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HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2020

Highland Church reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ building disciples with vision for ministry.

Dear Family of God,

We have been challenged to give up our normal routines in the past couple of weeks. Many of us miss our favorite restaurant, our exercise classes, theatre. Some have been out of work. But, most of all, I personally miss my church family. Hopefully, we will all return to normal activities very soon.

Our last Sunday School lesson was on "A Life of Humility" by Dr. David Jeremiah. Since March 15, I feel like we have been humbled by the Corona Virus. All of the sudden, our living pattern has somewhat changed. King David had many changes throughout his life. In Psalm 8:3-4, King David wrote, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained; what is man, that you are mindful of him? And the son of man, that you visited him?"

It is said the 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt was fascinated by God's creation. One of his habits when he entertained guests at the White House was to take them to the back of the lawn when the day was over. He would gaze up into the sky and tell his guests to do the same. After looking up at the innumerable stars scattered across the vast black nothingness of space for a couple of minutes, he would say, "Gentlemen, I believe we are small enough now. Let's go to bed."

Let us all be remindful that our great GOD is still in control! It's good for us to have been humbled.

May God Bless

Love in Christ Jesus

Bro. Doug

CPWM

CPWM met Monday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Our focus was “How to Walk in Love During Lent”. We discussed the possibility of having our meetings at night in order to give more of our ladies a chance to learn about Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry. We would love to have your input.

We are unsure of our meeting in April and will make an announcement once we are allowed to resume gatherings.

Please keep in mind that our Lip Sync Fundraiser is scheduled in June. Start planning your act soon! If you have any questions, please contact Velve Mullen.

Session Highlights

Items approved at the March 15 meeting:

- Call for Congregation Meetings April 19, April 26, and May 3 for the purpose of nominating, electing, and installing five deacons to serve three, two, or one year terms.
- Celebrate communion Sunday, April 5.
- Marlene Wallace will represent Highland at the Spring meeting of Covenant Presbytery, Elaine Overton as alternate.
- Continue holding Church services at the present time and continue Wednesday night activities as planned.

Items approved at the March 18 Called Meeting

- Due to Covid-19, cancel all scheduled activities at the Church for two weeks (including Sundays, March 22, 29)
- Continue paying all salaries.
- Bro. Bud agreed to post sermons on YouTube and Facebook

March Attendance Record

March 1 - 114
March 8 - 84
March 15 - 77
March 22 – No service
March 29 – No Service

Financial Record as of March 26

income - \$17,812.86
expenses - \$17,018.54

April Calendar

Some activities may be subject to change

April 5 - Palm Sunday
 Communion, Morning Worship
April 6-10 - McCracken Co. Spring Break NO ACTIVITIES
April 12 – Easter
April 15 – Adult Bible Trivia Night
April 16 – Highlanders
April 19 – Nominations for Deacons, morning worship
 Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.
April 23 - Cumberland Pioneers
April 26 – Elections for Deacons, morning worship
May 3 – Ordination/Installation of Deacons, morning worship

Ushers – Debby Hughes, Johnny Overton,
 Tanner Parker, Dick Kaye
Elder - Marlene Wallace

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5 begins the period of the Christian Calendar referred as Holy Week. It is the week we remember the suffering, death and burial of Jesus. Grace Covenant CPF will NOT host daily devotions and lunch. Milburn Chapel plans to have a Maundy Thursday Service, April 9.

Children's Church for April
The Connection between Humility and God's Character

- 1. Jesus Prays in Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-56
Put others first
- 2. Crucified and Risen, John 18:12-20
Jesus put us first.
- 3. Servant Principle, Philippians 2:3-8
Put others first because Jesus put you first.
- 4. On the Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35
There's always more to discover about God's plan.

April Birthdays

- 2 – Melanie Massie
- 11 – Lori Kauffman
- 12 – Mike Bryan
- 13 – David Robinson
- 15 – Brenda Dodd
Linda Johnson
Debby Hughes
- 26 – Allen Rushing
- 27 – Lindsay Gamble
- 30 – Alec Golightly

April Anniversaries

- 3 – Daniel and Jennifer Rushing
- 16 – Michael and Felicia Cornwell
- 19 – Gordon and Kelly Foltz
- 28 – Max and Brenda Dodd

A Message from Bro. Bud - How should Christians respond to the Corona virus pandemic?

First, as Christ-followers, we need to remember that our God is a “refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble” (Ps. 46:1). God has not given us a spirit of fear. We should not panic. Our Heavenly Father is still the all-knowing, ever-present, omnipotent God.

Second, we need to pray for all those who have been infected, those who will be, and for their families. We need to pray for God to deliver the world from this menace to human health and well-being. We need to pray for wisdom, guidance, and protection for our national, state and local leaders as they seek to fulfill their oaths of office in protecting the citizenry.

Third, we need to take necessary precautions. Listen to the medical experts. Be informed, sensitive, and wise in the way we approach this pandemic. In fact, not to do so would be to commit the sin of presumption (assuming the Holy Spirit will protect you when you disregard prudence and think since you are doing the Lord’s work, you can be exempt from sound medical advice). For example, if the authorities recommend no meetings of more than a hundred people, is it presumption for churches to go ahead and have their services in person rather than streaming? I hope not.

Fourth, don’t do anything knowingly that would put anyone else at risk. Seek to help those who need help coping with the aftermath of having the virus or having been exposed to it. And during this whole process, as Christ-followers, we must always remember and have in our consciousness the Lord Jesus’ command to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31) and “to do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (Luke 6:31). Let’s all pray that when we look back on this crisis, our fellow Americans will see this episode of our history as one that reflects credit on the Lord we serve as they see His work in us as we serve them.

Dr. Richard Land is president of [Southern Evangelical Seminary](#) in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is part of an advisory group for President Donald Trump.

Studies and Such for when we return

Recycled Teenagers Sunday School Class
"A Life of Self-Denial" by Dr. David Jeremiah
Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study
The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 5
Happy Highlanders
Boyette's on Reelfoot Lake

April Numbers

received - \$15,020.00
expenses - \$13,475.71

May Birthdays

1 – Alissa Gannaway
2 – Ray Massie
5 – Marlene Wallace
6 – Madeline Wooten
17 – Shanna Cornwell
Miranda Cooper
Lauren Parker
Emma Grace Cooper
19 – Kasen Barton
Mary Katherine Rudolph
22 – Tina Gamble
Tanner Parker
25 – Cooper Hill
27 – Rob Gannaway
28 – Gini Cunningham
29 – Phyllis Hammonds
Harriet Ballow

May Anniversaries

7 - Tyler and Lauren Parker
22 - Randy and Cindy Robertson
31- Rev. John and LaDonna Rogers

Congratulations to our Graduates

McCracken County High School

Ansley Golightly and Megan Hasty

Georgetown College

Madelyn Kauffman

Murray State University

Allison Hasty and Madeline Wooten

A Message From Brother Doug

It's been a blessing to have social media to contact so many during this pandemic. We are so appreciative of everyone who has worked to send out the sermons, children's messages, songs of encouragement, the many phone calls that have been made and the continued love and support of all.

The thing I've missed most through all of this, as I'm sure you have also, is the gathering of ourselves together as a body of Christ! The absence of worship weighs heavy upon my heart. I can only imagine what it must have been like for God's children during the Babylonian Captivity. The remnant left in Jerusalem had no temple in which to worship, nor any defense to rely upon because all of the city had been destroyed.

In Nehemiah chapter 8, we read of the assembling of God's children after a long absence of worship. A pulpit was set up and the priest Ezra began to read the Word of God. The children of God were moved to tears and filled with joy. The remnant was finally able to gather themselves together as a body after the restoration of the gates and wall to the city.

It will truly be a time we can all celebrate when we can once again gather in our Lord's house. I can't wait to see each of you!

Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church
June 2020

Is it Easter yet?

The church seems like it has been on Dark Friday for a couple of months. As a child, it always took forever for the special days to come. The special days of the church are always such an encouragement to me and also to the church. I love the seasons and the flow of one season to the next. This is why I feel like we are still on Dark Friday. We began Lent with a collective worship on Ash Wednesday, went through Lent and prepared for Easter.

However, this year, Easter came but not like we anticipated. Then I realized that God was in charge, and if this is what He has allowed, so be it. Easter assures you and me that it is always certain. We can't undo Christ's death, burial, and resurrection nor would we want to do that. So, let's have the mindset of a story I came across this week.

A man was walking and spotted a little league baseball game. He saw one of the players on the sideline and asked him, "What's the score?" The little boy responded, "Eighteen to nothing--we're behind."

"Oh my," said the man, "That's discouraging."

The little boy looked at the man and with a confident smile and said, "We haven't got up to bat yet!"

Church, Easter came! Maybe not like we anticipated, but praise God it did come. we are not finished yet. Better days are coming!

Bro. Bud

CPWM

The ladies of CPWM are truly missing our meetings. We will start meeting again when the Task Force and our members feel it is safe. There will still be several restrictions which will be clearly communicated.

With regret, we report that there will not be a Stott Wallace Fundraiser June 6 as previously planned. Normally, the Stott Wallace Offering is taken by the denomination as a whole on Pentecost, which is Sunday, May 31st. We strongly encourage everyone to consider making a contribution during the month of June. You can make your checks payable to Highland Church with *Stott Wallace* noted on the memo line. This has been a very hard time for our missionaries all over the world, Your donations will be greatly appreciated!!

Session Highlights

Your session has held several meetings during the past months. We met May 6 and voted to form a Task Force to work out all the details for reopening the Church for services. This is to be done in phases. The team consists of Randy DeHart, Chairman, Steve Shrewsberry, Dean Kauffman, Melissa Dumes, and Registered Nurse Brenda Haynes. It was agreed by consensus that we would have drive-in services beginning May 10.

We met again on May 20 for a schedule update. The Task Force reported plans to begin face to face services June 7. The Session voted to accept their plans and supports them 100%.

May Numbers

Financial Record as of May 26

income - \$18,455.00

expenses - \$11,174.39

June Calendar

June 7 - Sunday worship resumes

June 18(maybe) - Highlanders to Boyette's

June 21 - Father's Day

June 28 - Session Meeting

Ushers – Lori Kauffman, Randy Hughes

Ronnie and May Parker

Elder - Marlene Wallace

Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering

The offering is named for two lifelong missionary families – Buddy and Beverly Stott (Japan) and Boyce and Beth Wallace (Colombia). The Stotts served as Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries for 26 years and the Wallaces served as missionaries for over 50 years. These two couples represent a long legacy of Cumberland Presbyterian missionary service.

Church Camps

The Christian Education Committee of Covenant Presbytery is sorry to announce that all church camps have been cancelled this summer.

June Birthdays

- 1 - Carolyn Stowell
- 4 – Macey Owens
Gordon Foltz
- 6 – Sharon Slankard
Logan Cooper
Megan Hasty
Larry Mullen
- 8 –Carson McKee
- 10 – Cathy Hasty
- 12 – Sarah Stoll
- 13 – Cheryl Rambo
- 14 – Ronnie Parker
- 20 – Steve Shrewsberry
Ryder Winsett
- 21 – Kelly Foltz
- 23 – A.D. “Happy” Rudolph
- 24 – Glenn Ridings
Wanda Perry
- 28 – Michele Golightly

June Anniversaries

- 5 – Ronnie and May Parker
- 5 – Billy and Jill Winsett
- 6 – Kyle and Jenny Cooper
- 10 – Jimmy and Nancy Finnell
- 14 – Brandon and Miranda Cooper
- 20 – Randy and Melissa Dumes
- 29 - Mike and Michelle Wooten