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CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS

We all hear about the Coronavirus (COVID) in the news and want to be sure the church is prepared to react to this situation. Right now, there are no changes to our services or ministries, but we are monitoring this situation carefully.

- Hand sanitizers, disinfectants, and tissues are readily available throughout the church and in all the restrooms.
- We are rigorously adhering to our regular cleaning and disinfecting approaches and these efforts will broaden to a wider range to surfaces (doors, door knobs, tables, chairs, and eating areas).
- We have increased the frequency of cleaning/disinfecting children’s areas.
- Everyone should wash hands frequently and thoroughly.
- We encourage any member, attendee or staff person to stay home if they exhibit any symptoms.
- If sneezing or coughing, do so into elbow or tissue. Try not to shake hands or use fist bumps.
- Do not share cups or water bottles.
- Do not panic. The cure rate for those under 50 years old who are infected is 99.7%, and the virus doesn’t attack children or pets. Older folks with other health or pulmonary issues are the highest risk.

WORSHIP ARTS



STEVE GREEN IS COMING TO 1ST PRES MARCH 22

This is a FREE concert that will include a combined Children’s Choir and highly celebrated Christian artist, Steve Green. The concert starts at 6pm; doors will open at 5pm. Sanctuary seating is first come, first served with overflow availability in both the Chapel and Fellowship Hall. Additionally, a nursery will be provided with advance registration (limited capacity). Additional information can be found at 1stpresbyterian.com. If you’re available to work in the nursery during the concert, please notify Misha, misha@1stpresbyterian.com. Also on March 22nd, Steve Green will be leading with the 1st Pres Adult Choir in the 10:55am Sanctuary worship service. What a glorious day this will be!



NEW MEMBERS (INQUIRERS’) CLASS

Starting **Wednesday, March 25th from 6:15 - 7:25 pm** we are offering a class for those interested in joining the church or who simply want to find out more about 1st Presbyterian. There will be 5 sessions with a break during Easter week. Nursery is available. This is our normal path for church membership. If you are interested in the class but the schedule isn’t a good fit, please let Chris Ehlers (Congregational Care pastor), cehlers@1stpresbyterian.com, know so that you can be notified of upcoming classes at other times.



SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AFTER 10:55 WORSHIP SERVICE

We’re delighted to have the opportunity to honor our senior adults on this very special day that will begin with beautiful worship led by Kelly Stultz and West Breedlove at the 10:55 sanctuary worship service. We’ll enjoy rich biblical teaching by Dr. Tim Kirk followed by a delicious lunch created by our very own Chef Geoffrey Joynt. We pray that you’ll feel truly loved and appreciated for the godly blessing that you’ve been to the 1st Pres family over the years. **Reservations are required.** Please call the church office, 423-267-1206.

WORLD MISSIONS

Church Planting Movements in Strategic Global Cities



AARON HERRERA

Church Planting in Mexico

Congratulations to our church planting partner, Aaron Herrera, and his team who on March 5, 2020, celebrated their one-year anniversary as the start-up team for *Amazing Grace at Cumbres del Rey*, in Monterrey, Mexico. The team has done a significant amount of research on the spiritual needs of their community—learning what the Lord is doing through other Christians, befriending non-believers, and building a ministry philosophy that will help them to share the good news of Jesus Christ in a way that relates to people. The team began a small group in October and added a second one in February. Aaron believes that these groups will be the backbone of their new church as people will hear and speak about the gospel and be disciplined in an intimate community. In December, the team hosted its first regularly-scheduled video gaming event during which more than 55 youth heard the gospel—some for the first time. The plan is to continue sharing Christ with these youth and connect them to the church and small groups. In addition, the team has started a worship service in a home for friends and contacts that is regularly attended by 12 to 15 people. Planting a church from scratch takes a lot of time and energy. Please be in prayer for Aaron and his team—for their spiritual and physical health as well as for their spiritual formation as a gospel community. May the Lord guide this young church plant and may He protect them from the evil one. What a privilege it is for First Pres to be in gospel partnership with *Amazing Grace at Cumbres del Rey*.

SAVE THE DATES: 1ST PRES’ FAMILY VBS

You Are What You Love

Monday-Wednesday, July 6th-8th, 5:30pm-8pm

Nursery provided and programming for families with children PreK-5th grade and youth are invited to serve as volunteers.

Registration is coming soon. Contact Misha for more info at 648-7903 or misha@1stpresbyterian.com.



FAMILY VBS 2020 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help run the children’s program so that parents can attend the adult program. Would you be willing to sacrifice some of your time for the benefit of our young families attending VBS? We need 6 volunteers to help lead the kids’ games and crafts rotations; we will supply a crew of helpers to prep crafts and games. We also need 8 volunteer to lead groups of kids around to their rotations each night (PreK-K group, 1st-3rd grade group, and 4th-5th grade group). Please contact Misha Sisco if you’re interested: misha@1stpresbyterian.com, 423-648-7903.



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES AND TIMES

April 5 - Palm Sunday - regular worship services, standard times

April 9 - Maundy Thursday - Church supper at 5:15, Combined Communion and modified Tenebrae service at 6:30.

April 10 - Good Friday - Chapel prayer service at noon.

April 12 - Easter Sunday - A special pre-service musical program in the sanctuary at 10:30 called “Hallelujah to the Lamb”.