that we can put that part of our health on the back burner.

This season of pandemic has provided us with ample time to more fully develop our spiritual lives. And, I am confident many of you took advantage of the opportunity. But I have to admit, looking back, I wish I had stretched and worked-out my spiritual self a bit more than I did in these last 4 months. With all of the stress and uncertainty of Covid, I found that, way too often, I was focusing on the problem rather than on the solution.

My best days have been the days that I have focused on the Lord rather than on the virus. My best days have included more prayer and scripture and less fake news. My best days have been spent outside in God's world recognizing that the Creator of all of this beauty can handle this virus as well. My best days are the ones I spent abiding in God instead of in Facebook! Still, it's so easy to get sidetracked. Just as it's easy to stop working out when things start hurting, it's easy to stop seeking time with God when circumstances get increasingly difficult. But at what price? I don't know about you...but I really like the "best days" of life. They are worth the work! Matthew 6:33 encourages us to "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be added until you." It's a promise and it's us leads to our very best days!

Today's a new day; a chance to choose to intentionally work on our spiritual health! What will you do to make this day one of your best days?

Worship

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The middle section of our Book of Order is titled Directory for Worship. Since I am the Elder in charge of Worship I opened the book to this section with great hope and anticipation for the answers to all my questions. I've read through it with a fine tooth comb looking for even a sentence on what to do during a pandemic. Nothing, not the slightest mention of it. However, I did find section **W-1.02: Time, Space and Matter**.

It begins nicely explaining **Time**. "Because God is the author of history, we may worship at any time. The psalms reflect the daily worship of the people of God..." *Okay, that is appropriate for all situations.*

The next section is **Space**. I will come back to that.

The final section is **Matter**. "Because God created the world and called it good, we use material gifts in worship... the ark, linens and vessels, oil and incense, musical instruments, grain, fruit and animals...The Gospels show

how Jesus used common things-nets and fish, jars and ointment, a towel and basin, water, bread, and wine -in His ministry of teaching, healing and feeding. On the cross, He offered his body as a living sacrifice." *Alright, maybe I can really stretch this to say my television used for online worship is a material gift, the Matter.*

Back to the middle section, **Space**. This is the section that I keep going back to. "Because heaven and earth belong to God, we may worship in any place. The Old Testament describes stone altars, tabernacles, temples, and other places where the people gathered and encountered God. The Gospels tell us that Jesus worshiped at the synagogue and temple, but He also worshiped in the wilderness, on hillsides and at lakeshores, demonstrating that God cannot be confined to any one place." *There...that's a helpful reminder... God cannot be confined to any one place. Now I feel better. And, now that I think about it Pastor Brenda found God in a shopping cart and Pastor Drew found a lesson in the crabgrass in his yard.*

While we are not seated in the sanctuary alongside one another during worship I am grateful for the ability to worship anytime, anywhere and with whatever means available. For now my back porch is just as good a place as any. I look forward to seeing all of you in church all in God's time.

Re-Gathering in the Church Risk Analysis and Disclosure June 16, 2020

As you decide about returning to in-person gatherings, you need to use scientific knowledge about this virus, how it spreads, and who's at risk. In Micah 6:8 we are called to "walk humbly with God," the need for which we may feel even more acutely in vulnerable, uncertain times like we're facing now. This humility should lead you to keep being guided by the best available science to protect yourself, your church, and your community.

There is a rapidly expanding body of scientific knowledge about COVID-19. Experts agree that COVID-19 will be in the US for the foreseeable future, with fluctuating levels of infection in the community. Until a vaccine is available, the virus and the disease will be a threat to our public health. Some of these recent insights (as of the beginning of June) are particularly relevant to you as you consider when and how to resume attending in-person ministries:

- COVID-19 can be transmitted before a person develops symptoms. This explains why the virus spreads so easily and stealthily, greatly complicating efforts to contain its spread.
- Not every infected person will infect another person. Factors that impact transmission include: infectiousness of the COVID-19 carrier, actions that increase the release of respiratory droplets and aerosols into the surrounding air, proximity to an infected person (within six feet is considered high risk), time spent in an enclosed environment with limited ventilation to the outside, amount of time spent with an infected person, and type of social network (e.g., inter-generational). In settings where a greater number of these factors are present, the risk of transmission will be higher.
- Because older people are more susceptible to contracting COVID-19 and children are less likely to display symptoms, intergenerational contact should be minimized to reduce COVID-19 transmission. It is important to note that children who have been infected have developed complications from COVID-19, so we must remain diligent to reduce exposure to children as well.
- Younger adults with common chronic conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and autoimmune disease also have an increased risk of serious complications. For the months of April and May, more than half of all COVID-19 hospital admissions in the US are for those under 65 years old.
- As of June 1, many states are starting to lift stay-at-home orders, even though their COVID-19 case counts remain high or have just started to decline. This could lead to an increase in transmission and new cases as individuals begin to resume activities which could increase their exposure. This increase can be mitigated by extensive testing, effective contact tracing, and quarantining of contacts. COVID-19 can spread from one state to another. As long as one part of the country has a poorly controlled epidemic, states that have significantly reduced their cases will remain vulnerable to COVID-19 spread from those areas. The same can be said of spread from one country to another.

Remember that if you are uncomfortable with the possible risks, you can continue to attend virtual gatherings. Moreover, if you fall into the high risk category, you should plan on continuing to attend virtual gatherings. If you don't understand the plans in place, ask for clarification or humbly share with your church why you decided not to attend in person at this time. As you consider your risk levels, you should also be thinking about risk levels for others. If you think they might be unknowingly taking risks with their safety, it is important to lovingly, patiently, and humbly share your concerns with them. You can pray for them. You can share with them expert advice, like this guide or another resource to help them make their own decision. And you can respect that they may not follow your advice.

Here are a few places you might consider looking for information:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Johns Hopkins University CSSSE Interactive Web-Based COVID-19 Dashboard
- Reopening the Church (an online resource website from the Humanitarian Disaster Institute and National Association of Evangelicals)

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise" (Ephesians 5:15). God gives us the ability to assess our situation and choose to live wisely. We can show faith and also caution for ourselves and for others as we make the decision to return to in-person gatherings.

Adapted from: **DECIDING WHEN & HOW YOU SHOULD RETURN TO CHURCH IN PERSON:** A Practical Guide for Church Members, Chapter 4. A publication of the Humanitarian Disaster Institute
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An Invitation to Sacred Space

Hello Friends! As you know, the Session has been considering for some time now how and when we might be able to gather again as a community of faith. It has been difficult for all of us to be unable to worship together in person. While we are not quite ready, logistically, to commence in person Sunday morning worship, the Session has agreed that the time has come for us to provide for time and space for people to gather in the sanctuary. We are ready to introduce what we are calling *An Invitation to Sacred Space*.

Initially, these gatherings will take place on Tuesday at 10 am, Wednesday at 5:30 pm, and Thursday at noon. The sanctuary will be open for approximately one hour at these times. The purpose of these gatherings is to provide Sacred Space...an opportunity to engage in quiet reflection and prayer. At the beginning of each of these gatherings, we might have an activity such as a brief devotional, music provided by Marty, Jane, or Drew (or others), and/or corporate prayer. Some gatherings may have no programming at all so that we can provide time for you to simply come and offer your personal prayers and reflections in the quiet beauty of the sanctuary. You are welcome to come any days you would like and are also welcome to come and go during the hour. We do not anticipate or desire large numbers of people at these gatherings. We are providing these gathering because of the stated and very real need for some of us to return to the sanctuary. We do anticipate returning to worship in the near future, but want to provide for these gatherings in the meantime, as we continue to get measures in place to help negate as much risk as possible for full worship together. We hope these gatherings will be meaningful to those who attend.

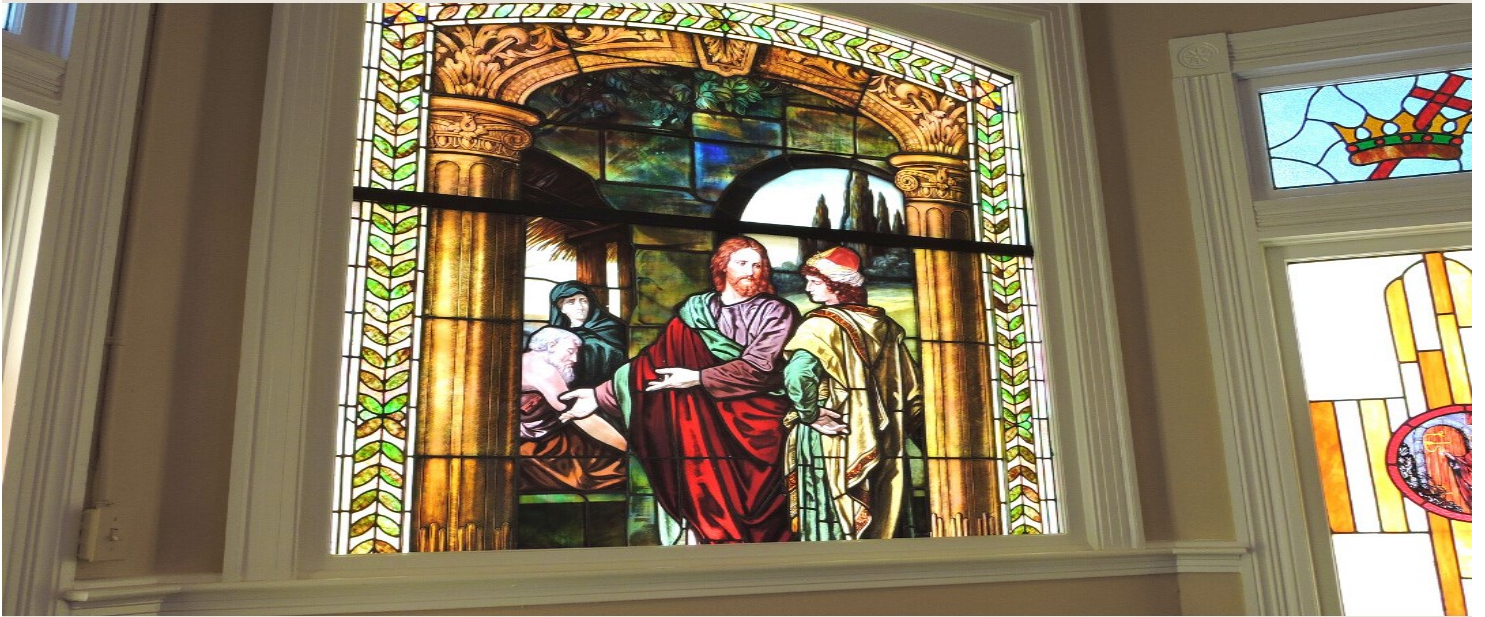
Having said that, we would now like to do something a little strange. We'd like to encourage you NOT to attend! Of course, we would love to have everyone gather, but please don't attend if you are not comfortable doing so. We will do our very best to provide a safe and clean environment, but coming into the sanctuary for these gatherings is not a risk-free endeavor, so please consider the level of risk attending poses to you as an individual. Please do not come if you are not feeling well or have any reservations. Be assured that online worship will continue with no changes and these gatherings are not intended to take the place of our online worship time together. You should feel no pressure at all to attend just because the doors are open. We are the body of Christ gathered together or gathered apart.

If you do plan to attend, we are asking that you bring and wear a mask for the entire time that you are in the sanctuary. Masks will be made available if you don't have one. We ask that you stay 6 feet apart. We also ask that you honor the goal of these gatherings which is to provide a quiet, reflective, sacred space. If you see a friend across the sanctuary that you want to speak with, please visit outside or go grab coffee together so that others in the sanctuary may enjoy their Sacred Space.

The first gathering will be held on August 4th at 10 am. Brenda will provide a short devotion and Jane will provide music. We will pray together and the rest of the hour will be available for personal prayer and reflection. Wednesday at 5:30, we will open with prayer and Jane will play a few favorites. On Thursday, Drew will offer some words of wisdom and, again, Jane will bless us with her musical talents.

If you have any questions, please call the church office or call Brenda Church (325) 669-9904. We hope these gatherings will be a blessing and a definitive move toward gathering again for worship.

An Invitation to Sacred Space



Tue 10 - 11 am

Wed 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Thurs 12:00 - 1 pm

Our sanctuary will be open for
quiet reflection and meditation.

Masks and social distancing
required.

See more details on the back side of this page

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