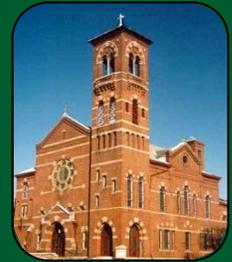


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Wally Words

Dear Members and Friends,

We are learning how to cope! I hope many of you were able to watch the service on our facebook page or on our website. This week we hope to fix the audio challenges. In keeping with Gov. Holcomb's stay-at-home order today that takes effect from Wednesday, March 25 through April 7, we are already complying by arranging to put each service online. We have already committed to doing worship this way as an act of responsible pastoral care.

Also, as we decided prior to the governor's order, all meetings will be conducted via Zoom, an online meeting program. I always thought "zoom" was synonymous with "ticket for speeding." But now, with the challenges of containing a terrible virus that we face, it is a way to protect us from ourselves and still maintain connection. Let's pray for one another, and pray for all the ways our nation will be affected by this disaster, and pray for people in other lands who suffer and lose loved ones to this disease.

I rejoice that with the Session, Worship Committee, and Personnel Committee, we got ahead of the curve, took decisive action, and started learning how to do these things. So all our meetings for the foreseeable future will be conducted on Zoom. This includes personal pastoral care: starting immediately, I will be doing pastoral work from home by phone. If you prefer visuals, you can request a zoom meeting by texting or emailing me. You can always contact me directly:

765-278-3749 text or call
revwwilson@gmail.com

I don't like change. I don't like having to adapt to doing everything in a new way. But thanks to the science and technology folks, we can at least stay in touch. These are trying times, times of anxiety. Let's keep calm, take time to pray and meditate, and be thankful that we face nothing alone! We're all in this together. We can do this! Stay safe! The Lord is with you.

Your Servant in Christ,

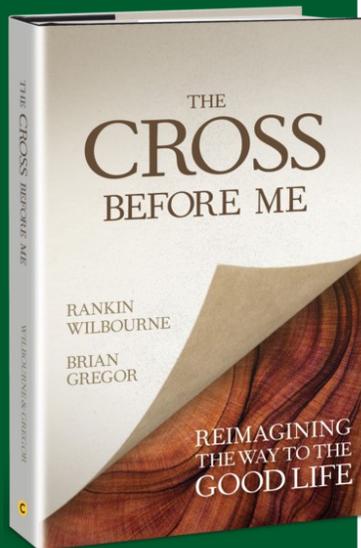
Pastor Wally



Presbyterian Women and Friendship & Talent

The Presbyterian Women and Friendship & Talent group will not be meeting for lunch in April. We are planning on resuming our luncheons in May with a birthday celebration. Stay tuned...

In the Church Library- Mike Gommel



Drawing on biblical truths, historical writings, and modern examples, this book helps us redefine the good life as we learn to delight in losing ourselves to embrace the life-giving weakness of the cross.

THE CROSS BEFORE ME

By Rankin Wilbourne

This unique book offers a provocative perspective on why the cross is not just the way to salvation but the way to the abundant life. What does the cross teach us about how to live a full and flourishing life? How can suffering bring more peace than success brings? How can the cross, an instrument of torture and death, lead to fullness of joy?

AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD DVD

After covering the war in Afghanistan, journalist Paul Asher returns home to find his life falling apart. With his marriage near collapse, he's in the grips of a personal crisis he's struggling to understand. But the young reporter's life takes a strange turn when he is offered the opportunity of a lifetime—an interview with a mysterious man claiming to be God. A thought-provoking film that connects conflicts of faith to the miracles that can occur when we are confronted with a living hope.

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE EASTER DVD

It is Easter time in Crisper County and cable news reporter Petunia Rhubarb is hunting for a way to help others. On a tip that the old town theater will be shut down, Petunia cooks up a plan to save the stage and make a difference through the power of musical theater. With a cast of costume-clad townies, massive props, and a 20 foot robot rabbit, "Up With Bunnies" is hatched. There's only one thing missing — the star of the show!

The following urgent advice comes from the IT Department at Anderson University. This is such an urgent bit of information to protect you financially that I pass it on here - Pastor Wally

Friends,

In trying times like this, both professionally and personally, we must be vigilant to avoid falling victim to phishing emails. As you navigate the flood of emails in your inbox, be careful with anything related to the Coronavirus. Look out for topics like:

- Spoofs of authoritative sources such as the CDC, WHO, HHS, and HR (WLE for us)
- Check updated Coronavirus map in your city
- HHS (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services) with a link to a Coronavirus/COVID-19 dashboard with a live map similar to the real thing built by John Hopkins University
- Health Insurance fake bills
- Coronavirus infection warning from local school district
- Keeping your children safe from Coronavirus

You might even get a scam phone call to raise funds for "victims".

Whatever you do, if prompted for a username and password, stop and think about it before you proceed. Is it logical that it would be asking for a username and password? Is the source trusted, i.e., did you click on a link in an email to get to it or did you start by going directly to the site first?

Please Remember to think before you click!



Stay in touch!

Even if it is just by phone or internet. It is important to stay connected.

One Great Hour of Sharing

in a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We don't know what the foreseeable future holds with this pandemic and quarantines. We will be collecting for this very valuable special offering, but there is no time limit. We will wait until we have beaten this virus and everything gets back to normal before we bring the OGHOS to you again. Stay home and stay healthy, that is what matters right now.

April Prayer Focus

Six Prayers to Pray the Week after Easter

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who is crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” *Matthew 28:5-7*

We can take these verses from Matthew and say, “I don’t think Easter is quite done with me yet.” If we wore something special or something new on Easter Day, at the end of the day, it is time to put it in the closet. But should we? Do we want to wear it again another day and many more tomorrows?

So, in the midst of a world putting Easter away, might we let it sit with us for just a bit more? We can take Matthew 28:5-7 and let six prayers emerge:

- ✧ *“Do not be afraid,”* — God, I hand over to you those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith squelched by fear.
- ✧ *“I know that you are looking for Jesus.”* — God, when my soul is searching, help me know the answer to every longing can be found in You.
- ✧ *“He has risen,”* — God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift my head, my heart, and my attitude. Help me to live today as if I really believe this with every part of my life.
- ✧ *“Just as He said,”* — Jesus, You keep Your promises. Help me live as though I believe that with every part of me. Help me trust You more, obey You more, and resemble You more.
- ✧ *“Come and see,”* Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite me into these personal revelations every day. Forgive me for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for myself...You, Your word, Your insights.
- ✧ *“Then go quickly and tell his disciples,”* — Jesus, I don’t want to be a secret keeper with my faith. I want to be a bold and gracious truth proclaimer. For You. With You. Because of You.

In Jesus’ Name, Amen

Kathy Denny, Care of Parish Team

Session

Members of Session 2020

Polly Matlock
David Schlemmer
David Narwold
Mary Stradley
Judy Rust
Mike Gommel
Terri Pleak



Oh My!

May Day-Play Day

May Day-Play Cards & Games Day sponsored by our Presbyterian Women was being planned for Wednesday, May 6. But this date may need to be changed due to the Corona-Virus situation. This is a mission fund-raiser to benefit Clarity Pregnancy Center, New Directions, & The Speranza House (all missions to benefit women in Decatur County). So stay-tuned for any date changes that could occur.

This year, a fun Mexican theme is being planned. Tables of 4 are welcome. Bridge, Euchre, 500 Rummy, Canasta, Bunco, etc. or any game you wish to bring. Tickets are \$20. each. A yummy light lunch and dessert will start at 12 noon. Play can continue until 3 pm. There will be drawings for several great door prizes. For tickets call or talk to:



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