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"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

Martin Luther King

Out of the Woodwork

By Rev. Jeff Wood

Dear Church Family,

We have managed the virus quarantine well, I believe, and it has taken work. All you need to do is have someone call you on the smartphone you are using for a Facebook Live worship stream *during* the Facebook Live worship stream to realize, "I need to keep *that* from happening next time!" Or to find a way to leave a phone message for everyone since many of our flock aren't computer savvy. How do you do that, call 150 phone numbers? Or to find that the sound quality for the livestream is fine *if* the phone is in your hand but the quality is not good from a tripod eight feet away ... and next week when you try the external microphone you bought to fix that, it doesn't work! Ahhhh. Or why did Facebook stop the Zoom Live Cast arrangement five minutes before start time when it worked just fine yesterday? How does Zoom interact with Facebook again? By the way, last month I didn't know what Zoom was. Or Facebook Live. Nor did I know there's a copyright license for showing a song on the screen in your sanctuary and another one entirely for streaming that song on Facebook Live. And on and on.



On our personal home front, we have two teens whose senior year did not have prom, yearbook signings, senior trips, and all that stuff most of us remember. My wife is a nurse and has been on the front lines. Wearing all the protective gear all day long itself leads to exhaustion. Our children have kept busy and their jobs for the most part. There have been cuts and improv but we're grateful for solvency.

Church has had virtual tours, virtual interviews, virtual prayer meetings, virtual call-in shows, virtual session meetings, virtual presbytery pastor check-in meetings, virtual presbytery meetings, virtual e-devotionals, virtual surveys, virtual worship services ... do you hear the word "virtual"? What isn't virtual is that we have a good church with good people who serve and care and give. We're staying connected and looking up Godward the best we can. He's good and is watching over us. Let's give him thanks.

Pastor Jeff

Outreach and Mission Team

By Wilma Kaelin

Life doesn't always go according to our own plans and why some things happen will never be certain, but the one thing we can depend upon is that God is with us always. Train your mind to see the good in everything. Being positive is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

Choose to feel blessed. Choose to feel grateful. Choose to be happy. Choose to have faith. Choose to believe that it's still a beautiful world.



PRESBYTERIANS' ANSWER TO HUNGER (P.A.T.H.) is a partnership program of Christian faith and compassion demonstrated through prayers, understanding, and gifts.



Dr. Daniel Turk (Elizabeth)—Madagascar Mission Workers: In 2015 PATH voted to fund a new project in Madagascar under the leadership of Dan Turk. This project trains Seminary students to plant and grow fruit trees and vegetables. This will be a valuable tool when they graduate and pastor churches in rural Madagascar, where growing food is not seen as a hobby or past time, but as an important means of survival and self sustenance.



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

A few years ago the church ran a campaign for Compassion International to sponsor children who are in need. In need of what, you ask? Food, clothing, healthcare, housing, education and last, certainly not least, is an introduction to Jesus Christ.

With Jinny Earnshaw, we decided to sponsor a child. Her name is Mevis Daniel Mazula and she lives in Tanzania. We write letters back and forth (with translation). Her favorite animal is the Giraffe, because he is cool, and it's my favorite African animal also. She tells me what she is studying in school and some of the things her family is doing such as planting and harvesting and fortunately, she has time to play also.

As many of you know, I have been teaching children with special needs for over twenty years. I love working with this special group and God has given me the gifts necessary to do this, but I felt there was more I could do on a global plane. When I learned what Compassion International is doing for children, I felt compelled to help this next generation to lift themselves out of poverty through education, teaching them necessary skills, and teaching them that Jesus Christ is with them through their life's journey and that they can make this world a better place. As the song says "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world."

You can learn more online about this organization and how you can help. Sponsoring a child is one way but there are other ways such as a donation for medical help, water, disaster relief, etc. This is a difficult time for all of us but there are always those less fortunate than we are. When we are out scouring the supermarket aisles for toilet paper, remember there are those who don't have access to toilet paper or a supermarket or have the money to purchase it. With prayer and God's help, may you see your way through to help. *Grace, Peace, Joy and Love to all. From Mary Keogh*

Clerk's Corner

By Jane Capo

Your Session has been doing its best to “Keep Calm and Carry On” through the pandemic and hope you have also. I’d like to tell you about the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, which was scheduled for April 26th and had to be postponed. Our By-laws set a quorum for the meeting at one-fifth of Active Members, which in our congregation of 160, is 32 people. We normally have the Annual Meeting in April in order to allow our snowbirds to participate. Unfortunately, many of them have already gone north, and we will miss their input.

One item of business at the Annual Meeting is approving the Pastor’s Terms of Call. Although the Session makes a recommendation for the Terms of Call, the congregation must approve it. Some items in the Terms of Call are recommendations, set amounts or “minimums” prescribed by Presbytery, such as the Auto/Travel allowance and Book. The Terms of Call take effect April 1st, so any action taken on the Terms of Call is always retroactive to April 1st.

Another item of business at the Annual Meeting will be a Session request to amend the By-Laws to allow electronic meetings. We have been

meeting via Zoom since April 1st, but Robert’s Rules of Order does not allow electronic meetings unless they are specially permitted in an organization’s By-Laws. So we’ll be formulating a motion to amend the By-Laws, with the amendment being retroactive to April 1st.

A third thing we may be asking the Congregation to consider relates to the Budget & Finance. With the church closed for on-site worship, giving may be down. We will know more in the next month, as activities resume. The Annual Budget has been approved by Session and will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. Session Teams did make cuts in original budget requests, based on anticipation of reduced giving/income. It may be necessary, however, to pull from the Building Fund or another reserve Fund to supplement the General Fund. The By-Laws stated that “Borrowing funds or making expenditures from any reserve funds beyond five (5) percent of the church budget in one year shall require approval of the congregation.” So Session may present a request of that nature at the Annual Meeting, or at some point thereafter.

Again, we will know more as time goes on.



Some other items of interest from the May Stated Meeting: We applied for and received a Payroll Protection Loan through the CARES Act. The Presbytery Meeting which was to be held at our church on June 4th is now going to be an electronic meeting, held via Zoom.

Roe Abma has graciously volunteered to take over the Kitchen/Bath Supply Closet inventory control from Maggie Hall—Thanks for serving, Maggie!

Kathy Daneker and Juanita Leioatts are stepping down from the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer positions, with Susan Mann taking that on. Thank you, Kathy and Juanita, for your years of faithful service and helping with the transition to Susan, and thank you, Susan, for agreeing to serve!



Music Department

Rochelle Sallee, Music Director

Hello to my Choir pals and listening Congregation. I know some of you are following us as we minister via Facebook Live on Sundays, and some of you are watching the services later as they post to the church website. So you have perhaps seen a larger version of some new choir robes we have received? Thanks to Jacob at First Presbyterian in Vero, we have a robe and 4 options of matching stoles for up to 25 choir members. Yippee! We are not "giving up" our burgundy/maroon robes, just adding another color option, and variety can be the fun in any given Sunday.

A few people have been asking what it is I'm doing to stay busy, so here is an update:

First, just like anything, I practice the piano. Sounds basic, but as the choir members know, "use it or lose it" really applies. I sure hope all of our singers are doing their best to sing around the house, or with their radios or favorite YouTube videos, right? If you have a cough or congestion, please rest, but otherwise-Vocalize!

Second, I have an enormous percentage of the choir music re-filed, sorted, organized and a lot of music ready to go when we are safe to have choir rehearsals again.

Third, I prepare and make videos for the church to enjoy and love hearing back on your particular favorites.

Last...I pray each day for us to all stay safe and sane. I pray for each musician to find God's Spirit and become a vehicle for His message. I pray that when it is time, we shall all rejoice together again in our church home. Until then my friends, know how much I miss you! Love, Rochelle

Here's a few comments from Facebook:

We are altogether in spirit during this trying time. Miss all of my church family. Love to each of you. Thank you Pastor Jeff and Rochelle! M. L. Crawford

So glad to hear this today...Rochelle, I could sit and listen to your beautiful talent all day long. You are so talented...God has certainly Blessed you! Doris Kelly

Thank you SO much for lifting our spirits this afternoon. 'Specially loved "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," a message we hold on to in these pandemic times. Joan Giltinan



Check out Rochelle's videos of your favorite hymns at:

**Facebook.com/
welovefirstsebastian**

(Click on the "videos" link on the left side of the page)

Check out Rochelle's bio, choir info, videos, & more at:

www.welovefirst.org

Just click on the "Newsletter and more..." tab at the top of the page and select "Music" from the drop down menu.



Worship Team



A Prayer for Us All

I pray strength for all to continue in your life of quarantine. Of all the things I miss these days—Thursday with our small group. Who would think folding bulletins

would be a thing to miss, but as you know, the folding is NOT it. It’s the people: smiles, hugs, and words of encouragement. Please pray for wisdom to do what is right for OUR CHURCH. Peace to all, Sister in Christ.

Camie Mills, Worship Team

Team Members:

Mary Keogh, Chair, Camie Mills, Vice Chair; Roe Abma, Carol Wise, Jan Rapacke, Sally Clark, Sandy Rose, John Blaga, Rochelle Sallee, Rev. Wood, & all ushers & greeters.



Thanks to Camie for making these cute cotton masks for folks in the office! “Sew” nice of you!

NOTE: Contribution Envelopes have been moved into the Gathering Room during renovations. You may arrange to pick up your box by calling the church office to set up a time. Please continue to wear a face mask and practice social distancing when entering the church building at any time.

Thanks for keeping us all safe!

A Message from Martha Circle

Past articles for Martha Circle started off by saying “Mark your calendar for.....” as was the case for the March Lesson Three, Words of Love: Keep Sabbath. *“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work”* (Exodus 20:8-11).

Mark your calendar for Lesson Four: Words of Love: Honor the Life-Givers. This is the Fifth Word, *“Honor your father and your mother”* (Exodus 20:12), about how we honor life and all the people who bring and nurture life in us. The call to honor parents applies to all those whom God has used to parent us in one way or another. These people act for God and therefore are worthy of honor. Sadly, we could not meet for these lessons.

NOW, I would like to say “Mark your calendars”...but I can only say to continue with our next Lesson Five which addresses the Sixth Word, *“You shall not murder”* (Exodus 20:13). In this lesson we examine the companion Word in which God tells us that we are not to be life-takers. We should instead honor the life-givers which, at this time, is amazingly true for all health care-givers and providers as we all combat the virus. My dear Sisters in Christ, I have asked Session to consider the possibility of Martha Circle meeting in mid-June. In Jesus’ holy name, I am praying that becomes a reality. As a reminder, now that we have time on our hands, do the “homework” of listing Bible verses related to each lesson that “help YOU know that GOD loves YOU.”

*In Christian Love,
Carol Wise, Circle Leader*



Presbyterian Women

*Nancy Orndorff, Moderator
Pam Carter, Vice Moderator
M.L. Crawford, Treasurer
Julie Wyllie, Secretary*

We send greetings and hope that you are all well and managing during this difficult time. These are challenging times and we need to keep our faith strong. We will get through this, together!

From Sandy Rose



Do these people look familiar? Did you guess Bob and Sandy Rose? Yes, we are The Infamous Rose Gang. Our mission today is to rid you of your worries, and your troubles, for a few minutes at least; and, bring a smile to your face. We are smiling, as we always are, but you can't see them behind the masks.

Bob and I are not first responders, doctors, or nurses, but we felt compelled to do something to help our friends and neighbors fight this dread virus. I had a sewing machine and yards of fabric from my Doggie Duds business, so we decided to make masks. Bob helped me piece the mask component and even helped press the fabric when asked. He kept me supplied with coffee while I sewed for hours every day. Now, that is a hero to me!! Thanks, Bob, for all your help and support during these difficult times.

Our 330 masks were donated to our Church, the Post Office, friends, and family, as well as sold from Florida to New York. It gave us both a sense of helping when we saw the masks go out and hearing appreciation comments we received. We are happy to say all the fabric was put to good use. Bob and I miss our Church family and our activities, as I am sure you do. Our Church is very loving and nurturing, and I look forward to resuming our interaction. We look forward to a future time when we can again share the closeness and joy we have worshiping and celebrating God's love together. May you each be blessed. Be safe, stay well, until we meet again.



The Thrift \$hop

From Susan Mann



The Thrift Shop will remain closed until we get word that it is safe to reopen. We all miss volunteering and visiting with shoppers and hope it will return soon.

Stay safe and if you are looking for something you think we might have, give me a call and I will check it out. At this time, we are not accepting donations, but hold onto your goodies because we will be up and running in the near future. Any questions or comments, call Susan Mann at 772-388-2457

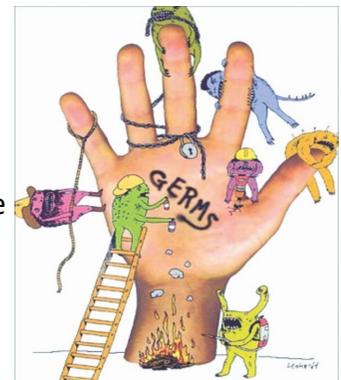


A Blast from the Past! Thrift Shop folks getting ready for Sebastian's 4th of July Parade. Pictured: Judy Nafziger, Roe Abma, John Blaga, Jinny Earnshaw, Clark Brillhart, Dick Nafziger

Spring Cleaning

Pastor needs another video to show what's been done to the paper goods closet. Roe Abma and I spent some time tidying up. Now, like items are together and a few food items were tossed as they were MANY years old. We won't be holding any suppers or other like activities soon but when we do, you will be able to find what you are looking for (hopefully).

Speaking of tidying up, both of our kitchens could stand the same from time to time. By the time we finish up an event, we are all tired and just want to go home, so sometimes things are not always put back where they belong. It would be nice to have a few volunteers come in once a month to straighten up and do some extra cleaning such as wiping down all the tables and counters. Yes, we do have a commercial cleaning service but they don't clean out cupboards and also don't know what we use, when or where. So, if you would like to help out, please give me a call. Remember, "Cleanliness is Next To Godliness."



Mary Keogh: 772-332-5205

Member Spotlight: Marnie Sullivan

By Sally Clark

Happiness Counts

*The beauty of Life does not depend on how happy you are,
but how happy others are because of you.*

The anonymous saying above gives recent new member, Marnie Sullivan, her words to live by. A self-proclaimed ambassador of happiness, Marnie radiates this joy. Marnie first visited our church a few years back with Maggie Perry and Sue Valley, a former churchgoer here, who has now moved to another state. Maggie, Judy Severin and others befriended Marnie, and she became one of that infamous group of gals who sit along the back row during worship most Sundays.



Back to the beginning. At age 10, Marnie and her family moved to Miami, Florida, from Toronto, Canada. They'd vacationed in Florida and finally left Canada's cooler climes for Florida's balmy breezes. Ultimately she met and married a dentist who practiced in the Miami area for several years while Marnie worked as a teacher, then an office worker, and then landed in the banking world. The Sullivan's had a vacation home in the Keys; in 1997 this became their permanent place for 9 years.

But Sebastian beckoned in 2006, when Marnie longed to live closer to her parents who'd moved to Winter Haven. Marnie & hubby bought a home in Sebastian Highlands, where they happily lived until his passing in 2017. Soon after, Marnie was playing bridge with friends at Sue Valley's River Run condo; Sue mentioned she was moving. Marnie bought Sue's unit, where she resides to this day. She normally summers in North Carolina, and plans to travel there very soon.

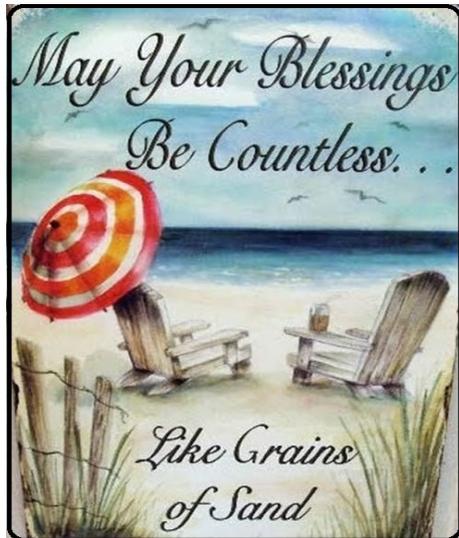
Marnie is an avid quilter, especially in North Carolina as part of a quilting group. When she's not stitching beautiful piecework, you might find her playing bridge online or at our Senior Center. She exercises by walking her beloved dog Angel, a miniature Schnauzer that she rescued by the side of the road one day.

Some of our church family already know Marnie well. She is former commander of Sebastian's Power Squadron and continues worthy efforts with this organization, as do Capt. Ken & Margaret Hislop and Dick & Debbie Sladen. So she'd already found the friendliness here, and relishes that in our worship services. She looks forward to Pastor Jeff's messages, and wants more church involvement soon.



As social-distancing slowly fades, stroll on over to say "hi" to Marnie some Sunday morning (when she returns in the fall), and you'll see for yourself – even behind a mask, her smile shows up. Be sure to smile back.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 6/6 Clark & Jean Brillhart (61)
- 6/22 Glenn & Lydia Johansen (46)
- 6/25 Bob & Katrina Norberg (60)
- 7/1 Wilma & Harry Kaelin (53)
- 7/4 Dick & Judy Nafziger (56)
- 7/16 John & Pat Blaga (58)

- 6/4 Nick Leioatts
- 6/5 Judy Baysinger
- 6/11 Patsy McCammack
- 6/17 Bob Norberg
- 6/19 Nancy Hart
- 6/19 Don Kern
- 6/22 Evelyn Wiltsie
- 6/23 Art Paddock, Jr.
- 6/24 Julie Wyllie
- 6/27 Dick Rowe
- 6/29 Jean Brillhart
- 6/30 Doris Brown
- 7/14 Carol Plummer
- 7/16 Bob Rose
- 7/17 Sandy Rose
- 7/20 Don Helmboldt
- 7/29 Jan Rapacke
- 7/31 Daisy Knowles

The Lord's Laughter

From the Joyful Noiseletter

During the "time for children" at the morning worship at Hoytville United Methodist Church, the pastor was explaining that Christians are the "light, salt, and leaven" of the world. The children understood "light" and "salt," but when the pastor asked them what "leaven" is, they were silent. Finally, young Michelle spoke up: "It's what comes after ten."

—via Rev. R. Vernon Babcock
Franklin, OH

Epitaph on Winston Churchills tombstone:

"I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another question."



Sign outside Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Polk City, IA: *"God's garden: Lettuce be kind, squash gossip, and turnip for church."* —via Rev. Dale Schoenig

More...

Sign from a church in OH: *"Be Ye fishers of Men! You Catch Them, God Will Clean Them".*

Sign at St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dover Delaware: *"Be As Good A Person As Your Pet Believes You Are."*

*This is particularly true of dogs, cats don't care. Feel fortunate they let you live in their house and keep the kibble bowl full, please.



From Mary Keogh

Church at Prayer

By Joan Giltinan

SEEKING PRAYERS RELATING TO:

Current Health Issues

June/John Atta Fred
 Augenstein's 3-yr.-old great-niece, Ellie
 Costellos' 4 yr.- old friend, Emma
 M.L. Crawford's brother, Bill
 Maggie Hall
 Jakubowitzs' friend, Marilyn
 Doris (Ron) Kelly
 Joan Kraftchak's PA neighbor, Bill
 Juanita (Nick) Leioatts
 Camie Mills' brother, Glen
 Nancy Orndorff's brother, Alan
 Dave Pierson's son, Mark
 John (Janet Young) Sommers
 Al (Missey) Tebbs

Persistent, chronic illness/pain

June – Katelynn Bauer; Judy Baysinger; John (Pat) Blaga; Pat John Carroll; Jamie (Sally) Clark Brad (Donna) Crowther; Ellie Gregory; Wayne/Barb Harding; Sam (Irene) Harpley; Nancy Hart; Mildred Hartman
July: Joan Helmacy; Carol (Doug Sharpe) Hill; Stan (Helga) LaVoque; Donna Lilga's friend, Linda; Nancy Marine; Dick (Judy) Nafziger; Dave (Chris) Pierson; Dick/Bebe Rowe; Judy Severin's granddaughter, Brianna & son-in-law, Danny; Sam (Priscilla) Spear; Bill/Juanita Welsh

Those Currently Homebound or in Care Facilities

Thelma Andresen
 Sylvia McFadden (Pelican Garden, Vero Beach)
 Ray Bratberg (Brennity Sr. Living, Vero Beach)
 Dorothy Davis (Pelican Landing, Sebastian)
 Audrey Reed (Pelican Garden, Vero Beach)
 Mabel Rohr (Solaris Sr. Living, Vero Beach)
 Dale Kuckenbecker
 Bess Scholten

Grieving

Jackie Gioia and family upon the death of her mother (4/2/20)

Mona Lopez and family upon the death of her husband, Norman (4/15/20)

Dawn Durling and family upon the death of her niece, Nikki (4/26/20)

Prayers for all:

Pastors, Music Directors, Churches; those sick with Covid-19; families/businesses struggling financially due to pandemic; medical professionals whose jobs put them in danger for Covid-19; scientists/medical researchers working to find cure/vaccine to combat Covid-19; government officials at all levels to make wise, responsible decisions re/coronavirus issues; citizens to continue to observe coronavirus protective guidelines daily, as together, we do our part to help stop this pandemic.



To Request Prayer:

Email: jcgiltinan556@gmail.com
 OR office@welovefirst.org

Call: 772-581-0392 (Joan)
 OR 772-589-5656 (office)

Prayer Request Boxes can be found in the sanctuary, Gathering Room and hallway.

Worship Schedule

Worship in the sanctuary will begin JUNE 14. No other programs or events will be held at the church until further notice, including the Thrift Shop, which is also closed for donations until it re-opens.

If you plan to attend, please follow these guidelines:

There will be **TWO SERVICES** with chairs set six feet apart (except for husband/wives, parent/child and/or those with special needs).

- The first service will be **9:45 to 10:30 a.m.** for those with last names beginning **A through M.**
- The second service will be **11:00 to 11:45 a.m.** for those with last names beginning **N through Z.**

EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK. Please stay home if you are at risk or if you have someone at home who is at risk, if you have had a fever or traveled out of the country or to one of the recent hotspots. **If the safety precautions don't work for you or if you have any concerns, you can avail yourself not only of the archive of videos online but you can watch the service streaming LIVE from your own device wherever you are (instructions below).*

PLEASE ENTER THROUGH THE SANCTUARY DOORS ONLY. The sanctuary and rest rooms will be open and thoroughly cleaned between services. There will be no hymnbooks, bulletins, friendship pads, offering plates, choir, or handshakes/handholding.

IF YOU CAN'T BE WITH US IN PERSON...Here's an easy way to access our 204+ videos of sermons, worship services, guest interviews and special music performances. Just type this link in your search browser: <http://tiny.cc/9d0voz>.

OR...GO TO welovefirst.org — click on the tabs at the top of the page, then choose from the drop-down menu for sermons, information about staff, programs and more.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING...instructions are on our website, it's easy and convenient, and there's a video there that tells you how. Contribution envelopes can be picked up at the church.

JOIN PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY AT 9 A.M. VIA ZOOM: <http://tiny.cc/co8voz> —You may observe on Facebook LIVE while it is happening or afterwards as a video on Youtube.

SIGN UP FOR PASTOR JEFF'S E-DEVOTIONALS. Go to the "Newsletter and More..." link at www.welovefirst.org or call the church office to sign up for messages and updates by email.



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To know Christ and to make Christ known.

Remember these dates:

*Sunday, June 14: Father's Day Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:45 and 11 a.m.
(see guidelines on page 11)*

Pastor's Bible Study—Wednesdays at 9 a.m. on ZOOM

Saturday, July 4: Happy Independence Day!



(Remember to "recycle" this newsletter and share with a friend.)