

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2020

COVID COMMISSION FOR RE-OPENING

We are entering another week of Phase 2 and remain there out of concern about the increase of cases in Hamilton County (and surrounding areas), hospital admissions, the re-opening of schools, and the continued responsibilities of slowing down the spread of the virus and the health and safety of our congregation. The current protocols include proactive seating for separation, masks are required, no Sunday school, youth groups, children services or nursery, closed balcony, no coffee/Coke, size limits for on-site meetings, and those with vulnerable conditions urged to stay at home. In detailing this "vulnerability" statement, ask yourself these questions, and if any are answered "yes", stay away.



1. Have you had any symptoms of infection over the last two weeks?
2. Have you had a fever or chills?
3. Headache or body ache/muscle pain?
4. Sore throat or cough?
5. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
6. Vomiting?
7. Have you been around anyone who might have had COVID illness?

In summary, If you have been exposed to (close contact)* a known COVID positive individual within the past 14 days, you should not come to church.

(*Close contact is defined as caregiver, family member, lived with, prolonged contact within 6 feet, or was coughed at or sneezed on.)

AUDIO OR VISUAL RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

Are you, or a loved one, neighbor, friend being left out of church because of the COVID stipulations or unable to watch or hear the 1st Pres worship services for lack or hesitation to use the computer? We have the answer! 1st Pres offers free CD's or DVD's of the church services and/or sermons. All you need to do is ask. Call the church office (267-1206) and ask that a CD or DVD be mailed to you or your loved one. If you have a specific date of service you've missed, tell us and we'll get the right message to you right away.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS

If you want to participate by donating new shoes for those in need, please drop-off your donation(s) in one of the collection boxes located around the church. *The drive is the month of August only.* Thank you for the help in meeting a need.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

Sign Up Now

Thinking Biblically and living covenantally:



One place we do that is in our women's Bible studies where we learn God's word together & share our lives with each other. Bible studies will begin in September, & we have something for everyone-different types of studies, morning & evening studies, weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, in person & on Zoom! Go to 1stpresbyterian.com/women for details & to sign up. We hope to see you in one of the studies in September!

Contact: Betsy Silberman, betsysilberman@gmail.com, 423-903-4259 or 423-544-5893.

1ST PRES YOUTH

Youth Bible study starts back the week of August 23! Parents- If you signed your student up for in-person Bible study, important meeting information will be sent to you this week. If your child is not meeting for Bible study in person, email Jessica@1stpresbyterian.com or Zach@1stpresbyterian.com so we can discuss what Bible study can look like for your student this Fall. Want to stay up-to-date with what's going on with youth ministry at 1st Pres? [Subscribe](#) to our weekly newsletter and follow us on [instagram @1stpresyouthchat!](#)



1ST PRES KIDS

Last week's Promotion Sunday was a great start to the new year of Children's Ministry! Thanks to everyone who was able to join us on Zoom! If you haven't registered your children for Virtual Sunday School, it's not too late to do so. Click on the yellow "[Kids](#)" button from the church homepage to access the online registration. We are taking time off from our Wednesday evening Zoom meetings until August 26th. Also, if you didn't receive the Promotion Sunday Packet, please let Misha know as it contains our tentative plan for the semester ahead (misha@1stpresbyterian.com, 423-648-7903).



WORLD MISSIONS

Church Planting Movements in Strategic Global Cities

Our mission partners continue to face difficulties due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Momentum has been stalled—especially for the baby church plants—and it has been a challenge to maintain connections via Zoom and prepare for church re-openings. Lockdowns have been particularly difficult for our Mexican partners as Latinos need the hugs and kisses they receive when assembling together. Our German partners, however, are very adaptable to less personal contact. Alas, even how our partners deal with the pandemic is contextualized to their culture! Sadly, some of our partners are also dealing with challenges from their local governments who are threatening their personal safety, their ability to worship freely in person, and their ability to remain in or return to their host country. Please be in prayer for our missionaries and indigenous church planters as they seek God's wisdom and discernment for their ministries. Bilge and Sylvia and Ian and Darlene particularly need our prayers at this time.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our congregational care ministry is available to help senior members or those with special needs during this precautionary period. We can provide assistance with grocery shopping or acquiring necessities like medications and/or toiletries. For more information please contact Rachel Allred, rachel.d.dyer@gmail.com or 505-9009.

“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

And you thought last year's conference was different!

69th World Missions Conference

October 11-14, 2020

SAVE THE DATES