



A Message From Our Pastor

*"For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them."
- Matthew 18:20*

It's been quite different to be in the church office lately. I miss seeing folks from the congregation drop by. I miss seeing the staff. I miss the sound of the children playing upstairs. It has been very quiet. It is sometimes nice to have quiet as it is an opportunity to concentrate on tasks that need to get done. The first couple of months here at FPC, the noise reminded me that the church was at work. The silence now reminds me of the many events and worship services we have had to cancel in the last couple of months, and it can make me feel a little sad.

This morning while I was in the office, things got a little noisy for the first time in weeks. Chris Hakeman ran down the hallway to tell me some amazing news. Panera Bread reached out to her, and they offered her meals to take to the many individuals she serves. She told them she needed 29. They brought 50! I couldn't see her smile, but I could see her eyes--and they were full of joy.

I needed this noise today. It reminded me that in spite of cancellations and quiet, God is still working through us. Our preschool teachers are still engaging with their students. Our worship services continue. Our Matthew's Bike Shop is operating as individuals take bikes home to repair. We are still having Bible study. The list goes on and on. We just have to do everything virtually and distant for now.

Jesus teaches us that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, he is there. That's something I knew in my head. Now, as we gather virtually, I know it in my heart. We are bound together by our Savior, and his presence continues to strengthen us and guide us.



Image Credit: St. Peters Philadelphia

I don't know when we will be able to gather as one body again. I'm hopeful and optimistic that it will happen soon. In the meantime, I know God is still moving. I see it in so many of you, and even in me. We are still His Church and His people.

In Christ,
Pastor Sara

Online Giving Now Available



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If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can now easily offer a regular tithe with automatic online donations. Simply go to the church website at www.firstpresbychurchhuron.org and click on the Paypal button. Be advised that Paypal does collect a 2.2% fee from your offering, but for tax purposes your entire donation will be credited to you.

Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

May 3, 2020

St. Peter Catholic Church
Father Jeff McBeth

May 10, 2020

Huron United Methodist Church
Pastor Pamela Sayre

May 17, 2020

Zion Lutheran Church
Pastor Kristine Schroeder

May 24, 2020

First Presbyterian Church
Pastor Sara Hodsden

May 31, 2020

Christ Episcopal Church
Rev. Michael Floyd

A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.



PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.



PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.



PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."
JOHN 14:27

LifeWay

Submitted by Susan Martter on behalf of the FPC Prayer Group

VBS Planning Continues

Get ready for our VBS Adventure! Our Vacation Bible School is still tentatively scheduled for July 27-31. Plans are being made to have a virtual VBS if large groups are still not allowed to congregate this summer. Stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer and/or participate!





- May 3 Margaret Swords
- May 4 Carolyn Culbertson
- May 7 Leonard Homyak
- May 8 Alice Roehrs
- May 11 Tammy Boos
- May 12 Becky Koenig
- May 13 Sharon Carnal
- May 13 Lise Cook
- May 16 Harper Hagy
- May 19 Bob Muntz
- May 20 Joel Hagy
- May 20 Betsey Luipold
- May 20 Stephanie Schippel
- May 21 Lee Marsh
- May 22 Ann Pullano
- May 23 Jeanne Schafer
- May 29 Janet Gottwald
- May 29 Tom Kirby
- May 30 John Bickell
- May 31 Genette Solomon

Christ's Community Meal

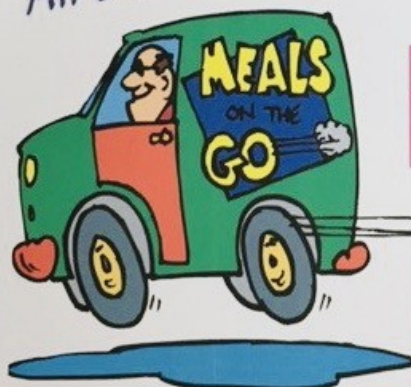
First Presbyterian Church
225 Williams St., Huron

FREE DINNER



All are welcome!

TAKE OUT ONLY
starting at 5PM



Meals will be handed out
in a drive thru lane

STAY IN YOUR CAR

Wed. May 13, 2020
&
Wed. May 27, 2020

Our Team will continue to serve Take Out Only meals on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month unless government officials direct otherwise. Please refer to the CDC for all guidelines regarding the Coronavirus.

Supported by: Christ Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, Huron United Methodist Church, Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, St. Peter Catholic Church and Zion Lutheran Church



Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

- John 15:13 (NIV)



THANK
God for
MOMS

PROVERBS 31:30

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

**God, from my youth
you have taught me.**

— PSALM 71:17

Building a Life of Faith



Pentecost Offering

*THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH
BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START— A SOLID
FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE YEARS
FROM CHILDHOOD
THROUGH YOUNG ADULTHOOD.*

- ◆ 40 % stays with this congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.
- ◆ 25 % supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.
- ◆ 25 % supports Ministries with Youth to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God’s word .
- ◆ 10 % is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens. Our congregation is joining the whole church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith.

WAYS TO GIVE TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING:

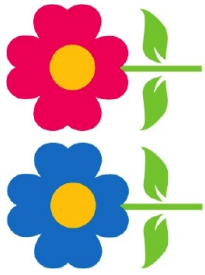
- ◆ Through your congregation by mailing a check to your church office. Please write “Pentecost Offering” on the check , so that we know where the funds should be designated.
- ◆ Text YOUNG to 56512 to learn more or donate.
- ◆ Give online at pcusa.org/pentecost .





Reminders:



- Worship Service Videos will continue to be posted weekly to Facebook on Sundays @ 10 am.
- All in-person worship services, events and groups are still canceled until further notice.
- The church building may be closed, but the work still continues. You can reach the secretary during regular office hours by calling 419-433-5018 or emailing fpchuron@bex.net.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Online Worship Video Posted @10:00am	4 Hot Dog Monday Meal (TAKE-OUT ONLY) @ noon	5 Bible Study via Zoom @ 6 pm	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>  Online Worship Video Posted @10:00am	11 Hot Dog Monday Meal (TAKE-OUT ONLY) @ noon	12 Bible Study via Zoom @ 6 pm	13 Christ's Community Meal (TAKE-OUT ONLY) @ 5 pm	14	15	16
17 Online Worship Video Posted @10:00am	18 <i>Steeple Notes Deadline</i> Hot Dog Monday Meal (TAKE-OUT ONLY) @ noon	19 Bible Study via Zoom @ 6 pm	20 Session Meeting via Zoom @ 7pm Little Wonders Last Day of Online School	21	22	23
24 Online Worship Video Posted @10:00am	25  <i>Office Closed</i> Hot Dog Monday Meal (TAKE-OUT ONLY) @ noon	26 Bible Study via Zoom @ 6 pm	27 Christ's Community Meal (TAKE-OUT ONLY) @ 5 pm	28	29	30
31 Online Worship Video Posted @10:00am						