

The Messenger

*Newsletter of Forest Park Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

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## Kim's Korner

August already? This has been such an odd year, sometimes seeming to move so slowly. Yet even in the midst of uncertainty, many children and college students head back to school soon. I will be away in the middle of August for a week as I take our youngest back to Charleston to begin his first semester of college there. A friend of mine says "the days are slow, but the years move so fast!"

We are very new in this journey together, and especially now it feels like the learning and movement is slow. I appreciate your welcome of me, and the opportunity I have had to begin to know everyone. I am looking forward to meeting with each of you, and also learning the rhythm of life in the church and community. For now, we will just learn about one another, worship together, and maintain the "normal" life of FPPC in the summertime. Of course, I recognize that "normal" is not really the normal that we would have in terms of our opportunities to meet and gather, whether for worship, meetings, or just simply to get together for a cup of coffee.

To that end, I would like to invite you to join me for "Time with the Pastor" on Tuesday mornings or Wednesday evenings in August. Weather permitting, I'll plan to be out at picnic tables behind the church building from 9-10 a.m. on Tuesdays and 5-6 p.m. on Wednesdays. BYOB (bring your own beverage) and join me to chat. No appointment necessary, but as mentioned above, I will be away on August 11 & 12. Alternately, if you would prefer for me to come to you, I am happy to meet with you at an outside environment at your home. We can set up chairs on a porch or in a driveway and get to know each other!

In the fall, we will begin to talk in groups small and large about where God is calling this community of faith to go next. Even in the midst of our world's challenges, God is showing us opportunities to share the good news with those around us. Let's

figure out where those opportunities will lead us next!

Peace,

Pastor Kim



The Deacon on call for August is Garrett Pomeroy 414-469-1448.



If you know or hear of a prayer need and would like to have one started on the prayer chain, notify the Deacon on Call for the month to initiate your request. If you cannot reach that Deacon, call the Church Office and speak to Pam, or leave a message on the answering machine.

# LOOK at THIS!

## TROOP 53 TRAILERS

You may have noticed a couple trailers in the northeast area of our parking lot. Those belong to Scout Troop 53, which is chartered by Forest Park Presbyterian Church. The troop will use their gear at campouts and outings and will store it on our property when it is not in use. This is a great visual reminder of our community connection.



**IN PERSON WORSHIP HAS RESUMED**  
Session elected to resume in person worship at FPPC as of June 21, 2020. We have worked diligently with discernment to create a worship opportunity with choices for all. We continue to recommend masks, but they are not mandatory in the sanctuary. Social distancing is encouraged, and our ushers are doing a great job of seating family members and managing those that prefer to wear a mask vs. those that do not. For those that prefer to stay safer at home, we continue to live stream our service so it can be viewed online during worship or later, if preferred. Services are recorded and viewable multiple times. For those not comfortable in a mixed mask environment, we have the lower level set up for masked attendees only, where friends can view worship during the service in real time. This allows the opportunity to worship together and still utilize the recommended safety protocols.

It can be challenging to stay connected. If you have questions about the protocols we have in place, feel free to contact a member of Session.

- If you are watching the service live in person or at home, remember to text a friend when "passing the peace".
- Share the link to our livestream with friends and family members - they may enjoy a new format or service, new faces and a chance to stay connected through a community of faith.
- Many thanks to those that continue to financially support the FPPC ministry with their tithes and pledges. Remember you can mail your offering or take advantage of

electronic giving via the link on our website.

- **BIG THANK YOU** to our team that has quickly developed an online worship option and continues to modify as we look into a permanent solution to stay connected to our Faith Family and Friends. Thanks to Rick Pomeroy for his expertise, equipment set up and live stream work throughout the service along with assistance from Garrett and Jimmy Pomeroy, to Denine Dulde for working the slide deck during worship, to Pastor Kim for creating the slides, to the Tan family for special music contributions, slide assistance and technical monitoring, to Rhonda Griffin for posting the information weekly on our website, to Pam for weekly mailings to those with limited technical resources, and to many others who help in big ways and small ways so we can stay connected as a community of faith.



If you are planning on coming in the Church Office, please call ahead to make sure Kim or Pam are in the office. We will put on our masks if you stop in. We'd appreciate if you are able to do the same. Thank you!!



# NEWS & Notes

To all the masked worshipers at Forest Park Presbyterian Church:

I can see smiling eyes behind those masks in church, but it brings to mind an experience from the last century. Some of you may recall a somewhat edgy television show called "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In", in which Arte Johnson played (among other characters) a soldier with a German accent, who was always commenting that something was "Very interesting". Very often he would utter those words after rising up from behind a wall, bush or bench; and until he uttered those famous words, all you could see of his face was his spectacled eyes, some forehead and his helmet. Then he would usually take a puff from a cigarette and retreat to wherever it was from which he had come. That memory sometimes comes to mind, when I see your masked faces in the pews. No, you are not smoking, wearing a helmet, hiding behind a bush, or using a German accent; but now that I have brought it up, next time you are in church, look around and see if that memory comes to mind. It is a "very interesting" look.

Seriously, though, I miss hearing your muffled voices from behind those masks. I can, however, hear when you are humming from behind them and it is wonderfully gratifying. Knowing that we are all participating as much as we can, given the current set of limitations, encourages me to do the best that I can for you and God at the same time. So, please, keep it up! And, please forgive me, if I call you Arte.

Jack

## SESSION NEWS

Your Session has begun its new term. We have been VERY busy as much of our time is spent navigating how to exist during a pandemic. We are thankful for the resources provided by the Milwaukee Presbytery and have carefully considered ways we can continue to worship together, stay connected and keep everyone safe. It is no easy feat for anyone and please know we place the utmost priority on compliance and safety. We continue to meet regularly and evaluate our protocols as new information is presented.

We are blessed to welcome Rev. Kim Trimboli as our new called and installed Pastor. We are thankful for her vision and look forward to working with her. Our future is bright! If you have questions on new programs, ideas on how to stay connected or would like to know what you can do to offer your gifts of time and talent, please contact a member of Session.

Building and Grounds continues to keep things looking nice on our property and helps to work with our internal volunteers as well as custodial staff to keep the interior sanitized. They welcome helpers at any time to pull weeds! You do not need to have a scheduled time - come at your convenience. If you'd like to "adopt a bed" to weed, please contact Sally Dougherty or Art Reimer.

Session meets on the third Thursday of the month. If you have something you'd like discussed at the next meeting, please contact Pastor Kim or a member of session.



### Mission School Supply Drive

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive for two worthy agencies: the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and the West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools Homeless Program. Dates for this drive are Monday, July 27 through Sunday, August 16. To contribute school supplies, simply drop them off inside the front doors of the church. There is a barrel on the north side of the inside doors for the Rescue Mission, and boxes on the south side of the inside doors for the WA-WM Schools.

Doors will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 am to noon, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm to drop off supplies. Items can also be dropped off during Sunday worship services.

If you are uncomfortable shopping for school supplies, you can also donate checks to the cause. Members of the Mission Committee will shop for supplies using that donated money. Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off during worship. There is a basket on the usher's desk labeled "School Supplies." Please make checks out to "Forest Park Presbyterian Church" and put "School supplies" on the memo line.

The Milwaukee Rescue Mission opened Cross Trainer's Academy in 2006. It is currently home to 400 students, serving pre-Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Class ratios of students to teachers are 20:1. This program services the poorest of the poor in the City of Milwaukee.

The West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools has a homeless program in order to accommodate the growing number of

students and their families who find themselves in serious need. Some families cannot afford their housing, and either live in cars or move in with other family or friends, living in substandard conditions such as basements or front porches. Domestic violence also creates situations where students and a parent need to find shelter to stay safe.

Items needed for each agency are:  
WAWM: Big need for string bags (also known as cinch sacks or cinch bags)-small backpack with strings that tighten and can go around shoulders, facemasks, hygiene items, grocery gift cards, hooded sweatshirts, as well as regular school supplies.

Milwaukee Rescue Mission-backpacks, pocket folders, spiral notebooks, low odor dry erase markers, post-it notes, 12" ruler, glue sticks, 8 oz glue bottles, Kleenex, 24 ct crayons, 24 count colored pencils, regular pencils, Spiral notebooks, erasers, highlighters.

You can donate to one agency or split your items between both agencies. Both agencies are needy and will appreciate whatever they receive. School supplies are on sale now and are incredibly inexpensive!



8/2 Rick Pomeroy  
8/3 Gail Boerema  
8/4 Ryan Gillespie  
8/25 Alison Elligen  
8/30 Kate Hughes