



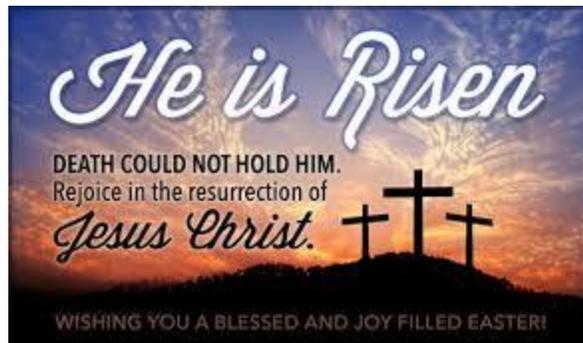
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From Pastor Stacey



Friends,

These are scary and uncertain times. I continue to lift each and every one of you up in prayer on a daily basis. My mind and my heart are torn and I feel like I have whiplash from the many changes that take place on an almost hourly

basis. My heart breaks for all the death and how quickly things seem to escalate. My mind cannot process the many differing accounts and places of blame for all that is happening in the world right now.

So often I have to stop, take a deep breath, and ask God to take it all from me so that I can accomplish the things I need to. There have been times over the past two weeks that I have become nearly immobile from anxiety and worry. I am so thankful for my faith in a God who loves us, and yet, my anxiety flares. Martin is still working in stores all over the state and I'm constantly worried that he is bringing the virus home. Like many of you, I am at high risk. I have fibromyalgia and asthma so my immune system is compromised and my lungs do not always function fully. However, I remain hopeful that we will pull through all this. I stress about those who do not have the faith that we have. I worry about how they are coping with

the world as it is right now. I encourage all of us to pull on our faith in Jesus Christ, the one who loves and blesses us as we wait in hope.

At this moment, we are unsure what our actions will be for Easter. Please know that I will be posting on our church's Facebook page from here on out. I will also try to get those posts sent out via email for those who do not have Facebook. I intend to go live on our Facebook page on Sunday morning with a sermon. I know Francene posted some beautiful music last week. If there are things you need or you simply want to talk, please feel free to reach out.

Remember to be gentle and understanding with everyone around you. We are all dealing with this new normal the best we are able.

Pastor Stacey

Jesus, Hear our prayer,
For the person
who had to file unemployment
who doesn't know how they will pay their bills
who can't feed their children
who is on shaky ground
who fears for the future
who imagines the worst case scenerio
who is experiencing the worst case scenerio
Move us into action.
Mobilize us into compassion.
Motivate us into generosity
Bring us together as one community, one people, one family.
May the burdens of one, be the burdens of all.
May the love of neighbor be expressed in tangible ways.

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Because it is unlikely we will be able to have Easter Sunday worship in our church because of the “Safe at Home” order, there will be no Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast.

Also, for the same reason the decision was made not to order any Easter flowers for the sanctuary, so there will be no Easter flower memorial orders taken.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

At our March meeting, the Session decided that if schools were still out by Easter weekend then we would cancel our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Following that directive, since schools are out for the rest of the semester and we are under CDC and Shawnee County Health Department orders for no group gathering of more than 10 people, it is with great sadness that I let you know our Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled for this year. I will place any donated funds for candy in savings to be used for our Egg Hunt next year.



Depending on when the ban on large gatherings is lifted, we could consider a summer activity to replace the Egg Hunt. Thank you for your support of this annual event and we will return next year!

Stephanie Reynolds

Birthday Girls



Janet and Mary



On March 1st we had a dual birthday celebration following worship. Janet celebrated her 80th birthday on March 1st; Virginia was 97 years young on February 28.

Mary was 90+ on March 7th and we got to celebrate with her on the 8th. We wish these ladies many more Happy birthdays!



Mary



Doorstep

Thank everyone who contributed to our 17th Annual Operation Soup Line and made the event such a success! We served the highest number to date between attendees, carryout and delivery orders! We had 43 theme baskets which made \$3,369 for the event! In total, we raised over \$18,000 at this year's event!

The month of April traditionally brings Doorstep's Annual Banquet honoring our volunteers, and the quilt drawing. We do not have a place or date set yet, but we have plenty of quilts to choose from for the drawing. With events up in the air due to COVID-19, we will update everyone once we have a hosting congregation and date.

Mark your calendars for Doorstep's 3rd Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Run at Lake Shawnee. The big day is Sunday, October 4th at 2pm! Come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! We made over \$6,000 last year, and have a goal of \$9,000 for our third year! Note that we moved it to Sunday afternoon for 2020!

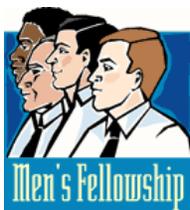
In Memoriam-Richard “Dick” O’Neill



We lost a truly great friend and long-time member, Richard “Dick” O’Neill, who passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020. His service was at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd, at Countryside United Methodist Church, followed by lunch and gathering at St. Andrews. Many, many friends and acquaintances whose lives were touched by Richard paid their respects at the visitation at Dove Funeral Home on Monday evening, March 2nd. Graveside committal services were at Winchester, Kansas.

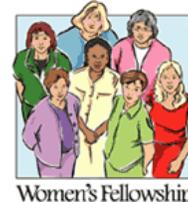
St. Andrews Quartet

We were privileged to have the St. Andrews Quartet provide the special music for our worship service on March 15th. They have done this several times before. We are grateful to them for sharing their talent with us. Members are Stephanie Reynolds, Susan William, Matthew Reynolds and Don Newman.



St. Andrews Men's and Ladies' Groups

Unless there is a change in the “Safe at Home” order, it is best to cancel the Men’s and Ladies' Groups for the month of April. How about phone calls or cards to keep in touch. .



Thrift Sale for Per Capita

I am still planning for the thrift sale as if it will happen June 4-6. If that turns out not to be possible, we will postpone and set a new date for late summer or fall. Thank you to all of those who have brought items to the church. Don't forget to save plastic sacks or some medium size boxes as well. Never fear, the sale will happen, we just need to be flexible on our date!

Stephanie Reynolds



APRIL 2020 LECTIONARY READINGS

Palm Sunday , April 5- Matthew 21:1-21; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Good Friday, April 10-Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

Easter Sunday, April 12 - Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 19 – Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 26 – Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Holy Communion will be celebrated at our Easter Sunday service this year ONLY if we are able to have a worship service.



April Birthdays



Alan Reynolds, April 1st

Stephanie Reynolds, April 1st

Donna Robben, April 16th

Pastor Stacey, April 19th

Suzie Marker, April 20th

Caring for our Members and Friends

Aggie and all the O'Neill family, Mary Jane and Junior

Elder (health issues), Bob Bodenheimer, Norm

Schiesser, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers,

Dolores Wilmers, Myron Wilson, Millie Blodgett, Steven

Cornelius, Tammy Calkins, Maggie Putnam, Gwen Jones, Ron Farrell, Jody

Gilley, Richmond McDaniels Duane Custer, Debra Goddard, Carol Paxton,

Ezra Krumalis.



Remember our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and the victims of violence in our country, our nation as we struggle with the effects of the coronavirus. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials and political conflicts, the hungry and the homeless.

April 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Stephanie Reynolds B'day Alan Reynolds B'day	2 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal	10 Good Friday 7:00-Good Friday Svc.	11 2:00 – Easter Egg Hunt CANCELED
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal Donna Sunderland Robben B'day	17 11:30 – Men's Ladies Lunch	18 Work in Flower Bed
19 12:15 - Session Pastor Stacey B'day	20 Suzie Marker B'day	21	22	23 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 6:30 – Choir Rehearsal		

Scheduled events are subject to being cancelled based on the CDC and State requirements in place at the time.

There will be emails regarding messages from the church and Pastor Stacey. Watch for info on our website – www.standrewstopeka.org- and facebook-St. Andrews Presbyterian Topeka.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS March 17, 2019

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-March 15, 2020

[P] '22 Claudia Hamer [A] '21 Dianne Deuser [P] '20 Kathy Fuller
[P] '22 Matthew Reynolds [P] '21 Sharon McDaniels [P] '20 Betty DeShazer
[P] '22 Stephanie Reynolds [P] '21 Jo Ann Miller [P] '20 Charles Franks
[A] '22 Jan Rice [A] '21 Janet Schiesser [P] '20 Bill DeShazer

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking as of February 29, 2020- \$5,309.97; memorial fund-\$173.50

General fund current income for February \$5,721.35; general fund expenses: \$4,850.32

General fund pledges for January: \$3,710.00; general fund non pledge-\$1,710.00;
loose offering -\$88.00.

Should we be unable to have worship service because of coronavirus, pledges and income still need to be received.

Session will continue to meet the third Sunday of the month following worship.

If schools are closed, Easter egg hunt scheduled for April 11th will be cancelled.

Worship committee to decide best way to serve communion during coronavirus situation..

Palm Sunday, Good Friday service, Easter worship service will appear on April calendar, but are subject to the CDC and State regulations at the time.

Potluck for March 29th cancelled.

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Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m.

