



# Among Friends

AUGUST, 2020



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings;

I don't think I have to tell you that this country has problems. In just a few short months everything has changed. No, I won't list all of America's problems because you already know what they are. The question isn't what problems we have; the question is, as Christians, what do we do about the problems we are facing in America? As with all questions, the answer is found in God's word.

***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.***

***II Chronicles 7:14***

If my people...wow, that's us! We are God's people. If we want to turn this country around, it will start with God's people eagerly and passionately seeking Him. This scripture took place when King Solomon dedicated the temple and he was seeking the presence of God. God spoke to Solomon and gave him a plan for His people. This verse isn't about a one-time experience with God, but rather it is about an ongoing relationship with God. And God's plan gives us several steps to healing this nation.

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**SEPTEMBER**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

**August 26**

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## THE RHYTHM OF REST

Does God indeed need to rest?  
Of course not! But did God  
choose to rest? Yes. Why?  
Because God subjected creation  
to a rhythm of rest and work  
that he revealed by observing  
the rhythm himself, as a  
precedent for everyone else. In  
this way, he showed us a key to  
order in our private worlds.

—Gordon McDonald



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## From Our Pastor's Desk (continued)

***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves.*** Healing begins with humility. Let's face it. It isn't easy for us to be humble. After all, we are Americans!

However, when we humble ourselves before the holy God of the universe, we will see how big God is and we will also see how small we are. Folks, we can do nothing without God. He is our only hope to heal this nation.

The result of humility is this; He hears and answers our prayers.

***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray.*** We are to humbly kneel before God and pray.

Healing prayer is the kind of prayer where God's people get on their knees with tears in their eyes and broken hearts and ask God to intervene. God is waiting to hear that kind of prayer from his people. He wants to hear the kind of prayer that is long and hard and intense and unyielding. A prayer that comes from the depths of our hearts. It is a prayer that is desperate, sincere, and never-ending. This is the kind of prayer that never quits and never gives up. Pray without ceasing!

***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face.*** Are you seeking God? I mean REALLY seeking God?

One of the problems that I see in the lives of Christians is that they have stopped seeking God. They come to worship. They show up for Bible study and church dinners, however their passion is gone. The excitement of going to worship has faded. The thrill of experiencing God just isn't there. They really don't expect that God will move. The sad thing is this, God stops moving when we stop seeking him. Folks, we must seek God.

## SUMMER FRUIT BASKET

Taste some fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) — perfect for summer, and all year round!

- Love: “There is always an ‘again’ with love.” —Unknown
- Joy: “I don’t think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.” —Anne Frank
- Peace: “Peace begins with a smile.” —Mother Teresa
- Patience: “The purposes of God may sometimes seem delayed, but they are never abandoned.” —H.C. Mears
- Kindness: “Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” —Mark Twain
- Goodness: “Goodness means to do things for the glory of God.” —Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- Faithfulness: “Do small things as if they were great because of the majesty of Christ, who does them in us.” —Blaise Pascal
- Gentleness: “There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness.” —Han Suyin
- Self-control: “God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” —2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

## From Our Pastor’s Desk (continued)

We must regain our passion and desire for Him.

***If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways.*** Now is the time for us to repent. The true test of biblical repentance is this...Are you willing to turn away from sin and turn toward God?

Anything in our lives that keep us from being all that God desires us to be is a ‘wicked way.’ If we want healing in this land, we must have holy hands and pure hearts.

Christians, we have the power of God not only to heal our own hearts, but to heal this land. Read again what God is saying to us;

***If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.***  
**II Chronicles 7:14**

Are you concerned with what you see happening in America? We have the power to make things better. We can turn things around. All we need to do is humble ourselves, pray, seek God’s face and turn from our wicked ways!

***In His service,  
Diane***



## MISSION UPDATES



**School Kits:** It's August and that means back to school and this is the month in which the Friendship Presbyterian Women gather school supplies and pack school kits for Church World Service. We ask for donations of blunt scissors, notebooks (70 page count), 12" rulers, hand held pencil sharpeners, unsharpened pencils with erasers, boxes of 24 crayons. For the artistic, bags with be on the table that can be decorated...just no camouflage or wording. All items Kits will be needed by Sunday, September 6 or bring to the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Wednesday, September 9.

Watch for the sign up sheet for donations coming soon.

**Hygiene Kits:** Our Presbyterian Women's Group also collects hygiene kits for World Church Service in September. If you are willing, you are asked to make a kit. You will need 1 hand towel 15"x28" to 16"x32"(no fingertip, . dishtowel or micro fiber), 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb with at least 6 inches of teeth removed from packaging (no pocket combs or picks) , 1 fingernail or toenail clipper also removed from packaging, 1 bath size bar of soap, 1 toothbrush in original package, 10 standard size band-aids. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove excess air and seal. Do not add extra items including toothpaste.

Kits will be needed by Sunday, September 6 or bring to the Presbyterian Women's meeting on Wednesday, September 9.



**DRESS FOR SUCCESS:** FPC Presbyterian Women continue to collect donations of interview and work-appropriate women's clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry. All items should be in excellent condition with no obvious tears, stains, missing buttons or broken zippers.

If you have items you would like to donate, bring them to the cloak room at the worship center (on hangers). We are hoping to make another delivery in August.



FPC Presbyterian Women will meet on September 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**YOU can be a missionary too!**  
**Submitted by Chris Hogg.**

### TRAVELING ON MY KNEES

*Last night I took a journey  
To a land across the seas.  
I didn't go by ship or plane  
I traveled on my knees.*

*I saw so many people there  
In bondage to their sin,  
And Jesus told me I should go,  
That there were souls to win.*

*But I said "Jesus, I can't go  
To lands across the seas."  
He answered quickly,  
"Yes, you can By traveling on your knees."*

*He said, "You pray, I'll meet the need.  
You call, and I will hear.  
It's up to you to be concerned  
For lost souls far and near."*

*And so I did; knelt in prayer,  
Gave up some hours of ease,  
And with the Savior by my side,  
I traveled on my knees.*

*As I prayed on, I saw souls saved  
And twisted persons healed,  
I saw God's workers strength renewed  
While laboring in the field.*

*I said, "Yes Lord, I'll take the job.  
Your heart I want to please.  
I'll heed Your call and swiftly go  
By traveling on my knees."*

By Sandra Goodwin



## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our summer lessons about wisdom now move into the book of James where we will explore the interaction of faith and wisdom. This will include some practical advice regarding faith in action and taming the tongue. The final lesson of August will contrast two kinds of wisdom.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Children's Sunday school class continues to meet in the preschool classroom with social distancing measures observed.



## ON-LINE SERVICES CONTINUE

As you know, we reopened Friendship Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 17. We are so excited to physically be able to worship with our church family.

With that being said, we want you to know that we will also continue to have online worship which will be recorded during the worship service on Sunday morning and will be available sometime Sunday afternoon. We are providing this online service for the people who don't yet feel comfortable being in large groups and we respect your decision. Also, we ask that if you are sick, please stay home.

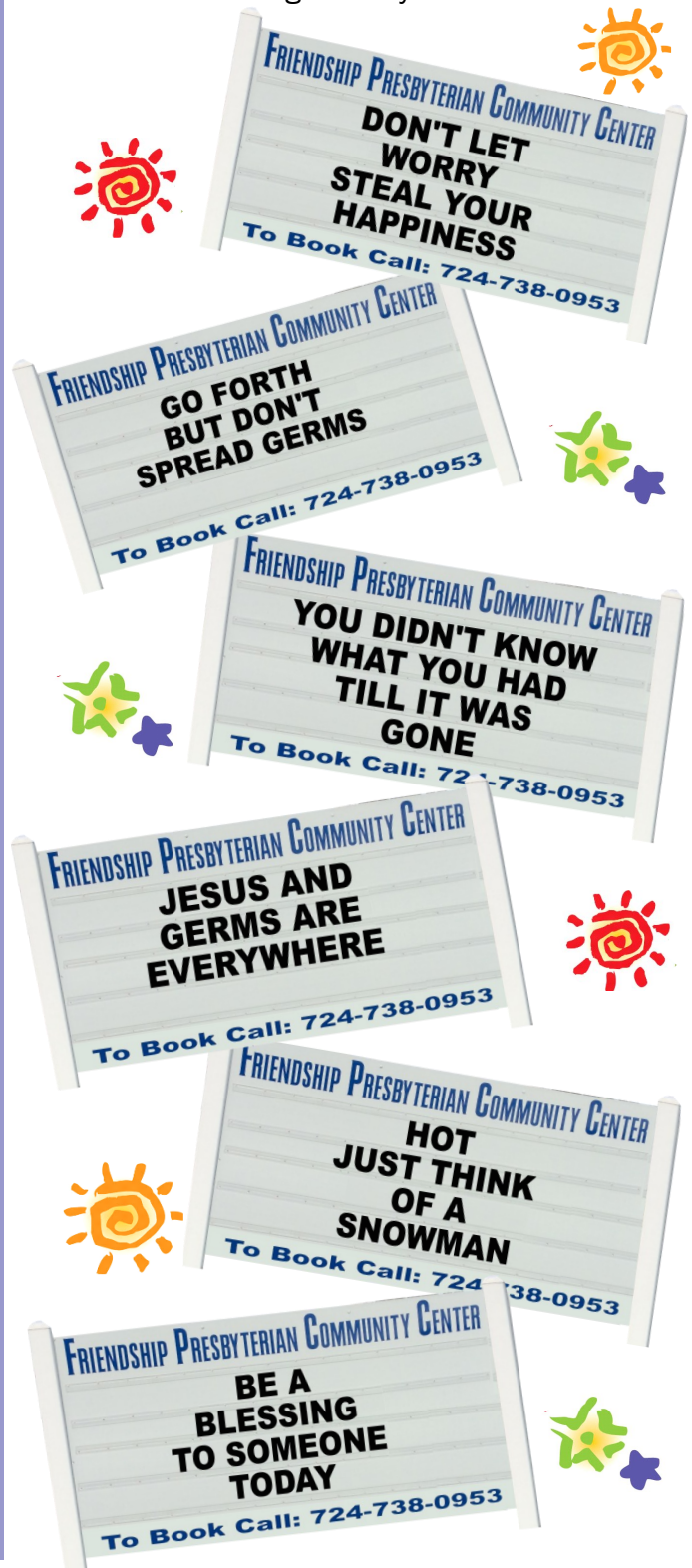
((( ONLINE WORSHIP )))

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## SIGNS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Evie Vargo continues to encourage those who travel along our way. THANKS EVIE!!!



# Prayer List

Anne D.  
The Alben Family  
Jane Allison  
Carly Atkisson  
Zachary Barto  
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  
David Hall

Kimberly Harrison  
Nancy Huntington  
Timothy James  
Jennie Jamieson  
Rev. William Jamieson  
The Family of Al Jasick  
Graham Larimore  
Landry Lawson  
Lisa Leach and Family  
Ed Lind  
Joe Lowers  
Will McCoy  
Kevin Michael  
Willard Morse  
Randy Morgan  
Jessie Myers  
David Parker  
Karen Piper  
Jon Richards  
Bill & Chris Schroeder  
Micheal Scott  
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

All those who have been  
impacted by  
COVID19

## OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD

*“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*

## GOD AMID PANDEMIC

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland

# August

## BIRTHDAYS

Dave Walker, 8/1  
Pat Bickel, 8/14  
Matt Sybert, 8/17  
Ginny Merkle, 8/20  
Chris Hogg, 8/22  
Ruth Kith, 8/29  
Dennis Grosky, 8/30  
John Black, 8/31

## ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Doris Allison, 8/16  
Robert & Michele Lagnese, 8/16  
Roy & Karen Pepper, 8/17  
Don & Pat Bickel, 8/21

## REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES & SENIOR LIVING

Bessie Datt  
Orchard Manor  
20 Orchard Dr.  
Grove City, PA 16127



Jessie Myers  
Grove Manor  
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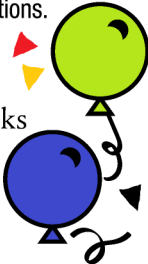
**JUST FOR FUN**

**GREAT SUMMER GAMES**

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

**What you need:**

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue



**What you do:**

**Balloon Badminton:** Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

**Rhythmic Routines:** Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

**Champion Crown:** Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



*Compete for the crown*



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



*Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.*

**START**

ctrejasucphelnpomrxkibvztaejargiusonyccw  
 iqsatexympsakogmzsjeeubtneyehapidmrfo  
 tegrbuapicdnofihmneygjocsxrdpoetwkin

**FINISH**

"Do you not know that in a \_\_\_\_\_ all the runners run, but only one gets the \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ goes into strict \_\_\_\_\_. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a \_\_\_\_\_ that will last forever."

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV**

Answer: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown





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