

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

June 2020

Pastor's Corner



Dear All,

Sunday May 31 is Pentecost! "On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world." (Presbyterianmission.org). Pentecost is often called the birthday of the church as over 3000 people repented and were baptized in responded to Peter's speech. (Acts 2)

In Greek, the word *ekklesia* is commonly translated as "church." *Ekklesia* means "In a Christian sense, those who anywhere, in a city or village, constitute such a company and are united into one body" (blueletterbible.org). The church has always been a gathering of people for worship in a religious meeting. "Church" does not refer to the building! During these last 2 months of online gatherings, we have remained the church because as the song goes..."The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple....the church is a people!" (We are the Church by Avery & Marsh).

Our online worship through Zoom and Facebook continues and now we are adding in sanctuary worship on May 31. The service will be much like our online worship service has been. Child care, Communion, congregational singing and coffee hour are all on hold for the next few weeks. Please continue worshipping God together with us through zoom or Facebook, if you prefer!

Like the Israelites of the Old Testament, we too

have been on a journey. Like them we have never been this way before. But God has!

"But the LORD is the one who is marching before you! He is the one who will be with you! He won't let you down. He won't abandon you. So don't be afraid or scared!" Deut. 31:8 Common English Bible (CEB)

Blessings
Pastor Janet

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### *June Birthdays*

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| Mark Harpole   | 6/03 |
| Leo Potter     | 6/09 |
| Stanley Cook   | 6/11 |
| Janet Potter   | 6/12 |
| Jim Martin     | 6/15 |
| Boni Schueller | 6/16 |
| Ella Rae Chase | 6/18 |
| Ryan Barbour   | 6/18 |



*Christ*  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

JOHN 14:6

## Our reunion worship service May 31<sup>st</sup>!

The following is the worship-in-person plan for the time being:

### Agreed:

- We have never been this way before
- Decisions will be made in prayer
- Our congregation is older, high risk with numerous health issues
- We are in a unique location with no cases in our county (there were none at the time of this decision making)
- We encourage and support those who choose to stay at home
- Some folks will come/some folks will not
- Streaming worship will continue: live & call in option. Online giving available.
- We follow Idaho Rebounds Plan. Any changes to that plan could impact our decisions.

### Blessings:

We have continued to praise God and been the body of Christ even while we are separated.

God has brought new giving, new connections and strengthened relationships.

### Basic Worship Policy:

1. Strongly encourage congregation to wear masks
2. People will sit every other pew in designated rows/locations
3. We will respect social distancing.
4. Review worship policies at June 17 Session meeting or as needed

### Safety

- ! Sanctuary Capacity: 40 people max. (incl. using chairs on the end) every other pew with social distancing extra chairs replaced with folding metal chairs
- ! Sanctuary airflow will be aided by all doors open
- ! Strongly discourage hugging, handshakes touching
- ! Hand sanitizers are available in each bathroom and entryway.
- ! Bathrooms: respect social distancing

- ! Sound tech will keep weekly attendance log

### Worship Service:

- Strongly encourage wearing masks. Masks will be available if someone would like one
- Door greeter will welcome everyone with a drop of hand sanitizer
- Shorter service, beginning with prayer requests
- No congregational singing. Solo or duets with social distancing encouraged
- Offering plates will be placed in the back of the sanctuary
- No child care provided
- Dismissal will be by usher and by row (like at a funeral or wedding) All will exit out either the east door and through the lobby.

After worship a Clean Team will sanitize the space.



### *A New Group!*

*The Wild Widows' grief group held their very first meeting on May 21 at 1:00pm. This new group is for widows only. We will meet on Thursday, June 4 and Thursday, June 18 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)



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

## Liturgy? Liturgical Colors? What?!?!?!?

I have heard these words all my life. They apparently went over my head because I never thought about what they meant and how they affect the us, the church. So, I looked up the definitions, went to the PCUSA website and now, I'm going to share what I learned.

The definition of liturgy according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary is:

A rite or body of rites prescribed for public worship

A customary repertoire of ideas, phrases or observances.

Definition of liturgical

1: of, relating to, or having the characteristics of liturgy (*Well, that clears things up*)

For example:

// the liturgical calendar

// liturgical music

2: using or favoring the use of liturgy

For example:

// liturgical churches

So, why are the different (liturgical) colors used in the sanctuary throughout the year important?

The color of the paraments (the runner and the bookmark) on the pulpit can tell us what season of the church year we are in. White and gold symbolize days and seasons of joy and mark pivotal events in the life of Christ. Red symbolizes the work of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifices of martyrs. Purple (and sometimes blue, in Advent) designates a season of penitence and preparation, such as Lent. Ordinary Time's color is green.

It wasn't always like this. For the first thousand years of the church, little thought was given to liturgical colors. Important festivals brought out the more elaborate garments and paraments of no particular colors. White vestments were most common outside the festivals time. During the 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> centuries there were localized experiments with liturgical color but no standards existed until 1570. That's when the Roman Catholic Church established a standard of colors that accompanied the church calendar.

Calvinists in the sixteenth century avoided these directives, however. They preferred black vestments. The past two centuries have seen a resurgence in the use of liturgical colors Perhaps driven by a new appreciation for the artistic dimensions of worship.

Here is a typical schedule for the use of liturgical colors:

Advent: **purple or blue**  
Christmas: **white** and **gold**: from December 26 to Epiphany - Jan. 6 (The twelve days of Christmas)

Ordinary Time: **green**: Jan. 7 through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. With the exception of Baptism of the Lord and Transfiguration of the Lord, **both white**

Ash Wednesday through the first five weeks of  
 Lent: **purple**  
 Palm/Passion Sunday: **red and/or purple**  
 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy  
 Week: **purple**  
 Maundy Thursday: **purple** (until the church is  
 stripped bare)  
 Good Friday: **no color**; church remains  
 stripped bare  
 Easter Season (including Ascension of the Lord):  
**white and gold**  
 Day of Pentecost: **red**  
 Ordinary Time: **green** - the Monday after  
 Pentecost through the  
 Saturday before the First  
 Sunday of Advent. With  
 the exception of Trinity  
 Sunday, All Saints' Day (or  
 first Sunday in November),  
 and Christ the King, *all*  
**white**

In addition, *white* is used for funerals. *Red* is  
 sometimes used for ordinations, installations and  
 church dedications and anniversaries. Baptisms,  
 communion services and weddings should keep  
 the color of the season.

Advent: Begins the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before  
 Christmas. "Advent" means  
 "coming" or "arrival." During the  
 season of Advent, we celebrate  
 Christ's coming into the world and  
 watch with expectant hope for his  
 coming again.

Lent: The 40 days before Easter.  
 Easter occurs on the first Sunday  
 after the Paschal full moon (the  
 first full moon after the spring  
 equinox). The season of Lent is a  
 time of prayer, fasting and  
 self-examination in preparation for  
 the celebration of the resurrection  
 of the Lord at Easter.

Ordinary  
 Time: The Christian year includes two  
 central cycles focused on major  
 events in the life of Christ: the  
 Christmas cycle  
 (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany)

and Easter cycle  
 (Lent-Easter-Pentecost).

Each of these seasons begins with  
 a time of preparation and  
 anticipation followed by a time of  
 celebration. Ordinary Time follows  
 each cycle.

The word "**ordinary**" here does  
 not mean "routine" or "not special."  
 Instead, it refers to the "ordinal  
 numbers" (first, second, third, etc.)  
 used to name and count the  
 Sundays (such as the Third  
 Sunday after Epiphany). This term  
 comes from the Latin ordinalis,  
 meaning "numbered" or "ordered,"  
 and tempus ordinarium,  
 "measured time."

And, now you know. I hope you found this  
 informative. I know I learned a few things.

Sandy

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Hymn Sing

Join us **Sunday, June 7** at 3 p.m. for an outside
 Hymn sing! We will sit and
 sing in the church parking
 lot. It is "BYOC" bring your
 own chair and 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, the sing will be cancelled.



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Kids page returns  
 next month.



June 10<sup>th</sup>

