

Arms of Faith

Faith Presbyterian Church

"To know, to grow, and to show Christ to all people"

June

2020

The State of Your Church, June 2020

Everything we think, do, say and touch is affected by COVID-19. It looks like that is going to be the case for at least the next several months. The pandemic has shown me how resilient Faith Church is. We have been streaming worship since March 22. Worship has also been accessible over a toll-free conference call. "Attendance" has settled at around 60 households viewing the live stream and around a half dozen listening on the conference call.

The music staff and media team have had to address a new set of circumstances as we produce the weekly worship service. I miss the choir and bell choir, but I am very impressed with the quality of worship music we've been able to offer each Sunday.

I am asking members and friends to suggest songs they would like to sing in worship during June and July. Send suggestions to info@faith-church.com. The church's financial situation is surprisingly strong. Through April pledge income has come in at nearly 90% of budgeted expectations—and we haven't passed an offering plate since March 15! Still, please keep supporting your church if your situation allows. 89% of the church's expenses are fixed, and we expect a substantial loss of income from building use for the rest of the year.

Committees, Chronological Bible Study and your Session have been meeting over Zoom. There have been some glitches and frustration, but overall attendance has increased with virtual meetings. April's Session meeting had perfect attendance and the meeting occurred during an 8" snow fall! Reminder: We will celebrate the Lord's Supper during live streamed worship on Sunday, June 7, please use whatever you like to remind you of the bread and juice we typically use, which remind us of Christ's body and blood.

June Birthdays



June 2	Hollis Cook
June 4	Steven Ernst
June 10	Debbie Westerfield
June 12	Kit Zimmerman
June 13	Barbara Willett
June 20	Mallory Torres
June 24	Carolyn Ernst
June 24	Bill Mavity
June 30	Tom Clabaugh

Answers to last month's Quarantine Exercise

I once made a **remark** about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a **fluke**). It kept people **looking so** hard for the **facts** and for others it was a **revelation**. Some were in a **jam**, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the **truth** finally struck home to **numbers** of readers. To others it was a real **job**. We want it to be **a most** fascinating few moments for you. **Yes, there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require **judges** to help them. I will quickly admit **it** usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud **lamentations** when it is found. A little lady says **she brews** a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can **compete**. Relax now.

May Session News

Your Session met over Zoom on Thursday, May 21. It was the second meeting in a row we've had perfect attendance.

Treasurer Marc Wagoner reported that the church's financial situation is surprisingly strong given COVID-19. Please make every effort to stay current with your pledge, because we anticipate income from building use will be down substantially this year.

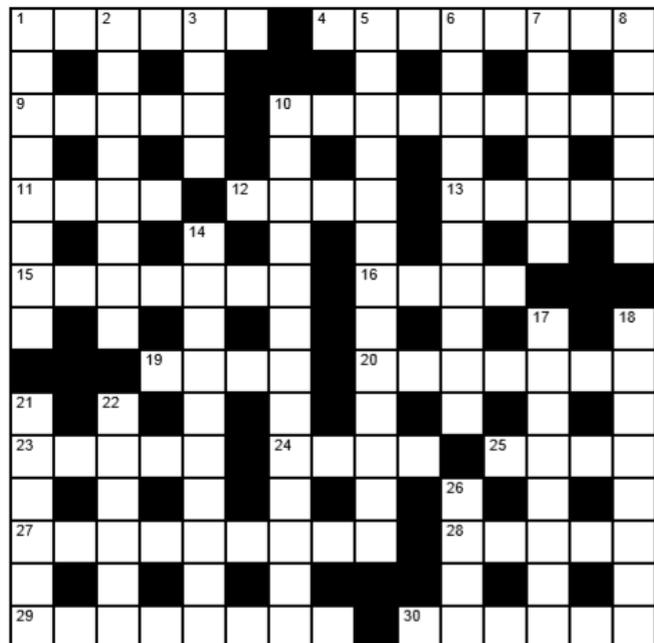
The church staff is seizing the lull that COVID-19 has afforded us. Custodian Steve Harmsen has been able to get to some long-delayed projects. The wax in the Family Life Center is being stripped for the first time in 15 years! Bob McKulsky, Rod Bosserdet & John Tresemer are helping with this huge project. Family Ministries Coordinator Anne Sulhoff is staying connected with the Sunday school and Faith on Fire kids and taking the chance to do some long-range planning. Office Manager Ranae Overton is continuing with her normal duties, plus updating the email list and address list to keep everyone informed, maintaining the website, helping maintain the Church Register Book and the Session Minutes Book, and other projects that have surfaced during this time.

Clerk of Session Joe Seda reported that the church's Session minutes from the previous year were approved by the Presbytery without exception. Work on the church's member registry is on-going.

Finally, Session decided to contact all members by phone in the weeks ahead. We need to check in, to hear how you're doing and hear what your church can do to support you in the Age of COVID-19.

Across

- 1 Silenced (6)
- 4 Allocated (8)
- 9 Kingdoms or domains (5)
- 10 Babylonians (9)
- 11 Left behind when Peter and Andrew followed Jesus (4)
- 12 Lame man's entrance to the house where Jesus healed him (4)
- 13 Depart (5)
- 15 Stamens of a crocus (7)
- 16 New thought (4)
- 19 Unhearing (4)
- 20 Absconded (7)
- 23 Enticed (5)
- 24 The coldest of the ten plagues (4)
- 25 Insult rendering the giver in danger of hell fire (4)
- 27 First visitors to the baby Jesus (9)
- 28 Twinkle (5)
- 29 Sin (8)
- 30 Physical state after absence of food (6)



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Down

- 1 Written on the Priest's headband (8)
- 2 To set apart for sacred use (8)
- 3 Wise men's domain (4)
- 5 Location where Jesus met the disciples for breakfast (3,2,8)
- 6 Greediness (10)
- 7 Cured of leprosy by washing in the River Jordan (6)
- 8 Crockery (6)
- 10 Worn by Jesus on the cross (5,2,6)
- 14 Amity between David and Jonathan (10)
- 17 Against (8)
- 18 Forbidden in the seventh commandment (8)
- 21 A place to pray (6)
- 22 Country visited by Paul (6)
- 26 Hairy Old Testament hunter (4)