

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2020

COVID-19 COMMISSION

Your “Covid-19 Commission” continues to meet weekly to assess and monitor the spread of the Coronavirus and determine what are the best ways to control the transmission and keep our congregation safe while re-opening the church and her programs. We are adding an “outdoor service” this week at 9:00 AM in the Connector Parking Lot, and continuing the 11:00 AM worship on-site with the live-streaming option from the sanctuary. We remain in Phase 2 with all the protocols in place: proactive seating for separation, masks required, no Sunday school, youth groups, children’s church or nursery, closed balcony, no coffee/Coke and those with vulnerable conditions being urged to be extra careful or remain at home. Everyone should practice healthy hygiene habits.



WORLD MISSIONS

Church Planting Movements in Strategic Global Cities

We ask your prayers for our international partners as they continue to face the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. Some areas of the world—like Europe—are bracing for a second wave while the coronavirus shows no sign of slowing across South America. American travelers, including some of our missionaries, have been barred from returning to their host countries. We give thanks that Wayne and Amy Newsome meet the requirements that clear them to return to Japan on August 17. Please pray for them as they make preparations for their departure—including covid tests required by the Japanese government prior to departure. The Newsomes will also be required to take another covid test once they land in Japan—followed by two weeks of quarantine in their home. As the number of infected persons is rising in Japan and things are shutting down more, it will be a struggle for the couple to reconnect with their church and community after an extended home ministry assignment. We have other missionaries—including the Bonhams and Knights—who are waiting to return to their host countries. And, of course, World Missions short-term trips are suspended for the foreseeable future. Thank you very much for your prayers for the partners and ministries of First Presbyterian World Missions. We praise the Lord that he continues to work through his people to accomplish his will on this earth.

SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS

Our church will remain a collection area for “Shoes” program sponsored by WMBW, but not proactively as in the past. If you are interested and planned to donate shoes we will have a collection box in the Connector. This is one area where we “pulling back” in lieu of other ministries.



1ST PRES DIRECTORY

Many of you will want to access the directory of members online on the new First Pres App or through the website. For those of you who would rather have the printed directory, please plan to pick up a copy **Monday or Tuesday of this week from 10am-1pm at the church.**



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

1ST PRES YOUTH

We have enjoyed meeting weekly with our students for Bible study on Zoom as well as meeting in-person following careful safety guidelines this Summer! We’ve wrapped up our Summer Bible study on Zoom and will resume the week of August 23. More details to come!

Follow 1st Pres Youth on [instagram @1stpresyouthchatt](https://www.instagram.com/1stpresyouthchatt) and [subscribe](#) to our weekly email update!



THE HOUSE

The House University Ministries is looking for forty small group leaders for their college students this coming school year. If you are interested in investing in these lives as they look to follow Jesus this coming year, contact Kirsten Hyde at Kirsten@thehouseutc.org.



THE BRAVE OF HEART FUND

The Brave of Heart Fund was established by the foundations of New York Life and Cigna to provide financial assistance and behavioral health services to family members of healthcare workers and volunteers who have lost their lives in the Covid-19 fight. If you know of a family that may benefit from this fund, encourage them to look at *The Brave of Heart* website, braveofheartfund.com, for information and applications.

1ST PRES KIDS

BIG NEWS:

Promotion Sunday on Zoom Sunday, Aug. 9!

Please mark your calendar for this Sunday according to the schedule below and join us along with your promoting child (AT LEAST 1 PARENT JOIN WITH THEIR CHILD), so that we can connect with them as we start out a new year of kids' ministry! Now if you're like us, hearing that news isn't super exciting as we would much rather be able to do this in-person. But given the current pandemic, we are looking forward to making the best of our situation. Your child's Sunday School teachers for the 2020-2021 year will be on the Zoom meeting ready to introduce themselves to the kids. We will be making this fun, giving out door prizes, and playing get-to-know-you games. With our youngest Nursery-age children, we understand that this will likely be a real challenge, but if we could at least see your child and have them see their teacher, we would be so grateful! Also, we are asking that each child be registered for Sunday School this year using the yellow "Kids" button on the homepage (Sunday School is available for kids ages 2-years-old through 5th grade). If your child is not yet connected with our Virtual Sunday School, we urge you to partake! This is an incredible opportunity for your child to be disciplined by someone other than their parents! Don't miss out!! Please contact Misha Sisco for the Zoom meeting link at misha@1stpresbyterian.com or see the weekly email.

4th-5th Graders: 2pm-2:30pm

Teachers joining us include Pete Snyder, Harriett Berman & Jenny Meadows

1st-3rd Graders: 2:45pm-3:15pm

Teachers joining us include Joann Hellmann, Anita Killeffer, Jimmy Hellmann, & David Griffin

PreK-K Kids: 3:30pm-4pm

Teachers joining us include Dale Granberry, Mary Haberkorn & Morgan Montrose

Nursery Kids: 18-mns through 3-yrs-old: 4:15pm-4:45pm

Teachers & staff joining us include Gail Pinchak, Dale Rardin, Brenda Thompson, Tracey Skillman & Susan Becquet



NEW CHURCH APP COMING SOON!

Why do you need a church app? To have convenient access to up-to-date information on worship services and activities, Bible studies, small groups, children and youth activities, and more. You'll also have access to the member online directory, secure giving, and event registrations all on your phone. Watch for updates at 1stpresbyterian.com.