



# The Messenger

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Hope you all have a safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!** Not only are we celebrating our patriotic holiday, but our return to **face-to-face worship in the Sanctuary on July 5<sup>th</sup>!**

To be diligent about following government, presbytery, and church insurance guidelines for group gatherings, and to make it safe and comfortable for congregants to attend, you will find a few new “steps” implemented as you arrive. Our priority is doing our best to keep everyone safe while attending services.

- Pews, door handles and all other surfaces typically touched while arriving and departing have all been cleaned and disinfected and this will be done prior to every service.
- There will be an usher wearing a mask and gloves waiting to greet, open doors, and help seat you in the Sanctuary upon arrival. Pews have been marked with green painter’s tape (so not to damage the surface) allowing seating in every other pew at alternating ends to create maximum distance between families. Seating is allowed in areas where there is no tape. It sounds confusing in the beginning, but you will catch on once you get there and the ushers will be able to help! The first several pews on either side of the sanctuary will not be used for seating to allow for the appropriate distance between Pastor Stacey, Francene, and the congregation. We figure this will not be a problem as the most popular “section” is the back, anyway! 😊

- As you come in the doors, an usher will be taking your temperature with a forehead infrared thermometer and hand sanitizer will be used prior to entering the sanctuary.
- We ask that people wear masks, at least until seated in the pews and in passing by one another. Please maintain the 6 feet distancing when greeting and visiting with one another, handshaking or hugging is not advised. Please respect one another's "space" and do not sit with anyone that you have not already been in contact with.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to sing hymns or speak responsive readings for a while. Hymns will be played through twice with words on the screen so that meaningful mediation can be experienced.
- Communion will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month. You will find the elements in prepackaged units already in the pews, or distributed by an usher with gloves, if additional are needed. Pastor Stacey will lead us in the partaking of the elements at the appropriate time of the service.
- The offering plate will be at the back of the sanctuary where you may place your donations either before or after the service.
- As you depart, an usher will dismiss by rows and we ask that distancing be kept.

For the next few Sundays there will be no fellowship time in Fellowship Hall, as for the time being, distancing and sanitizing cannot be guaranteed. If you wish to bring your own lawn chairs, you may visit outside!

We each must take personal responsibility in wearing masks and using hand sanitizer. The restroom surfaces will be cleaned prior to services, but you will be responsible for handwashing and using sanitizer after touching doors and other surfaces. You will find hand sanitizer bottles throughout the narthex and sanctuary.

These are trying times, but getting to see each other's faces to worship together will be a bright spot in our week! Those who cannot attend will be able to view the service online. It will be recorded and posted to YouTube on Sunday afternoon or evening. We currently do not have the technology to "live stream" the service.

We all must be in fervent prayer for each other, our country, and world! This, too, shall pass but until then we are reminded and challenged that we are the hands and feet of Christ, showing His love to each other and our community, even as our own routines are disrupted and changed.

The Peace of Christ be With You All!

**Interesting Coincidence** – It was July of last year that we were able to begin worship in the sanctuary after worshipping in Fellowship Hall following the fire.

## Doorstep



This July we are taking all of our summer events and rolling them into one month! We have Christmas in July collections for our adopted families this December, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Cash Bash, and this year Doorstep is the Envista Cares charity for July!

Each year we celebrate “Christmas in July” to get a jump start on collecting new items for our annual Christmas adoption! Our goal is to help alleviate some of the strain during the holidays by also collecting items mid-year. Our focus for Christmas in July is household items, health kit items, toys, school supplies, gifts for men and women, sheet sets, and blankets. These are items that are not seasonal, and easy to find this time of year! The families we adopt are in need of basic items. They are so happy to receive a new set of dishes, new sheets, pots and pans, or a crockpot! We give every family a blanket or quilt.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, and each household receives a health kit filled with hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth! Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc.

You can bring your Christmas donations to worship in July (if your congregation is open), or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Cash Bash has the same anonymous donor offering up \$8,000 in match money if we can raise \$20,000 during the month of July in donations! And, to make it even better... Envista Credit Union is making Doorstep the Envista Cares charity in July, and will match \$2,500 in donations!

During this rough year of COVID-19, help us have a great July, and push us on through to the end of the year, and the Christmas Store, with your generous donations!

## From Mission and Outreach

Our Doorstep "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" annual event is just around the corner. Please take items over to Doorstep and/or bring items over to the church, and Kathy will make sure it all goes to Doorstep in July for families who will be adopted this Christmas. Everything that gets brought in will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

## Rescue Mission

In the Topeka Rescue Mission Newsletter for April is an appeal for the following:

Furniture: Couches, Recliners, Sofas, Loveseats, Dressers, Dining tables with Chairs.  
Appliances: Washers, Dryers, Ranges, Refrigerators, Microwaves, etc.

to donate contact [trm@trmonline.org](mailto:trm@trmonline.org)

Thank you in advance.

Charles Franks  
Mission and Outreach Committee  
Member

## Men's Group Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' groups met at Banjos on June 19th. Next get together will be on July 17th at 11:30 at Banjos. Take this opportunity for a time with your church family and friends.



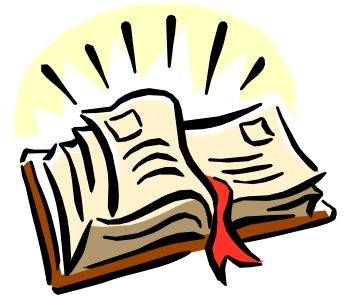
## July 2020 LECTIONARY READINGS

**July 5 (Proper 9)** – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 2:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 12 (Proper 10)** – Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 19 (Proper 11)** – Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 25 (Proper 12)** – Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Holy Communion will be observed on July 5th.

## **July Birthdays**

Jo Ann Miller, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Misty Brown, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Francene Beall, July 10<sup>th</sup>

Alex Jones, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Brian McPherson, July 14<sup>th</sup>





Jim and Kelly Carr, July 18, 2015  
Larry and Susan William, July 24, 1993

### ***Caring for our Members and Friends***



Joy to be back in our sanctuary to worship.

Jim, Kelly, Cora Carr and family, Francene Beall, Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl and Dolores Wilmers, Myron Wilson, Millie Blodgett, Maggie Putnam, Richmond McDaniels, Ezra Krumalis, Doug Ottiwell, Carrie Rathgeber and son, Jerry Barton, Mark Camacho), Lacey Root Family, Megan Reynolds

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic, our nation as we struggle with the effects of the coronavirus. Prayers for those suffering from the effects of the coronavirus. Keep our nation in prayers for peace for the violence sparked by racial tension. Pray for the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials and political conflicts, the hungry and the homeless.

# SESSION



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-June 16, 2020

[P] '22 Claudia Hamer	[P] '21 Dianne Deuser	[P] '20 Kathy Fuller
[A] '22 Matthew Reynolds	[P] '21 Sharon McDaniels	[P] '20 Betty DeShazer
[A] '22 Stephanie Reynolds	[P] '21 Jo Ann Miller	[P] '20 Charles Franks
[P] '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  
[A] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

No formal financial report. Will be available later.

Most of the meeting was spent in discussing reopening the church. We will reopen on July 5<sup>th</sup> providing there are no county restrictions regarding group gatherings. Masks are highly recommended. Seating will be in every other pew. Social distancing to be observed. Seating by families and those who have been together or in contact throughout the pandemic. No passing of the peace.

Communion will be celebrated on July 5th. Individual communion packets will be available.

There will be no regular fellowship gathering following worship at this time. There was discussion about later setting up tables outside with prepackaged treats. No decision made.

Thinking of You notes sent those who don't have email as a means of keeping in contact since they would not have access to the Sunday morning online worship.

General Assembly meeting June 19, 26-27.

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jo Ann Miller B'day	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 Communion	6	7 Misty Brown' B'day	8	9	10 Francene Beall B'day Alex Jones B'day	11
12	13	14 6:30-Session Brian McPherson B'day	15 Jim & Kelly Car Anniv.	16	17 11:30 – Men's & Ladies Lunch	18
19	20	21 5:30 – Jan's HOA	22	23	24 Larry & Susan William – Anniv.	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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**July, 2020**

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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Worship 11:00 AM

