



July 2020

“LIGHT FROM THE HILL”

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From the Pastor’s Desk...

*“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”
Psalm 121:1,2*

Well, this has been quite the year so far, hasn’t it? Between the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic, racial injustice issues, riots (and worse), if you are like me you might be wondering, “what is next?” And if you are like me, you might not want to know.

At the Presbyterian Church of Marion, we are cautiously opening up. We’ve been meeting for worship, albeit modified, since June 21. At this point I have no idea when worship will start to seem more normal; I can hope and pray for sooner rather than later, but at this time no-one really knows.

In one way or another the March arrival of the pandemic has intruded on the peace of our lives. Not to mention all the other issues suddenly our nation is facing. As I alluded to, it is hard to know at this moment what the coming weeks and months will hold. But God’s people know that our Lord remains unchanged in His power and grace. Christians therefore may respond to fear and distress with the confidence of knowing where our ultimate help comes from: “My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

So whether you choose to attend worship in person, or continue to worship at home via YouTube, you and I still are the church. As we get into the heart, or should I say heat, of the summer, a few thoughts drift through my mind. For instance, let each of us look for opportunities to love and serve others remembering the call of Philippians 2:4 – “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” We know that God uses all things – even our current circumstances – for the good of His people; and there is no reason for His people to stop doing good.

Let me again share that these odd times are fantastic occasions to be turning to prayer. Let us pray especially for our civil leaders, for medical professionals who have been stretched to the limit of endurance, for school teachers who are still scratching their heads as to how they had to finish the school year and face new and unknown teaching methods as the autumn approaches. Let us continue to be in prayer for businesses and people who are still experiencing financial hardships. Let us simply pray for God to awaken this nation to its need to embrace Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

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With this thinking in mind, The Indiana Clergy Network designated Monday, July 6 as a day of prayer and fasting to humble our hearts before the Lord. There is so much conflict right now, even among Christians, that we need a “reset” in our hearts for our nation to move forward in a meaningful way. More information will be coming.

But always, no matter what today looks like, and no matter what may come our way tomorrow, may we always remember the source of all help.

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

God loves you, and so do I.

-Pastor Chris

JULY 2020 WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

July 5, 2020

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

“Games People Play - Clue”

Without God, nothing else in life will satisfy. With him, all of life is filled with meaning and more than enough.



July 12, 2020

Scripture: Luke 14:16-24 (**BLUE SPRUCE PARK**)

“Games People Play – Trivial Pursuit”

Priorities matter—but how do we decide between competing priorities?

July 19, 2020

Scripture: James 1:26-27, 3:2-12

“Games People Play – Outburst”

What all our tongues, our words can be used for. The bad and the good.

July 26, 2020

Scripture: James 1:19-20

“Games People Play - Aggravation”

Man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life God desires.

August 2, 2020

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8

“Games People Play - Scrabble”

Man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life God desires.
Our connection with others is vital to play life’s game God’s way.



Sunday Morning Worship and On-line Worship...

As we continue along a path of uncertainty in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are meeting for worship in the Sanctuary on Sundays @ 10:30. If you plan to attend, please know that worship will not look like it used to, at least for a while. What we are doing include

- Recommending masks
- There is no singing
- Social distancing is recommended, and we encourage no congregating before and after worship.
- No passing of the peace/fellowship time/passing of offering plates/communion is taking place.
- We are not using printed bulletins but will have any needed liturgy up on the screens.
- For several reasons, worship will be shorter.

If you are in any way high risk (sometimes defined as age 65 or older or those with underlying conditions) feel free to stay home for your own wellbeing. As a matter of fact, if in any way you are uncomfortable with attending worship in our building, please know you are welcome to do or not do as you feel led. If you are ill, please do stay home. We'll see you when you feel better! For those who stay home and have internet access, we plan to continue to offer on-line worship opportunities on YouTube.

The Presbyterian Church of Marion has its own YouTube channel, and can be found easily from a link on our church web page, marionpres.org.



Deacons....

It's been a while, but we will be having a deacon's meeting Monday evening, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Please let Susie know if you can't attend.



Join us Sunday, July 12th at Blue Spruce Park...

Let's worship in the park and enjoy God's creations. We will be holding worship at Blue Spruce Park's Pavilion 1 (Main Pavilion) on Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 a.m. Bring a lawn chair so you are comfy and we can spread out. Rumor has it Pastor Chris will have his guitar!!! Stay after worship for lunch and fellowship, but we ask each family to bring their own lunch.



Red Cross Blood Drive...The deacons will be hosting a blood drive at the church on Tuesday, August 4th. Hours you can donate are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



In a hurry? Pre-register by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or by going to www.redcrossblood.org and enter Marion Center.

Be a part of the lifesaving cause!

Vacation Bible School...

This is an official notice of what you probably already know, due to the COVID-19 virus and all that surrounds it, VBS for 2020 has been cancelled. We live in the hope that we'll be able to do something late in the summer, if nothing more than a single day blessing of our children. Please be in prayer with our partners at the Marion Center Methodist Church and New Life Lutheran as we all navigate the odd and uncharted waters together. Odd and uncharted, but not a surprise to the One we gather for and worship



Prayer Requests

Homebound Folks:

Kathy Mabon, Elinor Metz & Russ Olson

Missionaries

Musange Presbyterian Church (Rwanda)

Active Military Service:

Benjamin Eaton

Louis Good

Brianna Fulmer

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alexis Haney
- 3 Mikey Anthony
- 7 Carol Fry
- 9 Evan Fry
- 11 T.J. Banks
- 12 Lennon Brown
Gary Kanouff
- 16 Sherry Beatty
- 18 Connie Edwards
Joan Marshall
Heather Hood
- 21 Sara Baker
- 25 Amanda Kanouff



- 27 Madison Kanouff
Lorrie Gallo
- 28 Amy Lowmaster
- 29 Natalie Gatskie
- 30 Maddox Didlott
Bob Marshall
Aubree Watkins

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Lynette Clawson

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Jim Sisitki

Milestone Anniversaries for May, June & July

- May 13th Brooke & Lindsey Fairman - 20th
- May 24th Noel & Nancy Protho - 45th
- May 29th Mark & Lauren Lowmaster - 10th
- June 7th Lynn & Janis Baun - 40th
- June 22nd Jan & Lorrie Gallo - 40th
- July 8th Nick & Shawnee Armstrong - 20th

