

FIRST THOUGHTS

Our last Sunday together was March 15th. I preached on “Love One Another” during that combined worship service in the Family Life Center and recall the uncertainty in the room related to the fast spreading coronavirus (COVID-19). Our concerns were validated with the closure of schools later that morning.

What began as a period of two weeks eventually extended through the remainder of the academic year. Desiring to be good neighbors, our church also discontinued on campus gatherings to help avert the spread of the virus.

The Church Council has approved guidelines for resuming in person worship services. There will be changes to what and how we do some things. Additional steps are being taken to clean and sanitize the areas we use for worship; other areas will receive similar attention as different activities are phased in. These guidelines are not intended to be exhaustive, but are designed to help us return to corporate worship.

The decision on how and when to return to in person gatherings is more difficult than the one to stop them. I am asking for your cooperation and prayers as we “phase in” different activities and use of our buildings.

Some of you will be eager to return to in person worship and the continuation of other activities right away. Others of you will not be ready, and have already told me so. No matter where on this decision spectrum you may be, you remain part of this fellowship! This is absolutely a time where grace must abound in our church.

I’m well aware that some of you think our church should have resumed in person meetings several weeks ago, maybe even months ago. Others, however, feel we aren’t taking this virus seriously enough and should wait even longer to come together.

Indeed, the COVID virus is still impacting decisions relating to schools, sports, hospitals, businesses, and other group activities. It’s going to be a challenging summer and even Fall for our nation.

So, June 7th will be emotional. Some will be filled with excitement like a people returning home after an exile. Others will be more cautious, liking putting their toes in the water to see if they can stand the temperature.

The church that gathers on June 7th will be different from the one that gathered on March 15th. But, I believe this church has the capacity to have the mind of Christ and put the Golden Rule into practice.

Our church may face some new challenges and decisions related to COVID-19 in the upcoming days; no one is really sure what to expect. But, the one thing that will be the same is our need to love each other.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Danny

YOUTH

Youth Zoom Meetings are on **Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.** Jason sends out zoom meeting information weekly.

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates!

Emily Bigler, Mollie Smith, Julianne Smith, Lindsay Bowling (pictured left to right)



Vacation Bible School has been **cancelled** for this Summer. We hope to see all the kids for the FBC Kids kick-off this fall.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

We will not have Busy Bags available for the services until further notice.

PRIMETIME

The Primetime group will not be meeting until further notice.

RENEW RECOVERY

Tuesdays
Tune in at 6:00 p.m. on the ReNew Recovery of Clinton Facebook Page.

Guidelines for Re-Gathering approved by the Church Council:

We will resume the two worship services schedule on June 7th (8:30/10:40 am) but will have no combined worship services for June and July. There will be no childcare provided during worship services; families are encouraged to sit together.

Social distancing will be encouraged. The wearing of facial coverings (masks) will be encouraged but not required. Persons who have pre-existing health issues as well as those who may be uncomfortable returning to in person worship are encouraged to remain home at this time.

We encourage those who are uncomfortable returning to in person worship at this time to participate via our online platforms. Those who are sick or have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus are also urged to remain at home.

The worship services will be livestreamed via social media platforms.

We are making modifications to our worship services to minimize physical contact. For example, there will be no “passing of the offering plates” or “the meet and greet” time during the worship service.

There will be no small group Sunday School (on campus) at this time. Groups may continue to meet online in virtual platforms.

Wednesday Night Adult Bible study (prayer meeting) will continue in a virtual format.

If a member or attendee tests positive for COVID-19, we will seek CDC guidelines and local health department recommendations to determine whether our church should cease in-person gatherings, close for additional cleaning, or otherwise change our protocols.



When we re-gather for services on June 7, please be sure to thank our Hostess Committee for their many hours spent at the church updating our décor.

Also, be sure to thank Carl Morrison and Paul Wilder for painting the inside of the church building.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER SCHEDULE

The Family Life Center will re-open **Monday, June 8.**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. only

This schedule is subject to change.

Please check with your group leader for information about your specific activity.

PRAYER SERVICE & BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Facebook Live
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 Study on the *Parables of Luke*
 begins June 10.
 Led by Dr. Chisholm

BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, June 17
6:30 p.m.
 In the Sanctuary

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Resumes Wednesday, June 3
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 In the Choir Suite

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	June 16
Peggy Morris	Rebecca Aiken
Dot Rutherford	Ashley Hadden
Shayla Sanderson	Jane Horton
Rachel Smith	James K. Miller
June 2	June 17
Trey Meredith	Kym Cuffman
June 3	Jennifer Widener
Charlie Rhyne	June 18
Tyler Schlandt	Cindy Clemons
June 4	Adeline Queener
Alyssa Cox	June 19
Sutton McNally	Krista Franklin
June 6	June 20
Stacey Foster	Beasley Bray
June 9	June 23
Raymond Baird	Bronson Ballew
Ryan Herbst	Haley Meredith
Lisa Rhyne	June 24
June 10	Lynn Foster
Todd Temple	Whis Harber
June 11	Tucker Smith
Lori Hutchins	June 26
Sandi Tomlinson	Kevin Bowling
Ron Young	Sophia Daugherty
June 12	June 27
Lorene Holt	Dorothy Howell
June 13	June 28
Mark Alderson	Amy Williams
Pat Meredith	June 29
June 14	Annabell Davis
Ann Gann	Elizabeth Wallace
June 15	
McKenna McNally	

A SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Pastor Danny will be preaching from the Psalms beginning Sunday, June 7.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers that were placed on the altar Sunday, May 31, were in loving memory of **Richard Buckner's** birthday, May 20, given by his wife, Marilyn Buckner and children, Jaci Harris and Michael Buckner.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, June 7, are in loving memory of **Homer and Bessie Wallace**, whose anniversary was June 3, given by Dorothy Howell and the Wallace family.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, June 14, are given by Jim and Kay Hannah in loving memory of Jim's parents, **J.E. and Edna Hannah**, and grandparents, **Frank and Inez Hannah**.

The flowers on the altar Sunday, June 21, are in loving memory of these special dads: **John Cobb and Leonard Williams**, given by Beth and Connie.

CHURCH-WIDE WEDDING SHOWERS

- **Wedding Shower honoring Caleb and Mackenzie Clement Saturday, June 20 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
 Family Life Center
 Hearth Room
 Registered at Target and Pampered Chef
- **Wedding Shower honoring Sarah Thomas and David Vick Sunday, June 28 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
 Family Life Center
 Hearth Room
 Registered at Target and Amazon

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• April Financial Summary	
Budget Receipts	\$ 80,270
2020 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 17,901
2020 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 17,284
Budget Expense	\$ 71,362
April Deficit/Income	\$ 8,908
2020 Deficit/Income	(\$ 1,207)
TOTAL April 30	\$ 7,701

Please remember that our missing Sundays due to the COVID-19 virus will put additional strain on the church's finances. You may give online via church website or direct mail (P.O. Box 268 Clinton 37717) during this time. For questions or other options call the church office 457-9353.

A NOTE FROM TERRI



"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."
 - Psalm 96:1-3

Music, for me, is worship. I talk to my God with hymns and songs, pray to my God with music, and serve my God through music. I just don't believe I could live without music, instrumental and vocal. As we have been physically apart since March, I have prayed and searched with God to find music for our online services that would allow you to worship from your homes. I thought about the hymn choices and the lyrics, offertories, special music, and all instrumental music. I am so thankful to work with our wonderful accompanists, Jeana and Charlotte, to offer beautiful instrumental pieces that would help to further our worship together.

NOW - speaking and singing are being questioned in public places because of the Covid-19!! I will be honest - there have been

a few tears in the King household over all the reports coming out?!?! What will it look like when we finally come back into the physical sanctuary?

Well --- we can hear the beautiful music provided by our accompanists, sing or HUM hymns, a smaller choir may present an anthem, and who knows what else we will come up with!!

The Venerable Bede (673-735) wrote a hymn that has spoken to me during these uncertain times. Bede was called "the first among English theologians". Faith, he said, came with singing. In one city he preached, Bede said Christians came together to "meet, to sing, to pray" and the king along with 10,000 citizens were baptized. His hymn is called "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" and the first verse has really hit home:

"A hymn of glory let us sing, New hymns throughout the world shall ring; By a new way none ever trod Christ takes His place - the throne of God."

This is a new way that none of us have trod. We will figure it out together. But one thing I will assure you - as long as I have breath on this earth, I will be making and sharing music!!

Terri King

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Re-Gathering for Worship Services

Sunday, June 7
8:30 a.m.
 Family Life Center
10:40 a.m.
 Sanctuary

There will be no childcare provided during the worship services; families are encouraged to sit together.

There will be no small group
 Sunday School (on campus) at this time.

*Please see inside the Friendly Guide
 for more information about re-gathering guidelines
 approved by the Church Council.*