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RETURNING TO CHURCH

Our Spiritual Guidelines:

A lawyer once asked Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment is the greatest?" There is never a time in our life together when Jesus' answer isn't an important one for us. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and *first commandment*...and the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Jesus told his followers to follow these two instructions, and "hang all" they understood God to be and how to follow God more faithfully on these two spiritual practices. Love God and love one another.

In this first phase of returning to worship we are reminded worship, expressing our love for God, begins with opening our heart, soul and mind to the presence of a living God. Worshipping as a community is the purpose to our living as the Body of Christ in the world. But first, worship begins with our letting God, and each other, into our hearts, souls and minds...into our lives. That is why Jesus said the "second is like it," because for God these two are one in the same. Loving our neighbor is showing God our love. It will be important as we return to church that we stay mindful and compassionate of the people around us who are more vulnerable than ourselves. We have plans that will be important for all of us to consider in our hearts, souls and minds regarding the practice of good social distancing, wearing masks, and using plain common sense in doing our part to slow the spread of Covid-19.

Phase one reminder:

- We will return with "worship only" 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 - please register for a time.
- Usher will seat and assure proper social distancing six feet apart.
- You are encouraged to wear masks, but not required. Some will be provided.
- Please practice common sense personal hygiene, check temperatures regularly before attending worship, and please use hand sanitizers made available.
- The doors will be open to avoid touching door handles.
- Gathering and social time is encouraged before and after and outside in the open air.
- No coffee stations, food or beverages, or use of water fountains.
- No childcare at this time (Nursery, Sunday School, etc.)
- Adult Sunday Schools classes will continue to meet by Zoom or GoToMeeting, please be patient concerning any class time changes.
- If you are experiencing fever or symptoms of sickness: **Please stay home**
- Senior adults are advised to use wisdom and careful caution in making decisions to join us on Sundays.
- Offerings and gifts to the church will be collected in boxes positioned in Narthex and Gathering Space.
- Services will be livestreamed on our website at 10am.

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Congregational Care & Service



Our Church uses a prayer chain when we are made aware of prayer requests and needs. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email Renea at rfosterfpc@gmail.com.



In **memory** of Jesse Foreman by: Janice Tracy



Our **sympathy** to Karen Smith in the loss of her brother, Ken Kalas

Our **sympathy** to Beth Himes in the loss of her father, Dr. Henry B. Strock Jr.



Congratulations to Brent & Alissa Perry on the birth of their daughter, Collins Belle Perry, born on March 12, 2020 and to big sister McKay.

On-Line Giving Now Available!

We hope you have found the new On-Line Giving link on our website to be helpful. The link is located on the top of the home page where other menu items are found. It will direct you to a secure site made available through a collaborating partner of the Presbyterian Foundation. Members and visitors can make a one-time, recurring, or memorial gift using a debit or credit card. Anyone can manage their personal giving as a "guest" or by setting up an account. A 1% fee will be assessed, which is normally 2%, but due to COVID-19 it has been reduced. This charge is on each transaction and will be absorbed by the church. You can designate your gift to someone's memory or to a specific fund by entering that information in the Notes section on the payment page.

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THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith



These Days Daily Devotions for July, August, and September are available on the table in the gathering area and Narthex. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the church office at 388-1985 or email Renea rfosterfpc@gmail.com.

If you would like a mask to wear, you may pick one up in the Narthex or in the Gathering Space. These are reversible and washable. Thanks to Judy Richcreek for making them and donating them to the church.

Christian Education

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ON-LINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Offered by the Chapel and the Fellowship Class

SUNDAY MORNINGS

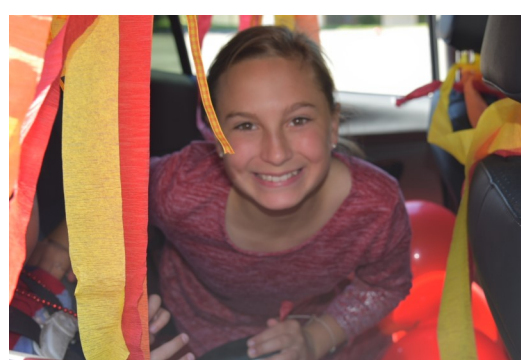
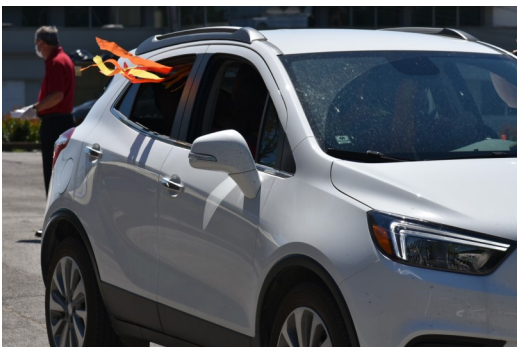
If you would like information on how to join the Chapel SS Class please contact Karen Phillips @ phillipskaren1320@gmail.com

If you would like information on how to join the Fellowship SS Class please contact Mary Beth Cotham at meocotham@att.net or contact Susie Baxter at Sbaxterfpc@gmail.com

Pentecost Sunday Drive Thru Communion



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Deacons



CEREAL FOR SUMMER

The Deacon's are hosting a cereal drive to help feed the children of Maury County this summer.

JUNE 1-30

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE CHURCH
CEREAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
THE FAMILY CENTER**

NaCoMe Sunday



Sign Up for
NaCoMe
Sunday
June 28, 2020



We hope you will join us at beautiful Camp NaCoMe on Sunday, June 28 for a morning of outdoor worship, followed by lunch and fellowship. We will be practicing safe social distancing in the great outdoors! We will begin with our traditional cinnamon rolls and coffee at 9:30 AM. This year these will be set up outside, underneath a tent and refreshments will be served to you to prevent the spread of germs. We will gather in the open air chapel at 10:30 AM for worship, communion, and a Congregational Meeting to elect Ruling Elders and Deacons for the class of 2023. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs or blankets so that we can spread out on the grounds for our service. Following the service we will have picnic lunches, you are welcome to bring your own lunch or you may purchase a box lunch of fried chicken from the dining hall. The cost of lunch is \$11 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. We ask that you pay for your lunch in advance to prevent us from having to collect money onsite. You may pay on our website under the on-line giving tab, please put NaCoMe lunch in the memo line or you can drop your check off at the church. Please register [here](#) to let us know you are coming. We will be collecting an offering during the service that will be donated to NaCoMe. As most of you know, summer camps had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Summer camp is the largest source of revenue for NaCoMe so we would like to do what we can to help them through the crisis of Covid-19. Anything you can give will be appreciated.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Church Officers Class of 2023

Ruling Elders

Jim Ross

Michael McAlister

Dawn Taylor

Dan Garman

Dorothy Duncan

Deacons

Janice English

Gary Patterson

Zach Maddox

Sharon Shaw

Houston Jameson

Sunday Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service

11:30 Worship Service

No in-person Sunday School
or Fellowship at this time.

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June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Staff and Worship Planning 10:00 AM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Staff and Worship Planning 10:00 AM Session 6:00 PM Zoom Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:30 Worship	15	16 Staff and Worship Planning 10:00 AM Deacons 6:00 PM Committees 7:00 PM Zoom Meetings	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship 11:30 Worship	22	23 Staff and Worship Planning 10:00 AM	24	25	26	27
28 NaCoMe Sunday Communion Congregational Meeting	29	30 Staff and Worship Planning 10:00 AM				