



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM
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WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JULY THE...
...LIMITED RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE WORSHIP

A Message From Your Pastor

The Session (Elders) voted to move into a temporary "Phase One" of re-opening our church buildings. We began to worship physically together on Sunday, June 7th. The health and safety of anyone potentially coming into our church buildings is of utmost importance and remains a priority to us. We all have a deep longing to return to our church campus and to find a sense of belonging. The Church is important to us and we love being together as a family! Even so, remember that churches are not closed, only buildings. MANY are re-opening in a fashion as we are; many are not opening till at least July.

In the meantime, we will continue to have worship on Facebook live on Sundays as well as on WJAQ radio at 11:00 a.m. (Pastor John's Facebook live message is at 6:30—7:00 a.m.) We will continue to have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. and Monday Prayer Meeting at 2:00 p.m. — all on Zoom.

We will get through this! Together!

A Message From Your Elders

We recognize that some of our members long for face-to-face worship. The Session voted to begin holding a limited face-to-face worship service. This will not be like the worship services that we have experienced in the past. The following guidelines have been set by the Session in an effort to mitigate risk. That being said, there is always a risk of being exposed to and contracting communicable diseases such as COVID-19 in our church setting. We encourage you to assess your situation and make the best decision for you and your family's continued health and wellbeing.

Guidelines

1. People who are 65 or older are encouraged to continue to worship via the online platform until further notice.
2. People who have pre-existing conditions are encouraged to continue to worship via the online platform until further notice.
3. Everyone who enters the worship service will be checked for fever using an infrared temperature gauge.
4. Masks are highly encouraged. We request that you bring your own mask. If you do not have a mask, we will have some available for you to use.
5. Congregants will be required to sit 6 feet apart from people who are not in their family group.
6. There will be no singing, as singing has been found to spread minuscule particles that may contain virus to a greater extent. Other forms of music shall be incorporated into the service.

Children's Programs

There will be NO face-to-face programs, such as Wee Worship or the Children's Sermon, for our children at this time.



GIVING IS DEFINITELY DOWN.....

...but, given the current circumstances, that is quite understandable. Unfortunately, even though we have not been holding many of our activities in the church building, most of our expenses are recurring ones every month. Please remember that we have several options for you to choose from and we do thank you for the effort that you have made during this trying time to keep your church's finances in order.

- 1. You may mail a check to the Church at the 4437 Clinton address.**
- 2. You may put a check through the slot in the front door of the church office.**
- 3. You may give online. (www.firstpresmarianna.org) Just click on "Give" in the upper right corner of the Home page and then follow the instructions.**

Offering
giving back to God



We offer deep sympathy and prayers for the following as they grieve the loss of family members:

1. Christine Yoshikawa on the death of her father, Abraham, who died in Vancouver early June.
2. Elaine and Charlton Keen on the death of her mother, Elsie Hazell.
3. The family of Eugenia McQuagge Tyus. (Cousins are Donna Moore and Bob Pitman.)
4. Olivia and Ed McDaniel on the death of her mother, Juanita Faust Hand. (Granddaughters are Betty Blighton and Mary Skipper.)
5. Deborah Barber on the death of her husband, Mike.



SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

11:00 A.M.

Pastor John will guide you through communion at the church in person, on the Radio Broadcast and on FB live — all at 11:00 a.m.

Please have your bread and fruit of the vine close by.



Fran McNeill — Back at Shands

Lou Wilkinson

Barry Stafford

Deborah Barber (sympathy)

Christine Yoshikawa (sympathy)

Christine Yoshikawa's mother (Elizabeth)

Debbie Johnson (Cindy Yant's Aunt)

James and Jodi McGill (Our Missionaries)

Charlotte Hunter

Cindy Yant

Bud Wierman

Jimmy Trawick

Dr. Megan Johnson (Wamsley's Niece)

Ernie McNeill

Charlton Keen Jr.

Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)

Zooey Chancey (requested by Ginger Green)

Jeff Yon (requested by Scott Yant)

Wesley Wiggins (requested by Aggie Schack)

Billy Herrington (requested by Jared Roberts)

Joy Gilbert

Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)

Melanie McCroan

Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)

Michael Schouest and Family ((requested by Kathy Roberts)

Dennis Maxson

Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Clark)

Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan's brother)

Steven Quigley

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JULY 12th at 10:30 a.m.

VIA ZOOM

Pastor John will remind you of this Zoom meeting in an email.

Session has called for a Congregational Meeting. They need to hear from the nominating committee and elect one elder to finish out Tina Bigale's unexpired term through the end of 2020.

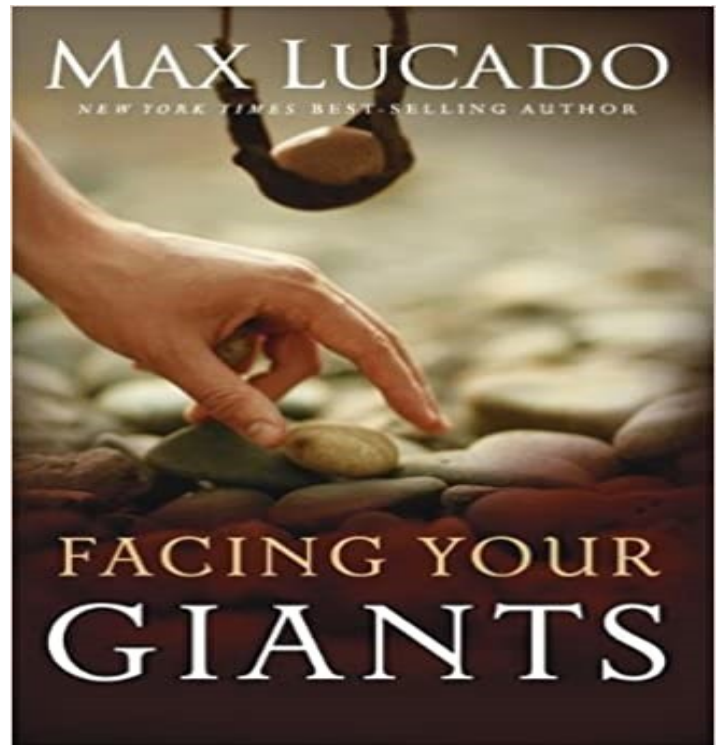
During this meeting we also hope to hear from our Missionaries, the McGills.

*Thank
You*

We want to thank Xylpha Schwehm for being so gracious to fill in for Christine Yoshikawa while she is off assisting her mother with arrangements for her father who died in early June.

Our thanks are with Xylpha and our prayers are with Christine.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY



EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m.

We have been very successful doing our Bible Study on Zoom and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

We are using Max Lucado's book "Facing Your Giants". *"Giants. We must face them. Yet we need not face them alone."*

"As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him."

1 Samuel 17:48 (NLT)

"God still does the impossible!"

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN IN
ON OUR BIBLE STUDY.

COME JOIN US!

FOOD PANTRY

Melissa, along with her son, Zachary Taylor, and Joe Busby, Amy Norville, Chloe Temples, Donna Moore and Linda Wamsley have been keeping our Food Pantry going during the COVID-19 “shutdown” with a drive by system so that people would feel “safe” to come and pick up the food they so desperately need. What a great way to continue ministering to the needs of others.



We also want to be sure to say Thank You to the Southern Craft Creamery for providing our Food Pantry with milk to hand out to our patrons. It was such a blessing for them.





YOUR ELDERS

Class of 2020

Tina Bigale
Leslie Kelley
John W. Milton
Scott Yant

Class of 2021

Janet Howell
Travis Lawson
Larry Spivey
Barry Stafford

Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson
LuAnne Law
Bryan Milton
Matt Milton

YOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administration — 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm

Christian Education — 3rd Sunday at 9 am

Congregational Care — 4th Wednesday at
Noon

Evangelism & Fellowship — 3rd Tuesday at
6 pm

Property & Operations — as needed

Worship & Music — 4th Sunday at 12:15

Mission & Service — 2nd Sunday at 8:45 am

YOUR COMMITTEES

Administration

Chair: John W. Milton
Members: Chuck Morgan, Beth Westmoreland,
Larry Spivey

Christian Education

Chair: LuAnne Law
Members: Jim Gibbs, Mary Ann Gibbs, Ashley
Rackley

Congregational Care

Chair: Jan Howell
Members: Alma Milton, Andrew Tinsley, Gina
Tinsley, Muriel Turner

Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson
Members: Lauren Lyons, Geriann Milton,
Peggy Peacock, Jennifer Stafford

Property and Operations

Chair: Scott Yant
Members: Mary Lu Andreu, Mel McClure Clark,
John W. Milton, Matt Milton, Chuck
Morgan, Xylpha Schwehm, Barry
Stafford

Worship and Music

Chair: Bryan Milton
Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,
Kenneth Kelley, Anna Beth Milton,
Tom Stadskev, Linda Wamsley,
Beth Westmoreland

Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton
Members: Sharon Bannerman, Tina Bigale,
Mary Ann Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers
Litteral, Marianne Lonsinger, Travis
Lawson



OUR MISSIONARIES

James & Jodi McGill

Serving Christ together in Niger and
South Sudan

James works with both the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) in their clean water and sanitation programs. He works to ensure sustainability at the community and family levels and to make sure that the church is a strong presence in rural development. Jodi will be working in an EERN clinic in Naimey, Niger assisting in the primary health care programs of the EERN and will be teaching nursing students when the church's nursing school in Niamey opens.

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July 3rd

Kathy McCrary

July 4th

Lu Daffin

Tatum Mitlon

July 6th

Louise Daffin

July 8th

Robert Hinson

July 13th

John Milton V.

Merian Milton

July 14th

Kathy Roberts

Tom Wilkinson

July 15th

Mary Lu Andreu

July 21st

Matt Payne

July 23rd

Macky Gortemoller

Frances McNeill

July 26th

Vikki Milton

July 27th

Beth Beasley

Larry Spivey

July 31st

Jake Gunter

Betty Hatcher

Elaine Keen

