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When to Open the Sanctuary?

When should we open the sanctuary? Session and I have been wrestling with this issue for almost seven months. At our last session meeting, we voted to link this decision to our state's color coded pandemic system. If you are not aware, the state is monitoring a multitude of factors that reveal the prevalence of COVID-19 in each county. They then represent their findings with a color coded guide. Green is the least prevalent, then yellow, orange, red, red with a star, and finally purple is the most prevalent. Licking County is Orange as of my writing this. This is a positive step, as Licking County was Red for quite some time.

Session moved that we would not reopen the sanctuary until Licking County was designated as yellow or green. So, the session will not vote to open the sanctuary until Licking County is yellow or green. However, session will still vote. This is not an automatic system in which a yellow designation automatically equals an open sanctuary. There might be some other factor that makes reopening the sanctuary difficult for us. We hope that this decision can give some clarity to this situation.

I know that every church is handling this situation differently. Multiple churches can be found at all points of the spectrum. Some churches have not changed how they function in any way. Some churches have continued to meet physically, but with policy changes. Some churches stopped meeting in large groups initially, but have since began to meet. Others are like us, meeting in different or unique ways, but not as a large group, indoors. Even still, other churches stopped meeting and are only on-line or have basically stopped worship all together.

I believe that the fact that churches are handling this situation so differently is a good thing. There is no one size fits all response. At this moment, the drive in service is what is best for us. It allows our congregation to meet and worship together. How sad it would be, to meet in the sanctuary at the expense of 10 or 15 of our members. I echo a statement made by one of our members Sunday. 'Meeting together in the parking lot, feels less lonely then it did sitting by myself all spread out in such a big sanctuary.'

Church Cleaning Projects

If you are looking for a safe way to help out around church, there are dozens of cleaning projects that need attention. There is a list of all the cleaning projects on the desk in Fellowship Hall. You can work on any project you would like, whenever it is convenient for you. Just remember to check off the task once you have completed it. The church has all the cleaning supplies you would need. Some supplies are in Fellowship Hall, other supplies can be found in the boiler room or in the cabinet above the sink in the kitchen. If you do not have a church key, the church office is open 9-Noon every weekday. Though I would call first to make sure. Contact Priscilla Hare if you have any questions.

Y-Healthy Kids Backpack Program

We are excited to say that there will be a backpack program again this year. The church annex is already full of food. There are some differences. We will not be having any packing parties. Instead, the schools will be packing their own meals. 1st Presbyterian will be delivering bulk items to the schools on a monthly basis. Contact Rev Steve if you are interested in helping deliver food items to the schools.

~Drive in Church~



Drive In Church has been moved to the black top area between the Elks and the Church. We hope you will join us for services.

 **On a lighter note:**

**Prevent TRUTH decay;
brush up on your Bible.**

**What sits on the lawn
and is Irish?**

Paddy O'Furniture



**The best vitamin for a Christian
is B1.**



**Did you hear about
the cheese factory
that exploded in France?**

**There was nothing left
but de Brie.**

Online Giving

Give Online to First Presbyterian Church.
Online giving is safe and secure
through the Presbyterian Foundation.

*The website has been updated recently,
please check it out!*

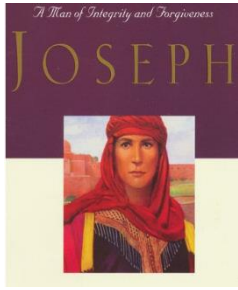
<http://www.1stpresnewark.com>



Did you know that our YouTube channel has over 100 videos? You can find sermons, musical performances, videos from the 'Exploring our Church' series and a few other special items.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCVwDwZvRMCE1pxKGV7rlgw/videos>

~Sunday School~



Joseph: A Man of Integrity & Forgiveness
August 9th the Adult Sunday School class began a new 12-week study on the Old Testament character, Joseph. Following the

wearer of the 'coat of many colors', we will see a man of faith and integrity who grew up in a dysfunctional family, faced tremendous temptation, abandoned in prison, but rising to power to lead the Egyptian people through 7 years of a devastating famine and facing the brothers who abandoned him years earlier and extending forgiveness to them.

This study is written by Chuck Swindoll, who also wrote the study on Esther we did earlier this year. Books are encouraged, but not required.. Please join us via Zoom Sunday mornings.



ANNUAL CHURCH Picnic
September 20th, 11 am @ Rotary Park

- Worship is at 11am, followed by a picnic lunch.
- You can worship from the pavilion, from a lawn chair in the grass or from your car listening on the radio.
- Make sure to bring your own lunch!
- Social Distancing Expected and Masks Requested!

Don't forget, this Sunday worship will be at Rotary Park at 11:00am.

Please join us for worship even if you aren't staying for the picnic.

You can worship from the safety of your car by tuning into 88.7 radio.



We are in need of more shoe boxes. If you have any that you would like to donate please see Kenita Keck or Sandy Noland.

We set up several bags with boxes and wrapping paper for the boxes to be wrapped and every one of our bags was taken by a willing volunteer. Thank you so much for your participation.



Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Pray without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Would you like to be a part of the prayer chain? Please contact Kim Dershem, at kdershem@windstream.net to get your name put on the email list.

Thank you to those that faithfully pray for your church and our country.



It's Official!!

**Congratulations
to the Brand
family on the
final adoption of
their son, Blake.
Everything went
well and he is
now officially
Blake Warren
Brand.**

Isn't he so handsome?

Congratulations to the Licking Memorial
Health Systems 2020 MVPs! Our featured
MVP staff member is:

Kenita Robinson- Keck of Oncology.



The MVPs were
chosen for their
consistent
demonstration
of the LMHS
CARE values:
compassion,
accountability,
respect and
excellence.

Congratulations
Kenita, and

thank you for your excellent service!



October Birthdays

David Kittel	10/02
Emily Hare	10/04
Haley Drake	10/07
Ryan Fish	10/07
Tanya Noland-Walters	10/11
Gary Deweese	10/14
Jean Nichols	10/19
Dee Barber	10/25

October Anniversaries

Greg & Tina Angeletti	10/22
Bob & Deb Blamer	10/25
Jay & Wendy Hartman	10/27

Nurses, by nature, are dedicated servants



to their profession,
but perhaps no
other nurse in
Licking County is as
decorated as
Clarissa Ann
Howard. Howard
retired from
Licking Memorial

Hospital in 1997 after more than 49 years of service, though she continued her affiliation with the organization for many more years. She began her career in nursing at the then Newark City Hospital in 1950, eventually rising to vice president of nursing, then vice president of administrative services. The hospital awarded her the LMH President's Award in 1990 and the LMH Development Council's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1997. In 2009 she was honored as the namesake for the Clarissa Ann Howard Nursing Award for Clinical Excellence....

As a 1971 Legacy Society member, Howard will carry her legacy forward with the creation of an endowed nursing scholarship ensuring that students past, present and future realize the impact of a local icon.

To read the full article you can go to the COTC website and type in

COTC IMPACT REPORT

[2019-20 Impact Report](#)



We need to pray for our Country, our President and all the other leaders as we come to this critical time in our nation in the upcoming elections.

Don't forget the words we hear from

2 Chronicles 7:14

