

Growing the Family of God

June 2020

Telling the Story

Serving the Community

Nurturing Believers



In his May 22 devotion, Oswald Chambers takes as the text, John 17:21 in which Jesus prays, “that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us.” As we walk through moments of isolation and frustration Chambers encourages us to read Jesus’ prayer in John 17. His point is that we experience times of isolation, seemingly all alone, because Jesus has prayed that we “may be one” with the Father as he is. God does not answer our prayers merely to give us things, but that we might discern the mind of God.

God allows difficult times for God’s own purposes. The things we are going through are either making us sweeter, better, and nobler men and women, or they are making us more critical and fault-finding, and more insistent on our own way. The things that happen either demonstrate our sinful nature, or they make us more Christ-like, depending entirely on our relationship with God and our level of intimacy.

I read the meditation several times and evaluated my response to the present isolation, loneliness, and frustration. I don’t have the answer to all the questions that we presently face, but as we gain greater intimacy with God, we will be able to sing, “it is well with my soul.” Our response to this difficult and conflicted season, is a mirror to our soul. Do we reflect our intimacy with God?

Phase 3 - One Step at a Time!

Most of you probably know that Illinois has moved into “Phase 3” of the governor’s reopening plan.

This means that some small gatherings of ten people or fewer are now allowed to take place. Remember if you gather in a small group you **must** be a group of ten people or fewer and guidelines for social distancing and protective equipment **must** be followed.

We continue to closely monitor the situation and review the guidelines set forth by the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health and the Governor’s Office to determine when it is once again safe to all gather together. In the meantime, we continue to provide worship and connection opportunities on-line. We encourage you to check out our website and social media feeds for the latest church information!

Thank You

We would like to thank Pastors Jim and Jay, their families, and our church family for the prayers offered and love we felt during Gordie’s illness and recovery. It was very comforting to know that we were wrapped in the prayers and love of our church family during this difficult time.

Mary and Gordie Frobish

Sunday Worship

The building may be empty but our hearts and souls are filled! Our pastors have been working hard behind the scenes to connect with our church family and community during this time of social distancing. "Like" us on FB to get the latest in church news and scheduling updates!

We welcome our church family and visitors alike to share in an on-line version of worship each week at 10:00 am via our [YouTube Channel](#).

VBS 2020 - Cancelled

After careful and prayerful consideration, our 2020 VBS program has been cancelled. We know this is disappointing but the safety and welfare of the children in our community as well as our church family and volunteers is our top priority. We look forward to being able to reinstate our children’s programming as soon as it is safe to do so and ask for your patience and understanding as we make our way through this difficult time.

Thank You Ken!



For the past twelve years we have appreciated the faithful service of Ken Ferguson, who along with his supportive wife Sheila, and more recently, grandson Caden, has served as our church custodian. Ken has announced his retirement, effective June 26. We wish Ken the very best as he takes time to pursue leisure activities with his family. As a token of your appreciation please take a moment to drop Ken a card or note thanking him for his service to our family over the years. Thank you!!!

Beginning July 1, our custodial services will be maintained by Futures Unlimited. We look

forward to partnering with Futures to provide employment opportunities for residents of Livingston County with a variety of physical, developmental and mental disabilities.

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 Rose Gerald
- 6 Gary and Jaime Wykes
- 7 Jim and Janet Wolfe
- 8 Cindy Knight
- 10 Steve and Debbie Carroll
- 10 Brinda Henson
- 11 Megan Amdor
- 12 Mike and Jill Cole
- 12 Chuck Peck
- 13 Katie Borders
- 14 Kaity Carroll
- 14 Marian Dixon
- 14 Brandi Miller
- 16 Barry Highland
- 16 Landon Borders
- 17 Gerald and Judy Shepherd
- 18 Martha McCutcheon
- 19 Linda Gruen
- 19 Diana Rich
- 20 Don Schiff
- 20 Patti Butcher
- 22 Scott Knight
- 23 Robert Wing
- 25 Les and Julie Amdor
- 26 Harlin Dean

It's a Card Shower!

You're invited to take part in a card shower honoring

Marian Dixon's 90th Birthday!

As much as we'd all love to celebrate together, we cannot gather at this time but let's show our love through the mail!

Marian's birthday is June 14th and cards may be mailed to:

21743 N. 1710 E. Road
Pontiac, IL 61764

A Note From the Financial Secretary

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Matthew 6:34(MSG)

In this time of uncertainty, it is comforting to know God will take care of us, and we, as His children, take care of one another. I am pleased to report that with your generosity and support we were able get through the month of April without increasing the general fund deficit, and the support continues each week as we continue to navigate the challenges of this pandemic together. While we have not been able to meet to exchange encouraging smiles and conversation during this pandemic, we have found new and creative ways to continue the ministries of our church. I want thank everyone for their continued financial support and I look forward to what the future holds for this church, its ministries, and each of us.

Stay safe and healthy.
Eric Hoover, Financial Secretary.

General Fund Balance

March 2020	(\$17,810)
Tithing	\$20,358
Expenses	(\$19,248)
April 2020	(\$16,700)

*Congratulations to
our Graduates*

Junior High

Kate Hoover
Aiden Hurd

High School

Rebecca Bohm

Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries will meet on Thursday, June 11th at 7:00 pm in the youth room.