

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

July/August 2020

Pastor's Corner



Dear All,

Officially summer is here, again! Yay! The seasons come and go, year after year. We expect them but they are never the same. Some years more snow, less snow, colder, milder, drier, hotter, more rainy, no rain. Some years, the seasons last longer...or they are shorter. We are often surprised at how each season presents it's self, but we expect it will change. The saying "if you don't like the weather in Idaho, just wait 5 minutes" is true. We expect the weather to change, we expect the seasons to be different yet the same, we expect winter will give way to spring, spring to summer, summer to fall and fall to winter. Storms always give way to something new.

What God created in weather holds true for our lives. We have seasons of life. Stormy times come and go, some days are good and some are cloudy. We don't ask God why must it snow or rain (since we know it's needed for the earth). But we do ask "Why God" must those storms come into life? "Why God do you allow them"? Why do we suffer? Today, when our relationships and life are stressed by the impact of the coronavirus around the world, we are asking God "why?".

This summer we turn to the Book of Job. Job is the story of a man who loses all his wealth, his children and his health. He is suffering. Naturally Job asks God "why?" and God answers him. Surprisingly, God's answer isn't what we expect. But more than an answer to

the why question, Job shows us how we can respond to suffering that we (and our loved ones) experience.

As you read Job, it can be helpful to imagine it as a courtroom drama involving God, Satan, friends and Job. Much of the book of Job is poetry so the language is dense, creative, imaginative and figurative rather than historical and literal. In Job we discover many similarities to Jesus. Like Jesus, Job has a good successful life, which gives way to suffering. Job's suffering comes to an end with his restoration and new life like Jesus' resurrection. The storm of suffering gives way to something new.

I hope you will find this sermon series to be both comforting and challenging

Blessings
Pastor Janet

July Birthdays

Liz Hughes	07/05
Charlie Treloar	07/06
Crys Harpole	07/09
Eric Beshaw	07/11
Carrie Scott	07/11
Chandler Wheeler	07/11
Angela Chandler	07/15
Shirley Williams	07/16
Stacie Lamb	07/19
Te'Anna Osborn	07/22
Kathleen Cook	07/23
John Hughes	07/28

August Birthdays

Ayana Spier	08/03
Margie Gannon	08/06
Janet Thornes	08/07
Donna Spier	08/10
Lana Schumacker	08/14
Emma Fitzgerald	08/19
Marianne Beshaw	08/22
Ginny Oakes	08/23
Enola Spier	08/23

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Throughout the newsletter you will find "blurbs" from our friends telling us what they've been up to during our time apart.

First up is **Marjorie Martin:**

My days during this virus have not changed too much, but I miss the feeling of freedom to just go and do. Most of all I miss the freedom of just going to Bible Study and being with a great bunch of ladies.

At the very first I did all those chores that we sometimes just don't get around to. I am still working on the family genealogy and it is still spread over my spare bed. I never thought it would come to the point where you "save" something so you will have another thing to accomplish the next day. I have done a lot of reading and have enjoyed that. I have done a lot of phoning thinking perhaps another person is feeling alone too. Thank you God for family and friends.



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Lola Chamblee:

I read my Bible every day and also my devotional books. Also say prayers.

I go to the grocery store and drug store. Since the beauty shop opened I go get my hair fixed. Boy, was it getting long.


I cleaned house and cleaned a window.



I sat in a chair outside and enjoyed the sunshine and watched the people play in the park.

I also talk to relatives on the phone now and then.

Went to church last Sunday (6/7/20). I try to keep busy.



No Vacation Bible School this year due to the Covid-19 virus.

Ellen Hinton:

Having an empty calendar in April, I thought this a good opportunity to catch up on things that I had let slide because they were low on the priority list. I started out at a fairly good pace but as time went on, I descended into random acts of cleaning, reading, yard work, emailing, TV watching, office work, etc. with no discernable rhyme or reason as to which of these I did or when. Worst of all is that there are still lots of things remaining on the low priority list. Best of all we are now able to attend church in our Sanctuary. Thank the Lord!



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**Marie Shepherd Memorial Service**

Saturday, July 11

11:00am

in the sanctuary.

A luncheon will be held.

# Compassion Child Update

by Penny Carpenter

I want to thank everyone involved with supporting our Compassion Child for 2020. The sign-up sheet to support Joenel is nearly filled!

There are 3 opportunities still available: His birthday in December; his Christmas gift; and the month of December. Feel free to sign up on your own or let me know and I will be happy to write your name in a blank spot. :-)

THANK YOU to this year's monthly contributors:

- January        Jeanne Robinson
- February     Clark & Penny Carpenter
- March-        Bill & Kay Cowin
- April         Rayna Farrell
- May          Mercy Montaguedo
- June         Leo & Janet Potter
- July          Ellen Hinton
- August        Jim & Kathy Martin
- September   Ray & Beverly Wilson
- October      Doug & Barbara Smeltzer
- November    Marge Gannon
- December    \_\_\_\_\_
- His birthday   Ellen Hinton
- Christmas gift \_\_\_\_\_

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New Group

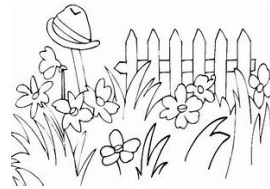
The Wild Widows' Grief Group continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays: July 2 & 16; Aug. 6 & 20 from 1:00-2:30pm. We open and close in prayer, discuss topics, answer

questions and respect our rules (confidentiality, no advice but lots of support and encouragement). This is open to any widow no matter how long they have been solo. There is no registration, come when you can. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Janet or Beverly McCuaig (805-868-5483)

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### Gail Barbour:

Hi, I'm making a flower garden. I call it my Happy Garden. I go to the store so I get out a little bit. I read my Bible and have been looking back at old pictures I haven't seen for a while. I hope and pray that all is well with everyone.



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Barb and Doug Smeltzer:

I've been delaying until the last minute (on purpose) hoping that something really exciting might happen, but, alas, absolutely nothing.

The days remain the same. We have our regular routine at home. Eat, sleep, watch TV (in the evenings). Doug sings and plays the guitar every day, works in the shop some. He's gone fishing a couple of times and 4-wheeling twice, and short spurts in and around the neighborhood (on the 4-wheeler, not running).



I clean, cook, do laundry, and bake some, read a lot, work outside once in a while, and have phone visits.

My brother-in-law, Al Sholden, and I did some landscaping, and I got some plants into containers, and some seeds in the ground. So far no sign of anything coming up from those seeds. I guess it's just too cold and rainy.

We both are as well as ever. Thank the Lord for that. See all of you one day soon.

Update on our Sunday morning gatherings:

Worship continues every Sunday at 10:00
Online (Zoom and Facebook)
In the sanctuary and on YouTube.
Childcare, congregational singing and coffee hour are all on hold until the **August** Session meeting.

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### Bert Johnson

I didn't do much of anything. Plowed some snow, then watched it snow some more.



Didn't go anywhere hardly, no place to go. Missed going to church, getting to be a habit.

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Penny and Clark Carpenter:

When the Pandemic hit, we had just undergone Clark's second heart Ablation on March 10th. He had the #14 cardioversion done the day before due to atrial fibrillation. They had a cancellation and they called us right after that procedure. He was scheduled to have it done on March 23rd. And with the pandemic, they would not have been able to do it then. Anyway, this one was successful! No more episodes of crazy superfast heart rates!! After the ablation, we hunkered down and spent some time recuperating at first. Jigsaw puzzles, very good books, even letter writing reappeared! And so did chores---cleaned out the shop, the garage, the craft room, the guest house and a few drawers and cupboards in the house. Rode our bikes on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's several times.

We've attended church, coffee hour, Session meeting, Mission mtg all on Zoom since March 18th. What a great way to stay "together"! As the weather got nicer, we started working in our yard and gardens. Then it came time to go fishing! Looking ahead we are hoping to connect with more of our friends in other activities.

ON THE HORIZON is our annual Christmas Bazaar.....for 2020 it will be December 4th. Planning a start-up meeting at the end of August. Handcrafted items will be welcomed so be creating when you can. Thanks! More details as we get closer to that time coming soon!!

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Outdoor Hymn Sing  
Sunday, July 12  
3:00pm



We will sit and sing in the church parking lot. It is "BYOC" (bring your own chair), a water bottle! Depending on the weather, you may want to bring a blanket or even an umbrella for the sun. If it is raining or chilly, it will be cancelled.

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Beverly McQuaig is having a BIG yard sale the last part of July. She has lots of stuff that needs to go so she can get her car into the garage this winter.

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Thank God and Dr. Caparvana for releasing me from that big boot I had to wear. Thank also the people that sent cards with well wishes. I am especially grateful to my new best friend, Gail Barbour for all her calls.

**Maxine Hutchinson**

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For all Kids - whatever the age!

JOB WORD SEARCH

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U	M	D	D	D	V	F	Q	D	U	E	A
K	O	E	P	R	L	E	I	B	I	T	H
G	H	I	E	M	B	I	S	R	M	T	P
R	T	S	E	M	D	P	H	R	E	O	I
Y	U	Z	A	H	Z	Z	H	C	U	P	L
S	K	N	E	C	I	T	S	U	J	C	E

Word List:

Bildad	Fire	Satan
Children	God	Servants
Curse	Hedge	Uz
Die	Justice	Weep
Dust	Pity	Wife
Elephant	Pottery	Zophar

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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Lord's Prayer Anagram

### Word List:

anytime, anywhere, communicate, daily bread, example, forgiveness, heaven, power, simple, temptations

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| aeelmpx | _____ |
| eilmpps | _____ |
| aeehnrv | _____ |

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| adily abder | _____ |
| eefginorssv | _____ |
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| eoprw       | _____ |
| aeimnty     | _____ |
| acceimmnotu | _____ |
| aeehnrvy    | _____ |

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Jeanne Robinson:

Just a note to tell you that all is well for me. I keep busy working in my yard, enjoying my flowers, and little garden. I feel so blessed to have my son and daughter-in-law living in St. Maries. They help me so much. Also, my many friends call me often. My telephone keeps me connected to those I love while I'm somewhat disconnected to the outside world. I am so grateful for my church family and Pastor Janet who shepherds us during this pandemic.



I pray over and over that love will be evident for every human being. At times I don't understand the happenings in our world. It's easy to get despondent, but then I want to stay focused on Christ and his love. Prayer is the answer.

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## The Bible in Fifty Words

from Daily Guidepost

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Submitted by Kay Cowin by request

They began telling each other how their hearts had felt strangely warm as he talked with them and explained the Scriptures during the walk down the road.

— Luke 24:32

(TLB)

I read once that, on average, women speak 20,000 words a day and men utter only 7,000 words. This information became the basis for

a talk I give to women's groups: "Celebrating the Wild, Wonderful Side of Women's Friendships." I like to point out that one reason it's crucial for women to have close women friends is that men generally do not want to listen to our 20,000 words every day. But get a group of women together and we can chatter, exclaim, compare, complain, solve, reason, suggest, explain, advise, and sympathize while we all get our 20,000 words out.

One day, out of curiosity, I looked on the Internet to see how many words there are in the Bible. It said 789,650 words in my preferred translation. If I used every one of my 20,000 words a day to read the Bible aloud, it would take nearly forty days. That said, I have to admit that one of my favorite discoveries was the poem "The Bible in Fifty Words." Whenever I'm stuck for a way to begin my daily prayers I start with these fifty words:

***"God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, Bush talked, Moses balked. Pharoah plagued, people walked, sea divided, tablets guided. Promise landed, Saul freaked, David peeked, prophets warned, Jesus born. God walked, love talked, anger crucified, hope died. Love rose, spirit flamed, Word spread, God remained."***

That pretty covers it, right?

At the least I've learned that words, whether a few or many, have a tremendous impact on the hearts and minds of those who hear them.

Lord, when I'm upset or angry, help me keep my words to a minimum. When I'm complimenting someone, help me say as many of the right ones as possible. — Patricia Lorenz

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**Prayer is the
 key to Heaven, but
Faith
 unlocks the door**
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## Bible Trivia

1. How many apostles did Jesus have?
2. Which book tells about the visit of the Wise men to baby Jesus?
3. Who wrote the book of Acts?
4. How many Gospel books are there?
5. Who wrote the book of Revelation?
6. Who said, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"?
7. How many times did Peter deny Jesus?
8. Who was shipwrecked in the New Testament?
9. Which New Testament book tells about Paul's conversion?
10. Where did Jesus grow up?
11. Where was Paul when he went blind?
12. How many wise and foolish girls were in Jesus' story?
13. Who wrote the most books in the New Testament?
14. Name one book that tells of Jesus' birth?
15. Who was the governor who tried Jesus?
16. How many loaves of bread did Jesus use to feed five thousand?
17. Who said, "Peace, be still"?
18. Who said, "He is not here; for He is risen"?
19. Who betrayed Jesus?
20. Which apostle was a tax collector?

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America
 LAND THAT I LOVE
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*Happy  
 4th of July*

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Trivia Answers:

- 1.Twelve, 2.Matthew, 3.Luke, 4.Four, 5.John, 6.John the Baptist, 7.Three, 8.Paul, 9.Acts, 10.Nazareth, 11.On the road to Damascus, 12.Five of each or ten altogether, 13.Paul, 14.Matthew or Luke, 15.Pilate, 16.Five, 17.Jesus, 18.An angel, 19.Judas, 20.Matthew