

June 30 2020

“God is faithful, and you were called by him to partnership with his son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (*1 Corinthians 1:9, Common English Bible*)

Beloved Ones:

We have much to be grateful for in our community, both our church community of faith, and our larger community as well. With the letter is another collage of things for which we are grateful – and I went back through some old pictures and found some “oldies but goodies” from our church life together of things for which I am very grateful. **Keep sending pictures** – and we’ll keep putting these together.

Our first Sunday of **in-person worship** was lightly attended, but I do want to encourage you to **call and reserve your spot** if you plan to attend. You can call the church office as late as noon on Thursday (the church office is normally closed on Fridays) to let us know you plan to come. We will continue on-line worship, and working to make sure that worship both online and in person is a meaningful experience.

One big change coming after the Fourth of July: we will scale back **morning prayer to three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**. This does not mean that you can only do morning prayer on those days (!), but that we will only have the Facebook version of morning prayer on those days. We will also be continuing our **Friday morning Bible Study via Zoom** each Friday morning. This week, we will begin with the third chapter of James’ letter to the church. The small group that is meeting each week would welcome your presence and voice in the study. You can find details on participating in morning prayer, and the weekly Bible study on our web page: www.firstprespalestine.com.

We are also planning an **outdoor worship service** near the front entrance to the church **on Saturday, July 11, at 6 pm**. We have received tentative permission from the village to block off the portion of Market St. in front of the building, so bring your lawn chairs, a snack, bug spray, and we will visit from appropriate distances and have a short worship service together.

Thank you for your continued support of the work of First Presbyterian Church, and for your support of me. I am grateful – and pray for all of you.

Peace and grace to you,

Pastor Karen

July Birthdays

York, Cindy A.	July 3
Davis, Marie E.	July 4
Greene, Karren Elaine	July 4
Bryans, Sandra	July 9
Mefford, Cheryl	July 9
Bond, Isaac Clayton	July 11
Gerrity, John E.	July 20
Biggs, Larry Burns	July 25
Goodwine, Ava Lance	July 27
Inboden, Cara Lee	July 27

July Anniversaries

Vehling, Lee & Richard	July 1
Goodwine, Doug & Michelle	July 11
Bryans, James & Meredith	July 18
Bryans, Robert & Sandra	July 23

Mark your calendars:

- **Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning, 10 am: Morning Prayer, Facebook Live**
- **Friday morning, 10:30 am: Friday Morning Bible Study, via Zoom**
- **July 8, 5 pm: Session Meeting**
- **July 15, 6 pm: Trustee Meeting**
- **July 11, 6 pm: Outdoor Worship Service (bring a lawn chair and gather on the south side of the church – Market St)**
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