



# Among Friends

APRIL, 2020

## From Our Pastor

To the Friendship Family;

We are certainly living in a much different world than we were just a month ago. We are going through the Lenten season apart from our brothers and sisters. We are going through the Lenten season not being able to worship together. I never in a million years thought that we would have to deal with the things we are dealing with... separation, quarantine, empty store shelves and job layoffs. We need a word from God this day. The scripture that came to mind is Psalm 46.

Please read the words of the Lord:

*God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.  
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice and the earth melts.  
The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
Come and see the works of the Lord,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,  
he burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,*

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### A PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS

Submitted by  
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3/25/2020

### A Prayer for Our Leaders

Dear God,  
Would You give our leaders wisdom, discernment, and strength. Keep them healthy, safe, and rested so that they can guide us through this time.  
Give our **government leaders** wisdom on how to stop the virus and stabilize our economy.  
Give our **spiritual leaders** Your discernment on how to meet people's needs as they glorify Your name and encourage the Church.  
Give our **medical leaders** insight into how to stop the virus. Strengthen their resolve and honor their hard work in creating a treatment for COVID-19.  
Give our **civic leaders** inspiration, courage, joy, and strength to meet the needs of their communities.  
And **help us**, as leaders in our communities, to display courage, hope, generosity, and kindness.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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## SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

- Holy Week, April 5-12
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5
- Maundy Thursday, April 9
- Good Friday, April 10
- Easter Sunday, April 12
- Admin Prof Day, April 22



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## From Our Pastor’s Desk (continued)

*I will be exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord Almighty is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our fortress.*

I’m not exactly sure what was going on when this was written, but it seems to me that there must have been political or social chaos. And today as we look at the troubles we are facing and we can certainly describe them as *the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea.*

This scripture begins with *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.* If we are going to make it through the coming days, we must remember that God will protect us and that God will give us strength.

This scripture ends with *“Be still and know that I am God.”* Take time with God in scripture and prayer and meditation; lift each other in prayer, check on your neighbors, send each other cards, call each other...just let others know you are thinking of them and that you care about them. In other words, be Christ to them.

Brothers and sisters, I am praying for you in the coming days. Lean on God to get you through and remember that victory is ours.

In His Love,  
Diane

*God*  
*is our refuge and strength*  
*a very present help in trouble.*  
*Psalm 46:1*

*As you can see, this is a modified edition of our monthly newsletter. When further information on the resumption of worship and activities are determined, we will pass that on to you. In the meantime, be safe, be healthy and turn to God in this time of trouble.*

# Prayer List

*“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”  
James 5:16*



**Virtual Worship and Prayer Services.**

Anne D. (Missionary to India)  
Sally Alben  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
Candy Boulanger  
Kayla Brundige  
Martie Cooper  
Ruth Cooper  
Cooperstown Congregation  
Kay Curtis  
Bessie Datt  
Heather Datt  
Winnie Davis  
Jim Dickey  
Mark Doerr  
Bertha Durnell  
Randy Durnell  
Blanche, English  
Jennifer Gilliland  
Donna Grossman  
Rick Grossman

David Hall  
John Hines  
Nancy Huntington  
Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William Jamieson  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Lisa Leach and Family  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Delaney Matteo  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Karen Piper  
Bill and Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
Rodney Stewart  
Helen Taggart

Joe Vivelo  
Seth Vogan  
Donna Walker  
Jeremy (God will know which one).  
Our military at home and abroad  
Persecuted Christians around the world,  
Alpha Omega (SR)  
Pregnancy Center  
Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard  
Beaver Butler Presbytery  
The PCUSA  
The Church of Jesus Christ

**OUR COUNTRY,  
OUR WORLD**

**EMAIL RECEIVED FROM THE BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY OFFICE:**

*Our congregations are scrambling to care for parishioners in a way that honors God while also being cautious about health concerns. Your church may not have the ability to livestream or offer a Facebook worship service. However, some churches within our presbytery are providing such services. Below is a link to access those churches with access information.*



**Virtual Worship and Prayer Services.**



**BIRTHDAYS**

Heather Datt, 4/1  
Chauncey Allison, 4/11  
Roy Pepper, 4/22  
Donna Walker, 4/22  
Micheal Adams, 4/24

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & SENIOR LIVING**

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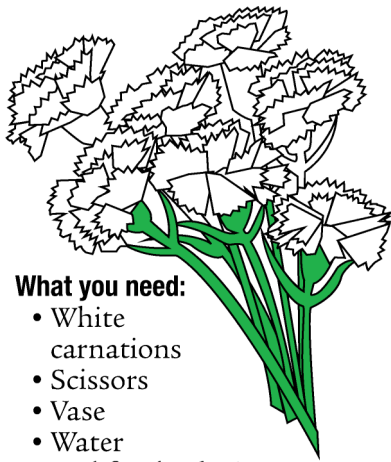
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JUST FOR FUN

Scripture AND  
NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



Jesus gives us *life*

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image. If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)



Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)



Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)



This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)



Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)



Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)



Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)



While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)



This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)



These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)



These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)



Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linens, silver coins



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## **Goodbye March Hello April**

**Please Be a  
Good Month  
And Bring  
Smiles And  
Happiness  
To My  
Family & Friends.**



***SUBMITTED BY  
HEATHER DATT***