



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Living Hope Presbyterian Church seeks to inspire and empower through the Gospel.

June/July 2020 Newsletter

From the Pastor...

At this point, the future is not clear. I can't tell you the next time that we will meet for worship in person, when we do meet in person when we will be able to join in congregational singing, and when communion will happen next. Life could change like it did ten weeks ago and we are able to safely gather again, but more likely is that we will return to gathering in person slowly, cautiously, and conceivably not even until the end of the year.

It definitely feels like we are in a different world where we don't have Sunday morning gatherings to catch up, see how each other are doing, and just be physically present together before God in worship. That routine always has grounded my week and not having it leaves me feeling unsure of what day of the week it is. Even so, there is a significant risk that the virus could easily be spread in an in person worship service. One church service during April in California resulted in 71 people being infected. With the higher risk of many of the people who attend our regular worship services, we can't take that risk.

Instead, we have to *be* the church instead of *going to church*. On the first Pentecost, when we mark the start of the church, there was no going anywhere. There was not a

building ornamented to show God's glory or turn the worshipper inward to notice God's still, small voice. That day, the believers were gathered in a simple room, and then went out into the world to proclaim what God had done in Jesus. This is the same for us in our current situation. While we are using electronic means and we're being cautious about going out to places where others gather to prevent infections, we can still proclaim what God has done in our lives through Christ. We can check in on family, and friends, even acquaintances, to see how they are doing and ask what is helping to keep them hopeful during this ever changing time. We can continue to support causes that provide assistance to those who are finding it hard to make ends meet. We can leave little gifts, notes, baking, cards, a token of hope for our neighbors. All of this as part of an effort to show that we are not alone and there is hope for a better world.

What is coming next is unknowable. How the world will look in six months, let alone six weeks, cannot be discerned. However, we can still be the church, we can still share Christ, we can still find the connection that the Spirit gives us with our sisters and brothers in Christ because of the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. May we continue to live into this new world.

In Christ,





Mondays at 9:30 AM
On Zoom Meeting

- 1) ZOOM Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/2338090285>
- 2) Call in on your phone: (312) 626-6799
When prompted, enter the meeting
ID: 233 809 0285#

Lesson Date and Passages:

6/1 Matthew 28:16-20; Genesis 1:1-2:4a
6/8 Genesis 18:1-15 ; Romans 5:1-8
6/15 Romans 6:1b-11 ; Matthew 10:24-39
6/22 Genesis 22:1-14 ; Romans 6:12-23
6/29 Romans 7:15-25a ; Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30
7/6 Romans 9:1-5 ; Genesis 32:22-31

For Sunday:

June 7
June 14
June 21
June 28
July 5
AUGUST 2, 2020

Bible Study will be off for the remaining three weeks of July
and resume Aug 3rd with ZOOM meeting bible study.

The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

June Prayer Calendar

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| 1) Art and Natalie Richter | 11) Tom and Ann Tennyson | 21) Marge Boettcher |
| 2) John Riedmaier | 12) David Truemmer | 22) Michael and Wendy Brady |
| 3) Lee Selig | 13) Don and Peggy Waterman | 23) Dan, Allison and Christine Brankle |
| 4) AJ Sinner | 14) Bill and Vickie Werner | 24) Dub and Janet Brown |
| 5) Steve and Marcia Sinner | 15) Maggie and Willy Werner | 25) Joanne Broyles |
| 6) Colleen Snider | 16) Paul, Ashley, Brandon, and Olivia Yates | 26) Wallace and Faye Cheatham |
| 7) Elaine Sprunger | 17) Peggy Yee | 27) James and Julie Courtney |
| 8) Todd, Lora and Fritz Stangler | 18) Cherie Andrus | 28) Ellie Cummisford |
| 9) David and Karen Stephan | 19) Bill and Judy Bauer | 29) Mary Dalton |
| 10) Dave and Karen Surges | 20) Karl Bertram & Maria Crowe | 30) Judy Dannenbrink |

July Prayer Calendar

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| 1) The Datka Family | 12) Tom Hill | 22) Kent and Mary Krueger |
| 2) Janet Davis | 13) Will and Traci Houts, Grace, Lauren, and Evan | 23) Amanda and Paul Lavoe, Ziva, Zion, and Zach |
| 3) Ken and Diane DeBoer | 14) George & Valerie Huhnke | 24) Jerry Loebe |
| 4) Dorothy Dieter | 15) Bernie and Judy Huizenga | 25) Barbara Lovensheimer |
| 5) Elizabeth Ellis | 16) Bob Hutchings | 26) Curtis MacDonald |
| 6) Barb Foy | 17) Barry and Thelma James | 27) Kathy Mathews |
| 7) Joe and Kathryn Fresch | 18) Goldie and Ray Jones | 28) Char Mattson |
| 8) LaVonne Gardner | 19) Joan Junek | 29) Ginny Maurer |
| 9) Marjorie Gauen | 20) Minerva Kannass | 30) Pat Mitschrich |
| 10) Arleen Goranson | 21) Harriet Kirchhoff | 31) Nancy Molstad |

June and July Birthdays



Anniversary Wishes to:

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let the office know so we can update our files.



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Deacon Members (designated last names)

(A-B) - Tom Tennyson

(G-K) - Diane DeBoer- moderator

(P-R) LaVonne Gardner

(C-F) - Karen Stephan

(L-O) - Ann Tennyson

(S-Z) - Ken DeBoer