



A Revolution of Love

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Pastor

I'm reading a book by Rabbi Michael Lerner, *Revolutionary Love: A Political Manifesto to Heal and Transform the World*. It's a compelling read. Though, I find myself sometimes reading pages and even entire chapters over because I want to absorb what he's saying. Rabbi Lerner's vision captivates my soul. The first 140 pages outline both the issues we're facing and how we might rise above them, not to ignore them but to get a better vantage point in order to glimpse the possibilities beyond them.

What compels me the most about Rabbi Lerner's vision is that he is not trying to gloss over the economic, racial, gender, and social inequalities and challenges gripping and crippling our nation. He challenges us to face them—honestly, openly, and compassionately. In the very first chapter he shares his professional opinion as a psychologist that, despite all the suffering, greed, and devastation, the world is hungry for love.

He is a liberal Democrat. And I wish he could have articulated that both Democrats and Republicans have some of the same base desires and needs to love and be loved, to experience peace and healing. But, if we're able to push the partisanship of his vision aside, we might see that what he intends is to benefit all, regardless of political persuasion. He, sadly like the evangelical conservatives, wants to use the party as the tool to further his idea of a community and nation that seeks the betterment of those who are suffering under the weight of a "me first" culture.

He pushes back against the dark forces

of capitalism, while at the same time lifting up the positive aspects of it. Yes, capitalism provides freedom. But global capitalism has encouraged people to "believe that life is about the accumulation of power, money, fame, and/or sexual conquest," and to "blame ourselves for not succeeding economically or having the kind of friendships, loving families, or supportive communities for which we hunger."

He goes on to suggest that "A movement for revolutionary love would teach people empathy, both for themselves and others in their lives and or people with whom they seemingly or authentically disagree."¹ He plainly declares that it is the hyper-consumerism of global capitalism that led us to feel that we alone are responsible for the challenges and disappointments in our lives.² But the issue, according to Lerner, is that the culture of global capitalism is stacked against most people. It's hard to "succeed" because of the way success is defined under this system, and rewards the selfish and punishes the generous.

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Revolution

In the world of political science, a "revolution" (from the Latin *revolutio*, "a turn around") is a sudden change in power or organization as a result of massive public pressure. Often, revolutions happen when oppressed people push back against a political power.

However, revolutions can be peaceful and even positive. It was a relatively peaceful revolution that opened Eastern Europe and led to the dismantling of the Berlin Wall. Jesus attempted to lead a peaceful revolution against the oppressive powers of religious leaders in an attempt to grow love and compassion.

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He could have very easily written this book without the partisanship. I realized some of my tears were because the vision he cast is nearly identical to the vision I experience when I read the gospels—a community that cares for its sick, that views every member as a part of the body which makes every member responsible for the well being of every other member.

Barbara Brown Taylor writes about the “luminous web” of Creation connecting everything to everything else. When one strand of the web vibrates, the frequency reverberates throughout the rest of the web, influencing other strands and entire regions of the web, which influences yet other parts. Even our smallest behaviors can make a huge impact on the web. And somehow God is there in the midst of it all, moving with the web, flowing over and through it, encouraging it and tampering it.

When I was in middle school I attended a weekend Fall retreat. They had a special musical guest to lead us. His name was Frank Grubbs. He played his signature song: “Revolution of Love”: “Let’s start a revolution. . . a revolution of love.” I bought the cassette the first night and played it over and over for weeks. It spoke to the longing I had in my heart even back then to love and be loved. And even back then I felt that is what was missing in this world. That’s part of why I felt drawn into ministry. I wanted to learn and teach how to love and be loved.

I think people know how to love. I think we’re challenged on how to allow ourselves to be loved. To be loved requires us to be vulnerable. Being vulnerable is scary because it leaves us open to being hurt as well. And our fear of pain and suffering seems to be greater than our need to be loved. So, we build walls between us and our neighbors. We avoid getting involved with our neighborhoods or communities. Our fear of pain feeds our fear of failure (or looking like a failure). And our fear of failure keeps us from trying anything except the most sure of things.

I tend to be a risk taker. In my youth, the risks were frivolous and served no other purpose than to feed my ego. I can’t say all my risks today aren’t self-serving, but I feel a need and even a desire to take more risks with my faith, to risk trying to live into the holy kin-dom of love and compassion—the kin-dom that Jesus taught and embodied. A kin-dom where the poor are lifted up, the immigrant is welcomed, the criminal is redeemed, Black Lives really do matter (and we can authentically say “All Lives Matter,” and really mean it), and where hate has no place. I want to be part of a real revolution of love. This is why I became a minister. This is what I have been after for decades. Thanks to Rabbi Lerner, I feel empowered to keep trying. So, thanks, Rabbi. ■

*Be of good courage
and know that you are loved!*

¹ p. 27.
² p. 156.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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Returning to Public Worship

By PAUL SEEBECK
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The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has released “Returning to Public Worship: Theological and Practical Considerations” for congregations and leaders in the midst of making decisions about how and when to return to public worship in the wake of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

While strongly encouraging churches to follow state and local rules, regulations and guidelines as minimum standards for reopening, the resource includes:

- a pastoral statement on reentry to public life and worship
- PC(USA) constitutional considerations and risk evaluation
- a provisional timeline for resuming public worship
- general considerations for returning to

public worship

- specific guidelines organized around the order of worship
- links to additional resources that may be of interest.

According to the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), this resource will help churches make faithful and responsible decisions about reopening for public worship.

“We are a church in transition changing each and every day,” he said, “truly reforming to keep up with contextual realities of our day.”

The Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, associate for worship in the PC(USA)’s Office of Theology and Worship, worked on the resource with the Office of the General Assembly and colleagues in Theology, Formation & Evangelism.

Acknowledging that this is not a one-size-

fits-all document, and that sessions and presbyteries will make decisions based on the latest COVID-19 developments and local circumstances, Gambrell said one of his primary concerns was to provide resources to help church leaders think theologically and pastorally about their decisions.

“Congregations and leaders need to use their own wisdom and judgment, informed by other experts, as they prayerfully discern how and when to return to public worship,” he said.

For Gambrell, the critical thing is that PC (USA) congregations continue to be the church, and the body of Christ, in this complicated time as decisions are being made, even as information and understanding about the coronavirus is changing all the time.

“As we move through these challenging times, we must seek the mind of Christ, stay connected, care for each member and honor the gifts of all,” he said. ■

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Tempe Empty Bowls

By **LAWN GRIFFITHS**

Congratulations to the many volunteers for the Tempe Empty Bowls organization, which has been selected for the 2020 Impact Award by Tempe Community Council. Founded in 2002 by Dan Abbott, Catherine May and members of a number of Tempe congregations, Tempe Empty Bowls is a program whereby glazed clay bowls of many designs and sizes are thrown by area students, then displayed at two sites on a weekend late each February and sold to the public, typically for \$10 per bowl. Buyers are given soup and bread, as well. UPC members have provided a team of volunteers, and they have been active buyers of the ceramic bowls.

Dan chaired Tempe Empty Bowls for years. He took on the task of teaching about hunger, food and justice to Tempe art students. He has given powerful presentations on art and its tradition of social/cultural engagement.

The first Tempe Empty Bowls occurred in February 2002 after nearly a year of

planning. Founding members of the steering committee were faith organizations interested in acting on their beliefs to care for the hungry. Since that time, the steering committee has broadened its base, but has held true to its custom of having a bowl of soup made by a volunteer at every meeting.

Tempe Community Council lent guidance and counsel as the early programs were developed. They brought on board Tempe Union High School District, City of Tempe, Tempe Elementary, and Whole Foods. In 2007 the sponsoring agency became Tempe Community Action Agency which has added vitality and energy to this project. In 1990, a high school art teacher in Michigan fostered the first bowls project to raise funds to support a food drive. It been replicated across the country.

The group will be honored at the 37th

annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards event, which will be virtual this year. Dan and Catherine are among eight current and past UPC members who have received the Don Carlos honor, which is regarded as the most prestigious honor given in Tempe.

“Over the life of the event, we have contributed \$250,000 to

food-serving programs in Tempe, basically TCAA and United Food Bank,” Dan said. “For at least 10 years, children in Tempe Elementary have been making bowls (small, primitive ones), and we have had as many as 170 classrooms in the elementary schools involved. High School ceramic students usually contribute from 800 to 1,000 bowls a year. Current president, Connie Schultejans, heads up a group of neighborhood potters who work at the Tempe Art center next to the city library and regularly contribute 300 to 500 bowls. ■



Come Help With I-HELP

Next Evening of Hosting—Fri., Sept. 18, 2020



UPC continues to be a leading and actively participating congregation in a number of missions to help the homeless and hungry, including Family Promise, Meals on Wheels, and I-HELP.

It takes a community of volunteers to offer these services to the most vulnerable members of our wider community. Thank you to those who have helped UPC continue this important ministry. Working together we have provided food and shelter to about 40 homeless men and women every month for over a decade! There are lots of ways to participate, from helping provide dinner and breakfast items, to donating items like white socks, underwear, T-shirts, disposable razors, toothbrushes, and travel size toiletries. Right now, you can also help if you have extra pillow cases—we could really use them! ■

For more info or to volunteer, contact
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Presbyterian Women News

*At this time all events have been put on hold.
Hope that all of us stay healthy.*

It is our hope that all women who attended meetings this year feel that they have been both spiritually enriched by the study and nourished through fellowship and sharing with other women. Thanks to all the women who provided hospitality and prepared and led lessons for their circle. We all look forward to another great year at the end of summer when we begin our 2020-2021 season.

Upcoming...

The summer Mission Focus is the TCAA & Food Banks. Please bring donations to the narthex once church services restart.

PW Reading List Books for Check Out

Each year the PW of the Grand Canyon select a group of fiction and non-fiction books for the women of the presbytery to read. The books are selected to enlighten our minds, to nourish our spirits, to challenge our consciences, and to entertain us.

The UPC PW, purchase these books and place them in the UPC Resource Room for anyone in the congregation to check out. During this time of separation and isolation, you are encouraged to spend some time reading a good book. Please feel free to go to the Resource Room and get a book! If you need assistance with checking out a book, please contact Chris Casanova at 480-203-7567.

Grand Canyon PW Reading List 2020-2021

Fiction

A Place for Us, *Fatima Farheen Mirza*. An Indian Muslim family faces the turmoil of their eldest daughter's unarranged marriage and the years' long estrangement of her younger brother.

The Snow Child, *Eowyn Ivey*. The lives of a childless couple are changed by the arrival of a little girl, wild and secretive, at their Alaska homestead. As they are drifting apart in a moment of fun they build a child out of snow.

The Other Einstein, *Marie Benedict*. When Albert Einstein promises to treat her as an equal in love and science, Mileva Maric, his physics classmate, she marries him. This historical novel of love and betrayal touches the heart in many ways.

The Better Man, *Louise Penney*. On Gamache's first day back as head of the homicide department, there is spring flooding, blistering attacks in the media and a father who approaches him pleading for help in finding his missing daughter.

The Lost Girls of Paris, *Pam Jenoff*. A story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female secret agents during World War II in 1946. Their existence is uncovered by Grace Healy in an abandoned suitcase.

One More River to Cross, *Jean Kirkpatrick*. Two years before the Donner Party, another any set out to be the first wagons into Cal-



ifornia through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. They traveled safely until a heavy snowstorm forced difficult decisions.

Nonfiction

The White House Doctor, My Patients Were Presidents, *Dr. Connie Mariano*. She served as White House physician for nine years. This is a look into the personal lives of our presidents through the eyes of their doctor.

Women Rowing North, Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age, She offers a timely look at the issues women face as they age. She explores ways women can cultivate resilient response.

Nanaville, Adventures in Grandparenting, *Anna Quindlan*. In this beautiful, and moving book about being a grandmother, She offers thoughtful observations about her new role, no longer mother and decision-maker but secondary decision maker and support to the parents of her grandson.

Grandma Gatewood's Walk, *Ben Montgomery*. She told her family she was going on a walk. The next anybody heard from her, this sixty-seven-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail alone.

Hattie's Book, A Woman's Life in a City's History, *Beverly Jane Phillips*. Hattie lived her whole life in a ghetto on the South Side of Chicago. She was a poor but powerful, determined black woman who fought against the powers of public policy using both charity and social action undergirded by her deep and abiding faith in God.

Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century, *Jessica Bruder*. All over the U.S.A. employers have discovered a new, low-cost labor pool, made up largely of transient older adults. These invisible casualties of the Great Recession have taken to the road by the tens of thousands in RVs and modified vans, forming a growing community of nomads. ■

9/11 Spurs Minister to Become Military Chaplain

Rev. Amy Hunt says Chaplain Corps is a guiding light through the darkness

By LYMAN SMITH

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Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. — Exodus 14:15–16 (NIV)

The Rev. Amy Hunt is a minister of the Word and sacrament who serves in the United States Air Force as a chaplain. She began her service to the men and women of our nation as the world was confronted by a new era of war and suffering which continues to this day. The following is her recounting of how the events of 9/11 solidified God’s call in her life:

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, dawned not as an ordinary day but a day on which my husband was traveling to Memphis for a job interview, so certainly a hopeful day. As a civilian pastor of two small congregations, with two small children I was in my routine of balancing motherhood and church work.

As I was helping my children ready themselves for school, I had the morning news on in the background. When my son, who was 4 years old at the time, told me that a plane had crashed into a building, I did not pay much attention. His continued insistence on my watching the news with him is, to my recollection, when it dawned on me that something horrific was occurring. Watching transfixed with him, it was the second plane crashing into the Twin Towers that confirmed that this was not accidental. From that point, the day became one of sadness, angst and suddenly full of uncertainty. I remember debating with my husband as to whether he should turn around and come home.

My day was no different than many other people’s day. It began with routine and ended with daunting uncertainty. Questions,



Chaplain Amy Hunt ministers in Qatar

so many questions from my children, my congregations and me. While many of these questions were unanswered and left behind like so much dust on the road, the one question I could not shake was, “what am I going to do?” An odd question, at an even odder time, but the question kept rising every time I pushed it down; it popped back up to the surface, like bubbles rising from a lakebed.

How could I, a pastor of two small churches in Missouri, do anything that would in some way reconcile the outpouring of evil that we had just experienced? Was there some meaningful way to protect the good that I wanted for our children and all the children across our country? My father was a retired Army Colonel so perhaps it was his influence to pursue action — or perhaps the influence of Our Father?

I prayed, I listened to God and then joined the Air Force. Without hesitation, I put my civilian ministry to the side, and entered the Air Force as a chaplain. I knew that I could add value to the Chaplain Corps and put to rest the one question that had been so much like a thorn in my side, the question

of what could I do?

To this day I cannot and will not forget Sept. 11, 2001. To this day I am ever thankful of the opportunity to serve as a chaplain, to minister to our Airmen and their families. To this day I continue to view the Chaplain Corps as a guiding light through so many shades of darkness.

Chaplain Hunt has served across the globe in her chaplaincy duties. From caring for women, men and families here in the United States to coming alongside service members and civilians deployed in the Middle East, Chaplain Hunt has taken the good news to those who might not have access to religious support for nearly two decades. In her current assignment as a recruiter, Chaplain Hunt has been instrumental in seeing nearly 400 religious ministry professionals become Air Force chaplains.

The events of 9/11 caused immeasurable suffering and grief around the globe. But they also formed a new generation of servants such as Chaplain Hunt who continue to seek the good and ensure that all who serve may practice in peace. ■

Guatemalan Mother and Son Seek to Help Less Fortunate During Pandemic

By RICK JONES

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More than 1,500 days. That's how long Hilda and her 14-year-old son, Ivan, have been living in sanctuary in Austin, Texas.

The family arrived at the U.S. border from Guatemala in 2014 hoping to start a new life, but it didn't work out that way.

The two spent 11 months living in a detention facility. For the past four years, mother and son have been living in sanctuary at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Austin in fear of deportation. The congregation of 350 has made the care of this small family its mission.

"The people of our church see Hilda and Ivan as part of their family. They love them and it pains us to see them in pain. We want to do whatever we can to help them to be free and be happy and to have all of the human rights they deserve," said Lynn Cervini, church member. "The care team is in charge of getting them food and the things they need.

"They're among a group of families that don't have any relatives in the U.S. They were welcomed in the community, so they stayed in Austin," said Mohammad Abdollahi, a family advocate. "Unfortunately, for this family, Ivan has had to live nearly half of his life in this setting."

The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated matters even more. Ivan can no longer attend school and in-person worship is postponed. Now the two remain in the church with little person-to-person contact.

"I'm afraid someone from the church might have the virus and we could come in contact with it and might not be able to go to a doctor," said Hilda.

Cervini says the pandemic has made it more difficult for the church to connect with the two.

"Ivan used to go to soccer games and now is stuck in church and doesn't have

friends to spend time with. I think there's a bit of depression that sets in when you have no contact with human beings and a kid who is used to being in school and playing with friends."

Hilda and Ivan say they are trying to make the best of the situation by giving back.

"I had an idea to do something during the virus to help people that are on the streets that don't have homes," she said. "I came up with the idea to create masks to protect them. It reminds me when I was homeless and didn't have a place to go. It reminds me when I had a baby and had to live in the streets."

While Hilda and Ivan make the best of their situation, their church is working with a group called Austin Sanctuary Network to secure their freedom.

Since the COVID-19 virus can easily be spread through detention facilities, Abdollahi says legal efforts are being made to grant a stay for Hilda and Ivan to prevent them from being taken into custody when the pandemic is over. They are also seeking assistance from the Texas congressional delegation.

Despite spending half of his life in some form of sanctuary, Ivan still has hopes for his future.

"At first, I wanted to be a doctor, but I don't know now. I also want to be a soccer



player, but I need another career in case something happens," he said. "I kind of find it hard to believe I'm going to have a house or go to my house instead of going into a church to live."

Meantime, Cervini says donations are needed to purchase supplies to make the masks. [Click here for more information.](#)

"She needs people to believe in her and we believe her case is one that fell through the cracks and there are so many broken parts of the system," said Abdollahi. "These families are a priority, yet it's hard to have hope right now."

Ivan says they simply want their freedom to live as everyone else. "If people want to help us, they have to trust and believe in us." ■

Native American Day

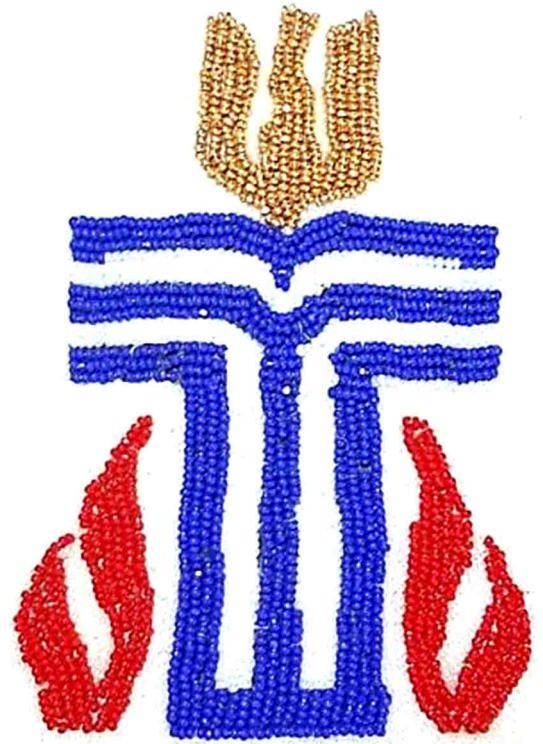
By REV. IRVIN PORTER
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Native American Day is celebrated in recognition of the presence and contributions of Native Americans in our society and Church today. It is recognized on the day of the fall equinox, in September, in conjunction with “harvest time” for many Native American tribes. For centuries, it has been a time of celebration and preparation for winter. A corresponding celebration with Native leaders will take place Sept. 25 at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville.

Native Americans have an active presence within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through 95 congregations and chapels. Native American congregations are located from the Shinnecock on Long Island, New York, to Neah Bay, Washington, among the Makah, from the

Alabama-Coushatta in Livingston, Texas, to the Inupiaq of Barrow, Alaska. There is active involvement in ministry and support for these local congregations in 19 presbyteries within six synods of the PC (USA). Two presbyteries, Dakota (non-geographic) and Grand Canyon, each identify 21 churches and chapels within their bounds. The Synod of Alaska-Northwest includes 26 Native congregations.

Organizations work to further Native American ministry at all levels. Among them are the Native American Consulting Committee; Native American Presbyterian Men and Women’s conferences; American Indian Youth Council; Joint Session – Nez Perce Presbyterian Churches; Elders and Deacons Association – Gila River Indian Community; Dine Ministries – Arizona; Choctaw Agency – Oklahoma and the Native American Coordinating Council. ■



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Deacons' Closet Update

By LAWN GRIFFITH

A reminder that the Deacons' Closet, a clearly identified room on the north side of Fellowship Hall, contains a wealth of medical-related equipment that are loaned at no cost to the UPC community. We have 9 walkers, 6 shower chairs in various models, 4 potty chairs, 28 crutches of various styles, 9 walkers on wheels, 5 wheel chairs, a 4-wheel chair for support of a leg, 7 canes (some with 4 spaced ends), an oxygen machine, several leg compression wraps, straps and boots and other related equipment—all in great shape. Many items were donated

when families no longer had a use for them. A sign-out sheet on a clipboard allows users to note what is being borrowed and when checked out. There is no time-limit on such use.

While the pandemic has modified on-campus assistance for borrowing, one can call the church office and set up a time to come and survey our inventory of equipment and check them out. Or contact Lawn Griffiths, Deacons' Closet Coordinator, at (480) 894-1557 or tempelawn@msn.com.

Deacons will also consider receipt of donations of items that might enhance the ministry. ■



New Jersey Pastor Receives a Simple Gift That Helps Restore His Soul

By REV. TIM CLARKSON

*Union Hill Presbyterian Church
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In this pandemic era, we have found ourselves walking on unknown paths, searching for something familiar and finding our souls to be weary. Tim Clarkson, a hospice chaplain and supply pastor at Union Hill Presbyterian Church in Denville, New Jersey, shares his story in this article that first appeared in the Presbytery of Newton newsletter. It runs here with permission of the author.

A couple months ago, which now seems a couple lifetimes ago, a pastor friend described an intentional day away from the tasks of ministry as a “restorative day.” It sounded so lovely ... and elusive. In splitting my time between part-time roles as a covenant supply pastor and hospice chaplain, time to quiet my mind to experience presence is often hard to find. Every other weekday, I am invested full-time in one part-time role’s ministry or the other. Saturdays were usually a mix of unsuccessful attempts to tend to activities on the home front that deserve more time and attention than I afford them, and that effort interrupted by bringing my mom over for lunch. As for Sundays, my fellow pastors, you well know the creative ways we fit 25-hour square pegs into 24-hour round holes.

Then, by mid-March, life as we knew it changed with the onslaught of COVID-19, and its implications to how we “do” church. All of us, in countless ways, were thrust into discovering new ways of making worship accessible and tending the needs of our congregations.

Then, on Maundy Thursday, after a week in the hospital, my mom passed from COVID-19. That afternoon, my wife, Amy, suggested I invite another pastor to take my place leading the worship by Zoom meeting that night. I insisted on presiding myself —

and am glad I did. It was a meaningful experience for all of us.

I took Good Friday off from hospice, but received one call, from a new widow seeking spiritual support to walk her through saying goodbye to her husband at the funeral home, alone, before his cremation.

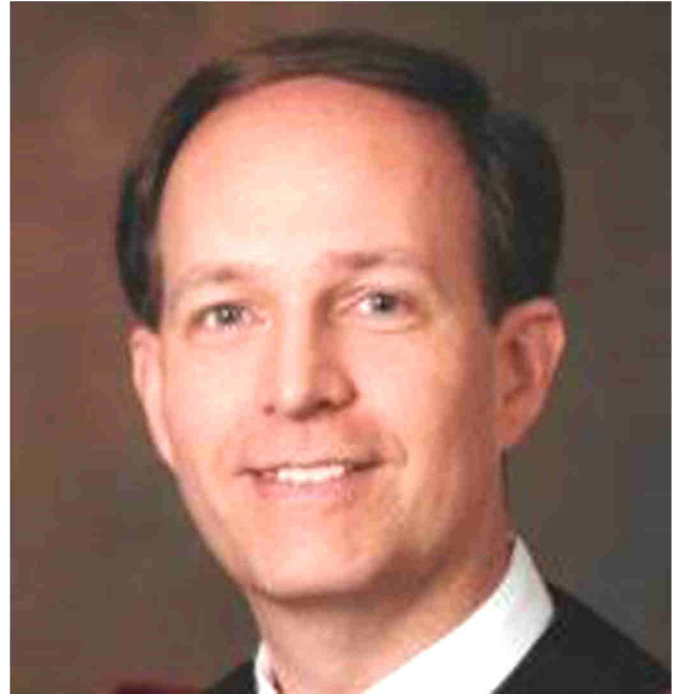
On Saturday, we recorded the service for Easter, and on Monday, I made my trip to the funeral home for a private visitation for my mom. I have not been one to use the term “Low Sunday” to describe the Sunday after Easter. I had not circled

April 19 on my calendar or planned to request my church have someone else preach instead of me that day. Then everything happened that I wrote above. Still, I was not thinking of taking off April 19. Not in this time of pandemic. Not when pulling together and producing worship has become so complicated. Thankfully, Amy suggested my taking the day. Thankfully, this time I listened.

A restorative day is so lovely.

When I heard the term in early March, I decided I could not find the time for such a thing. I was right. None of us can “find” the time, especially now! It is a matter of creating the time, of intentionally acting in real ways that give life to any talk of “self-care.”

On Sunday, April 19, I sat with my family in our living room, attending and participating in the virtual worship of Union Hill Presbyterian Church of Denville, listening to the sermon of my friend from



The Rev. Tim Clarkson

seminary, Mark Terranova, as he provided pulpit supply. We did not “skip” worship; I merely took that Sunday “off,” even in the midst of pandemic and social distancing, and all the new challenges and demands the current crisis presents in our lives and ministry.

A couple of days later, our presbytery leader, the Rev. Jeanne Radak, checked on me, knowing of my mom’s passing. She asked me to describe the effects of having taken Sunday off. Without consciously recalling in the moment my pastor friend’s term from early March, I was moved to tell her, “Taking that one Sunday off was ... restorative.”

She suggested I share that discovery in the hope that it may be of benefit to you, your church and your ministry. In this time of uncertainty, pressure and stress, all of us need a restorative experience. ■

The Mitchells

Installment No. 25: Where Are the Hands? - Part 2

By ERIC O. LEDERMANN

RECAP: We last saw Faith Presbyterian Church after an unfortunate plumbing incident requiring the sanctuary to be cleaned and sanitized. The first Sunday back people remarked how the carpet had not looked that clean in years. Many thanks were given to those brave souls who worked feverishly to get the plumbing fixed and the sanctuary back into working order.

On that particular Sunday, a mysterious guest had walked through the doors and quietly sat in the back corner pew. Sadly, the aroma emanating from him was in sharp contrast to the freshness that filled the space that morning. His bleached light brown hair, deeply tanned skin, and soiled clothes caused alarm for some folks. He sat quietly, pretending to mumble the words of the service, having not received a bulletin.

Following worship, he immediately walked to the back door for a quick exit. He had managed to slip undetected past the greeters. Before he could reach the door, a woman of about 5 feet and 2 inches darted for him and blocked his way. "Hello, friend," the woman said gently, though clearly on guard. "I'm glad you could join us for worship this morning."

"My pleasure," the man mumbled. "And thank you for your congregation's hospitality thus far," he quietly added. He was trying to sound intelligent, and always tried to add words like "thus" to make it seem real.

The woman wasn't buying it. "Do you live nearby?" she asked inquisitively.

"Yes, I do," the man responded. He wasn't about to tell her that his "home" was the large shrubbery that covered the wall behind the grocery store a few blocks away. He had lived there for the past six months.

"Well," she began, "I am so glad you're here."

She gently placed her hand on his forearm and started to slowly tug him along as she

headed to the snack table.

He followed, unsure what was happening, and a little worried this was a trick. He had been tricked by people's fake kindness. He couldn't help but still be on guard. Then he saw the snack table.

Ms. Gentry let go of his arm and grabbed a small plate. She began filling it with cookies and fruit.

"Do you enjoy coffee or do you like tea?" she asked.

The man's eyes were wide with both apprehension and curiosity. "I...I...umm...I like tea," he said nervously.

"Wonderful, as do I."

She handed him the plate, which he took nervously. She then began pouring him a cup of hot water. As she grabbed a tea bag, she asked, "I know the English put cream and sugar in their tea. I rather enjoy that, but I know that is not popular here."

She looked at him, wondering if he was going to respond to the prompt.

The man nodded, his eyes and shoulders visibly relaxing.

Ms. Gentry added a bit of cream and a scoop of sugar to the quickly darkening water. She noticed the man looking rather confused. "How about I hold the plate and we share while you enjoy your tea."

After a brief hesitation, he gave her the plate and took the small paper cup of tea. He took a sip and allowed the sweet liquid to fill his mouth. His eyes closed as he twirled it around with his tongue. He hadn't had anything so luxurious in quite some time.

Ms. Gentry knew at that moment that she had finally made contact. She took a bite of one of the small chocolate chip cookies from the plate. As the man opened his eyes and swallowed, the corners of his mouth ever so subtly began to point up. A smile that warmed Ms. Gentry's heart. She raised the plate to him.

He gently took a sugar cookie from the plate and said, "Thank you, ma'am."

"My name is Ruth," she said.

"Ruth," he repeated. "Thank you, Ruth."

"And your name is?"

"Oh, umm...my name is Alex," he responded. "Alexander, but everyone calls me Alex."

"Alex, it is truly a pleasure to meet you."

"Likewise, ... Ruth."

As Pastor Cobb left the narthex after having greeted as many people as were willing to wait in line, he headed for the snack table to see if anything was left. His favorite were the snickerdoodles. One was waiting for him on a napkin. Ms. Stone had set one aside for him, along with a cup of hot coffee.

"Is that for me?" he asked Ms. Stone.

She nodded. As Pastor Cobb reached for the coffee and the snickerdoodle, Mr. Mitchell approached, placed his hand on Pastor Cobb's back, and complimented him on an uplifting sermon. The sermon was about unpacking what loving one's neighbor looked like.

"You definitely broadened what neighbor means, Pastor," Mr. Mitchell said. "I really appreciated that."

"Jesus left no one out," Pastor Cobb responded.

Just then, Mr. Mitchell noticed Ms. Gentry standing with the new visitor and decided to come over. He had noticed the disheveled state of the man before. It warmed his heart to see Ms. Gentry living up to the high bar Pastor Cobb had set during worship. But, he thought, she often meets that bar and moves far beyond.

"Ruth," Mr. Mitchell said as he approached. "It's good to see you. Can you introduce me to your friend?"

"Why, Steven," she said with genuine joy. She was the only one in the church who called him Steven—even though his birth name really is just Steve. "Yes, let me introduce you to Alex. He lives nearby and decided to come join us this morning."

She gave a subtle wink to Alex, as he had finally shared with her exactly where he lives

"We're Not All in this Together"

Black communities are reeling from pandemic and economic hardships

By **DARLA CARTER**
Presbyterian Mission Agency

The feel-good line "We're all in this together" has been an oft-repeated refrain during the coronavirus crisis, but for some minorities, feeling the brunt of the pandemic, it doesn't ring true.

"I see the commercials and I kind of get upset," said the Rev. Roslyn Bouier, executive director of the Brightmoor Connection food pantry in hard-hit Detroit. "We're not all in this together. If we were all in this together, we would all have the same resources." Bouier was featured in the first segment of "COVID at the Margins," a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) discussion series focusing on the experiences and struggles of communities of color during the global pandemic. Unequal access to resources is resulting in "the deaths of black and brown people ... and poor people," Bouier contends in the segment, "Black Communities' Experience with COVID-19."

Bouier described how poverty and other economic hardships, such as water shutoffs for nonpayment, are hurting people during a time when frequent hand-washing, disinfecting of surfaces, wearing masks and practicing social distancing are recommended to stay well or reduce the spread of the virus.

If everyone were truly in the same boat, she said, "we would all have running water in our home. We would all be making earned paid sick time, we would all make livable wages." In reality, there's "not enough to pay all of the utility costs and the rent and just to sustain the family," she said. "When we talk about sheltering in, most people cannot afford to purchase two weeks' worth of food and go home and stay. That's just not the norm." She also talked about residents being made to jump through too many hoops to qualify for aid to alleviate water shutoffs. "There are too many obstacles," such as completing lengthy applications and having to upload documentation, she said.

Bouier was joined by Rachel Ollivierre, a market analyst and outspoken advocate for black immigrants in the Northeast, as well as moderator Christian Brooks, associate for domestic issues for the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness (OPW), and the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, OPW's coordinator.

Ollivierre discussed various life circumstances that she said put black immigrants at risk for COVID-19, including working multiple jobs, often in health-care settings, to pay expenses and support family in their home countries; being dependent on public transportation; being exhausted; and living in shared residences, sometimes with multiple generations.

"You need to have space," she said. "You need to have distance, but that's not possible if you're living a life of poverty where you're working multiple jobs and you're living in very close quarters."

Plus, "you're bringing those viruses and all those germs from those two jobs into your household," she said.

Brooks raised the issue of limited access to personal protective equipment on the job. "If the doctors and the nurses aren't getting the PPE, then we know that the people who are cleaning the rooms aren't getting it. The people who are cooking aren't getting it."

She also spoke about supervisors taking advantage of the fact that some workers don't know their rights or would prefer not to rock the boat.

"COVID at the Margins" is illuminating these issues to help people understand the



The first segment of "COVID at the Margins" featured Christian Brooks (top left), Associate for Domestic Issues for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness; the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins (top right), OPW's coordinator; Rachel Ollivierre (bottom left), an advocate for black immigrants in the Northeastern U.S.; and Rev. Roslyn Bouier (bottom right), executive director of the Brightmoor Connection emergency food pantry, in Detroit.

insidious nature of racism, hear directly from individuals about what's happening in communities, and learn ways to get involved.

Ollivierre suggested providing communities with PPE so that they can change masks regularly, directing resources toward cleaning up neighborhoods and ethnic stores that might be not well-equipped to do so, fighting for workers' rights, including the need for proper time off, and educating them to be better self-advocates.

"Many people when they come to the United States, they aren't coming with an advanced college degree," she said. "They're coming with maybe a high school degree from a third-world country, and that really limits your ability to understand what your rights are."

Bouier also made suggestions for getting involved, such as advocating for one fair wage, pushing for paid sick time and contacting political leaders on issues such as the water shutoffs.

"We've got to address the policies that are in place because that's where the long-term change is going to come from," she said. ■

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nearby.

"Alex," Mr. Mitchell said, offering his hand for a handshake, "it's great to meet you. I'm so glad you could come worship with us this morning."

Alex hesitantly raised his hand to meet Mr. Mitchell's. He glanced at Ms. Gentry, who nodded encouragingly. As he shook Mr. Mitchell's, the corners of his lips once again rose into a tight lipped smile.

"Have you lived here long?" Mr. Mitchell asked as they released their gentle grips.

Alex wasn't sure how to respond.

"A few years," Ms. Gentry responded.

"I've walked by your church a lot," the man slowly added.

Mr. Mitchell was quick to respond, "Oh, this isn't my church. This is everyone's church. Anyone and everyone is welcome."

Since Mr. Adams had his conversion of sorts and, sadly, died shortly thereafter, a new spirit of welcome had taken over the congregation. The chair of the Mission Committee reached out to one of the local shelter organizations to ask how they could be involved more with homeless people. A program that had disappeared for a few years was being resurrected. It was a rotating homeless shelter. For one week local faith communities would house about 20 to 30 people who were in the process of trying to get off the streets. Faith signed up for two weeks per year. Each guest was assigned a volunteer case worker, who was trained by shelter professionals. That volunteer would

meet with the guest at least once per week and guide them through the process of getting papers in order, finding work, and eventually transitioning into semi-permanent housing. Mr. Adams, despite all those years of arguing about homeless people sleeping on the church campus, had made what seemed to be a lasting impression on the congregation.

"Thank you, sir," Alex said.

Pastor Cobb joined the small group and introduced himself to Alex. It was clear Alex was becoming uncomfortable with all the attention. He felt like his heart was going to jump out of his chest it was beating so hard. He took a small step back. Ms. Gentry noticed the subtle shift and gently placed her hand on his forearm again. It had an amazing calming effect on him. He instantly felt protected by this tiny woman. He felt comforted and nervous at the same time. He intended to leave without being noticed. And now he was talking to several people, including the pastor who was still wearing his very fine looking and imposing black robe.

"Alex," Pastor Cobb said after shaking Alex's hand, "it's so great you could come today. I hope you'll come back again next week. It looks like you've made some good friends here." He looked at Ms. Gentry and Mr. Mitchell and smiled.

"Nice to meet you, sir," Alex said.

"Sir?" Pastor Cobb said with feigned surprise. "My father is 'sir.' I'm Pastor Cobb, or you can just call me Gary."

No one at Faith Presbyterian Church ever called the pastor by his first name without "Pastor" in front of it. It was always either

Pastor Gary or Pastor Cobb, out of respect for the position he held. That is not say that everyone appreciated Pastor Cobb's leadership. It was just part of the culture of the community to show respect for the pastor's position.

"Thank you, sir," Alex begin to say. He caught himself, "I mean, Pastor Gary. ... Is that correct?"

He looked to Ms. Gentry for clarity. She nodded.

Pastor Gary smiled and went off to make his rounds, trying to touch base with as many people as he could. For many, it was the only time he had to connect with them.

"Ms. Ruth," Alex said slowly as he looked down at her smiling face. "You have been very kind to me. Thank you. I need to be going now."

"Okay, Alex," Ms. Gentry said. "You are welcome here always. Know that."

"Thank you, Ms. Ruth. I will surely be back."

He gently placed his now empty coffee cup in the recycling bin and walked toward the parking lot. He turned left toward the street and disappeared behind the building.

Ms. Gentry and Mr. Mitchell watched him as he left. They couldn't help notice others watching as well.

"Did you mention the rotating homeless shelter?" Mr. Mitchell asked as he turned toward Ms. Gentry again.

"It's not time yet," Ms. Gentry responded, still smiling. ■

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Worship Volunteer Schedule

Most of what happens at UPC would not happen if not for an actively involved membership! Below is the schedule of worship volunteers for the next couple of months. If you are listed and have a conflict, you are asked to please find a replacement and then contact Ruling Elder Helen Griffin or Sada Reed, co-chairs of the Worship Committee.

To volunteer or get on one of the rotations, Sada Reed or Helen Griffin! Thank you!

September 2020

Trustee on Duty Position Vacant
Deacon of the Month: Laura Knorr
Sanctuary Readiness Team Kathleen Davison, Roann Monson

September 6—Proper 18/ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Jeanette Miller
Children's Moment Position Vacant

September 13—Proper 19/ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Chris Casanova
Children's Moment Chris Casanova

September 20—Proper 20/ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Dan Abbott
Children's Moment Dan Abbott

September 27—Proper 21/ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Fred Boyd
Children's Moment Fred Boyd

October 2020

Trustee on Duty Position Vacant
Deacon of the Month: Sue Coleman
Sanctuary Readiness Team Carrie Miter, Sharon Tompkins

October 4—Proper 22/ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Helen Griffin
Children's Moment Helen Griffin

October 11—Proper 23/ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Youth
Children's Moment Youth

October 18—Proper 24/ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Jim Hershauer
Children's Moment Jim Hershauer

October 25—Proper 25/ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgist Steve White
Children's Moment Steve White

6th Annual Inter-generational Talent Show — Oct. 25th

By LAWN GRIFFITHS

Yes, there will be a 6th Annual Intergenerational Talent Show in October! In response to COVID-19, it will be virtual, and the UPC community may watch it online remotely.

Right now, the search is on for performers to create their own cameo acts of up to 5 minutes. Each be will recorded and then formatted into the full talent show that will be presented online on Sunday night, October 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

As in past talent shows, you can sing (solo or ensemble), do stand-up comedy, storytelling, reading, a dance number, gymnastics/tumbling, a conversation, instrumental music, teaching a skill to the audience, or just about anything. We especially invite children to share their talents or develop an act.

The link to access the show will be listed in future newsletters and emails.

In past years before COVID, we could hold it live in Fellowship Hall with assorted other activities, including a wacky White Elephant giveaway, youth bake sales and games.

We hope again to have more than a dozen acts, all of whose performers can practice, polish, and then record and submit them. Jim Niemann will handle the formatting.

Please sign up to be in the show with Lawn Griffiths (480) 894-1557 or tempelawn@msn.com.

Performers can tape and send their act to Jim by Sunday, Oct. 4: jim.niemann@cox.net.

The committee is exploring other activities to include in the event. More details to come. ■

Packages From Home

By JUNIOR MEIR

Packages from Home is a local non-profit organization with a mission to provide packages of food, hygiene, and entertainment items

to U.S. military members deployed overseas. UPC has supported them with donations of package materials and monetary gifts for several years. Drives have been conducted annually from Labor Day to Veterans Day. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the drive will be only monetary contributions. Contributions by personal checks can be mailed to UPC or dropped off through the mail slot. Checks should be written to UPC with Packages from Home as a memo. Contributions may be made in conjunction with other offerings by a single check with a memo as to the amount for Packages from Home. Contributions will appear on member's quarterly statements. The drive will conclude on Veterans Day. ■



September Birthdays

*Happy Birthday
to youuuu!*



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| 1 Kit English | 18 Hazel Davidson |
| 5 Betsy Youngs | 20 Scott Horne |
| 7 Karson Hawkins | 24 Elaine Sheldon |
| 8 Sidney Robbins | 25 Sophia Horen, Jason Reed |
| 9 Nan Martin | 26 Fran Higley, Vicki Jacobs |
| 15 Rev. Erin Tamayo | 28 Barbara Gust, Cheri Hardy |
| 16 John Asher, Sue Legg | 29 Jessica Hardy |

Prayers of thanks for all these beautiful lives!

*If your birthday is missing or we have the wrong date,
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Poems, Stories, Reflections

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Let us remember in our prayers...

- ✧ **Homebound:** Evelyn Colby, Gerry Edson, Elaine Murray, Mary Nickerson
- ✧ The lives affected by **Hurricane Laura**, especially the families of those killed
- ✧ **Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)** in the U.S.
- ✧ **Communities** being devastated by opportunists causing violence and vandalism.
- ✧ **Homeless neighbors** struggling with heat in Arizona
- ✧ **Everyone affected by COVID-19**, especial the families of those who have died.
- ✧ **Medical personnel** and first responders on the front lines of battling COVID-19
- ✧ **Indigenous People** who are suffering under the weight of COVID-19 and hundreds of years of subjugation.
- ✧ **Teachers** transitioning to online teaching
- ✧ The **family of Dwayne Fink**
- ✧ **Chuck Riden**
- ✧ **Helen Alderson**
- ✧ **Don Morton**
- ✧ **Walt Whittard**
- ✧ **Carl and Barb Smith**
- ✧ All of **creation**, and for the strength to stand up for environmental conservation
- ✧ **Elected & community leaders**, that they can bring peace to our nation and world
- ✧ **UPC Officers:** elders, deacons, trustees
- ✧ **Military personnel**, stateside and abroad
- ✧ **Peacemakers/Mission Workers**
- ✧ Our **nation and world**—praying for peace
- ✧ **Immigrants**, especially those separated from families
- ✧ Those who are suffering & marginalized
- ✧ Those struggling with mental illness

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Tue, Sep 1		Thu, Sep 10		Tue, Sep 22	
7:00 AM	I-HELP Guests Depart	7:00 PM	MSJP (Zoom)	7:00 PM	Session Meeting (Zoom-U)
11:30 AM	UKIRK: ASU Welcome (Zoom-U)	Fri, Sep 11		Wed, Sep 23	
		8:30 PM	A. A. Meeting (Rm 7)	9:00 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Zoom -U)
Wed, Sep 2		Sun, Sep 13		4:00 PM	Worship Planning Team (Zoom-U)
9:00 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Zoom-U)	9:30 AM	Worship Service (Zoom-U)	6:00 PM	Social Hour w/ Pastor Eric (Zoom-U)
4:00 PM	Worship Planning Team (Zoom-U)	11:00 AM	Church School	7:30 PM	UKIRK @ ASU (Zoom-P)
4:30 PM	Staff Meeting (Zoom-U)	Mon, Sep 14		Thu, Sep 24	
6:00 PM	Social Hour w/ Pastor Eric (Zoom-U)	2:00 PM	I-HELP, LDS (FH, K)	Fri, Sep 25	
7:30 PM	UKIRK @ ASU (Zoom-P)	8:30 PM	A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)	8:30 PM	A. A. Meeting (Rm 7)
Fri, Sep 4		Tue, Sep 15		Sun, Sep 27	
2:00 PM	I-HELP, Quakers (FH, K)	7:00 AM	I-HELP Guests Depart	12:00 AM	Consecration Sunday
8:30 PM	A. A. Meeting (Rm 7)	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting (Zoom-U)	9:30 AM	Worship Service (Zoom-U)
Sat, Sep 5		Wed, Sep 16		11:00 AM	Church School
7:00 AM	I-HELP, (FH, K)	9:00 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Zoom-U)	Mon, Sep 28	
Sun, Sep 6		4:00 PM	Worship Planning Team (Zoom-U)	2:00 PM	I-HELP, Extra Assistance (FH, K)
7:00 AM	I-HELP Guests Depart	6:00 PM	Social Hour w/ Pastor Eric (Zoom-U)	8:30 PM	A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)
9:30 AM	Worship Service (Zoom-U)	7:30 PM	UKIRK @ ASU (Zoom-P)	Wed, Sep 30	
11:00 AM	Church School	Fri, Sep 18		7:00 AM	I-HELP Guests Depart
Mon, Sep 7		2:00 PM	I-HELP, UPC (FH,K)	9:00 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Zoom-U)
8:30 PM	A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)	7:00 PM	Book Club (Zoom)	4:00 PM	Worship Planning Team (Zoom-U)
Tue, Sep 8		8:30 PM	A. A. Meeting (Rm 7)	6:00 PM	Social Hour w/ Pastor Eric (Zoom-U)
7:00 PM	Worship Committee (Zoom P)	Sat, Sep 19		7:30 PM	UKIRK @ ASU (Zoom-P)
Wed, Sep 9		7:00 AM	I-HELP Guests Depart		
9:00 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Zoom-U)	Sun, Sep 20			
4:00 PM	Worship Planning Team (Zoom-U)	9:30 AM	Worship Service (Zoom-U)		
6:00 PM	Social Hour w/ Pastor Eric (Zoom - U)	11:00 AM	Church School		
7:30 PM	UKIRK @ ASU (Zoom-P)	11:00 AM	PW Fall Gathering Potluck (FH, K)		
		Mon, Sep 21			
		7:00 PM	Deacon Meeting (Zoom)		
		8:30 PM	A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)		

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