

First Presbyterian Church

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July 2020

First Alert

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Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Dear members and friends of Mattoon's First Presbyterian Church,

It is with joy that we announce a return to in-person worship opportunities beginning Sunday, **July 5, 2020!** We will be opening the church's sanctuary for time together in praise of Christ. We know that this time of physical separation has been difficult, and we miss being together.

Based on the guidelines below, please use your best judgment in determining if this is the right time for you to return, particularly if you are in a high risk demographic (are over 65 years of age and/or have underlying health conditions). **We will continue to offer worship online** and make worship CDs and manuscripts available for those who choose to stay at home.

For some, the following procedures will seem too severe. For others, they will not be rigorous enough to make them feel safe attending. We understand and offer our deepest apologies for this imperfect compromise. In the Spirit of Christ, please be patient and gracious. And if you choose to come, please be courteous enough to follow and respect the following procedures:

A) We will be offering 2 worship times (9:00 AM and 10:30 AM) to ensure safer, lower numbers. **We will ask you to RSVP** by calling or e-mailing the church office (217-234-6722) (fpchurch@consolidated.net) or registering on the FPC Facebook Page (events).

B) Masks are highly encouraged inside the building, especially as you enter and exit. Remember, this is to encourage the safety and comfort of fellow members. During worship when you are seated and safely distanced, you may remove your face covering if desired. **Masks will be made available for you to keep,** and hand sanitizer will be provided.

C) We will have gloved and masked ushers taking your temperature as you enter (using a no-touch thermometer), seating and dismissing folks, and ensuring that we are properly distanced in the sanctuary. We will refrain from lingering inside, moving outside if we wish to socialize (keeping safe distance). Ushers can assist those who have disabilities. **Please use the main (east) doors only.**

D) During worship, there will be no congregational singing or responsive spoken liturgy. These are higher risk activities in spreading the virus, so expect a modified service.

E) We will avoid physical contact and limit sharing common objects, and so will NOT be serving communion, passing offering plates, distributing bulletins, shaking hands, hugging, or physically touching folks outside those with whom you arrived to the building. Please bring your own bulletins and Bibles, for we will be removing all shared materials. The building will be sanitized by our usher team between services.

F) Sadly, we will not be able to offer child care or children's programs, so keep your kids with you and remain in family groupings.

G) There will be no coffee or donut fellowship before or after worship, and bathrooms will be available for emergencies only. The church's water fountains will not be used, so bring water with you into the sanctuary if you have need.

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Of course, if you or someone in your family is feeling ill or showing symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath), please notify your doctor or go to the walk-in clinic. Let us know so we can pray for you, but **do not attend worship if you are sick**. If someone in the church is diagnosed with COVID19, we will let you know (for prayer and for your safety), and may need to adjust our procedures. When things become safer, we hope to loosen up and move into a less restrictive phase of operations.

The safest way to worship is still to remain at home and join us online. If you wish to come worship in person, we urge you to follow the guidelines listed in this letter. We know it is not an ideal solution, and may need to be modified as we go, but this is your leadership's plan. No matter what, we trust in the awesome love of Jesus Christ and will continue to be the church, wherever we are and no matter what is happening in our world. To God be the glory, and we hope to see you soon!

Yours in Christ,

The Leadership of First Presbyterian Church
Mattoon, IL



July 3, 2020

The church office will be closed

Sunday Services for the month of July will be 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Youth Events

Sunday, July 12, 2020

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Senior High & College

Sunday, July 19, 2020

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Senior High & College

Sunday, July 26, 2020

4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Senior High & College



Food pantry items are being gathered. Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in the Narthex.

July: Snack Pack Pudding



July 1

Emmy Barr

July 2

Marilyn Royse

July 4

John Jeisy

July 5

Cassandra Glenn

July 6

Jean Jones

July 7

Howard Tingley

July 15

Evelyn Hood

July 21

Phyllis Sardella

Sue McDowell

July 26

Bob Orr

July 28

Dorothy Phillips



July 24, 2020



July 5

Lindel & Betty Martin

July 11

Bob & Susan Riggert

July 23

Matthew & Anna Marie Froeschle

Greg & Gloria Thompson



Continued prayer for those having treatments for medical conditions:

Jean Beaird, Kathy Beaver, Jeremiah Parker, Betty & Bob Miller, The Barta family.

For all those who are serving in Armed Forces:

Matt Gathmann, Kelly Martin, Hunter S. McRoberts.



REPORT OF ACTION FROM THE PSEI STATED MEETING

We have had a wonderful Christian Camp Carew as a part of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois for more than 65 years. This year the PSEI Camps and Conferences Board of Directors decided and the General Council of the PSEI concurred to cancel activities at Camp Carew for the summer 2020. This decision was determined to be the best path to take to ensure the health of campers, unit directors, and staff.

For several years, the Camp Carew attendance has eroded. The budget to maintain the camp, implement programs to increase attendance while maintaining a safe and fulfilling camp experience has increased. Several reviews were made of what would be the best for the Camp and the health of the PSEI have been studied by the Camp Board and the General Council. At the stated meeting of the PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS on June 4th a General Council Report was presented seeking approval for the transfer of the Camp to Kemmerer Village Board of Directors effective December 31, 2020.

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery approve the Camp Carew Agreement as recommended by the General Council Task Force for Camp Carew and Kemmerer Village, the Camp Board, and the Kemmerer Village Board of Directors.

In addition, the following items were voted affirmative that these recommendations from the Task Force be implemented by the Presbytery:

The Presbytery revoke the Camp Trust Agreement from our manual of operations effective January 1, 2021.

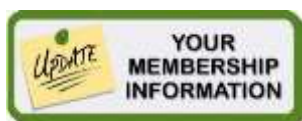
The Presbytery transfer the funds to the Kemmerer Village per the agreement effective January 1, 2021.

The Presbytery dissolve the Camp Director position and terminate the employment of Dan Kingery effective December 31, 2020. With thanks to Dan for his work through the years.

The Presbytery Recommends that the Council dissolve the Camp Board effective December 31, 2020 with celebration and thanks for 67 years of ministry with the youth, young people, and the Presbytery as a whole. The Camp Board agrees with this action.

The complete docket from the meeting is available in the Narthex.

Bob Handshy, Ruling Elder Commissioner



In an effort to keep our contact info up to date, please let us know if you no longer have a land line, or have a new cell number and/or new email address. Contact Cherry at fpchurch@consolidated.net or 217-234-6722 so that we can keep you "in the (information) loop." Thank you.



What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug

Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

Faith Step

Find a sunny spot.

Close your eyes in prayer and quietly receive the love of Jesus.

Then watch for the opportunity to send it on.

This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit.

1John 4:13 (MSG)



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



+ e

Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



- k + d

Heals a man born

JOHN 9



- op +



- w

Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27

f +



- d

Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



- ch + er

Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water



Eric and Patty Bollinger are happy to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Zoe Blair Bollinger, born March 23 to Lee and his wife, Jay. Baby and parents are doing well.

We were sad to cancel the baby shower, but now we can celebrate the birth of Betty Mae Phalin born on May, 20, 2020. We are **LOVING** our days with her and so full of joy that's she's here!

Love,
Brett & Molly (Ravetto) Phalin



YARD WORK FOR HOWARD TINGLEY



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