

# The Call



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**First  
Presbyterian  
Church**

**Church  
Happenings**

**Church  
on the  
Web!**

**Service  
Sunday  
mornings  
starting at  
9 a.m.**

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**Monday and  
Wednesday  
Online Chats  
at 9 a.m.**

**Online  
Conversations  
Thursdays  
at 4 p.m.**

See eCall for  
further  
information



## May Newsletter

### Wally Words

Friends,

As a community of faith, we continue to find ways to carry out our mission of developing disciples who will reflect Kingdom of God, disciples dedicated to a life of faith and service. As we move through uncertain times, we know there is great comfort in being in community. I will continue, in consultation with our Session, to provide church updates to our members and friends as guidance is provided by health experts and as federal and state leaders provide policies. If you need help or support, call me. Also, each Monday and Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM, I offer an opportunity to all members and friends, through the online Zoom meetings, for sharing and support. Together we can share our experience, and keep a healthy perspective. Instructions for joining those meetings, as well as the educational class on Thursday, are found elsewhere in the newsletter and in your eCall.

These days we think about what to avoid. We are wise to avoid being around others, avoid restaurants, and being in public places unless absolutely necessary. Yet don't define your life by what you are trying to avoid. Life is more than that. Remember, everything will not always be this way.

I am reminded of Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, which Pete Seeger put to song in "To Everything there is a Season." Things cannot, and will not, stay this way. It also means that things will probably not just go back to pre-pandemic ways.



THE PRIEST CARVES OUT SACRED SPACE AT HOME IN ORDER TO RECORD LITURGY FOR SUNDAY.

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## Presbyterian Women and Friendship & Talent

The Presbyterian Women and Friendship & Talent group will not be meeting for lunch again in May. May Day-Play Cards & Games Day sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, that was being planned for Wednesday, May 6, has been postponed. Stay tuned...

### In the Church Library- Mike Gommel

Because we have not been able to gather for worship services, no one has been able to look at the books and DVDs placed in the library during March and April. Because of this, I have decided to keep both month's new items on display until we can return to church. Hopefully, that will be soon, but until then, let us all stay safe.

**As a reminder, the books and DVDs waiting for your perusal are:**

**THE CROSS BEFORE ME**

By Rankin Wilbourne

**A WINDY SPRING DAY**

By Wendy Dunham

**STORIES FOR A WOMAN'S HEART**

By Alice Gray

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES**

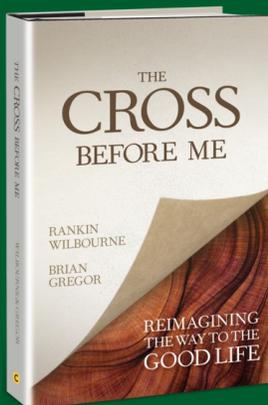
By Athol Dickson

**AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD**

DVD

**T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE EASTER**

DVD

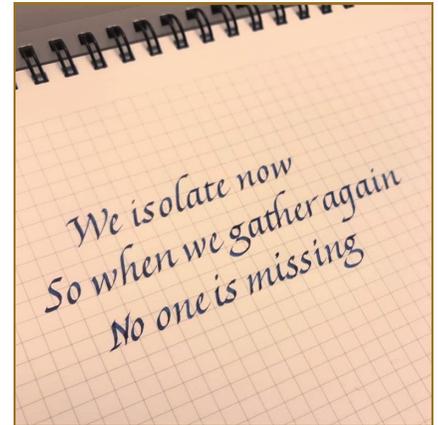


*Drawing on biblical truths, historical writings, and modern examples, this book helps us redefine the good life as we learn to delight in losing ourselves to embrace the life-giving weakness of the cross.*

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Ecclesiastes reminds us during this time that we do not have one without the other. There is a season: "A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance; A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to tear and a time to sew; A time to keep silent and a time to speak; A time to love" [even when it's a challenge].

So I invite you to write your own experience of this season with permission to feel both sides of the experience. Email them to me if you want to see them in a future newsletter or eCall.



Here's a couple of mine:

- A time to be grateful and a time to lack gratitude;
- A time to be creative and a time to let others see the struggle.
- A time to be weak and a time to be strong.
- A time to act and a time to be still;
- A time to gather and a time to be apart.

In such a time as this, may grace abound.

Your Servant in Christ

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### Prayer Focus for May

This month take time to pray, as you have probably already been doing daily, for:

- Workers at home
- Emergency rooms
- Technicians in labs
- Hospital workers
- Armed services
- Nurses all over
- Kindness from all
- Governors of our states
- Our law enforcement
- Doctors

May no other 'May' be like this one. Amen

*Polly Matlock, Care of Parish Team*

# It's Spring at Camp!



What a strange spring it has been for all of us. With Indiana's shelter in place order, I have spent the last two weeks away from camp. It has been especially hard because this is my favorite time of year at camp. Spring is such a beautiful time on-site that I wish I could share it with everyone, so I've shared photos of our beautiful redbuds from last spring to hopefully brighten your day. Mike has been in and out to check on everything and ensure all is safe and secure at camp. We are eagerly looking forward to summer, and God willing, some outdoor respite.

Rev. Molly DeWitt, Program Director



**PYOCA**  
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It is critical to our mission as an organization that welcomes and serves all to be able to make camp a possibility for as many people as we can. Although we are living in a world that is changing day to day, we promise our camp families this moving forward:

- No Deposit is required to register your child(ren) for camp for the remainder of the 2020 season.
- Scholarships, as always, remain available to all families who request them.
- No child is turned away due to financial need.
- In the event any camp program is canceled or rescheduled due to COVID-19, families have the option to:
  - Donate any/all of their fees to Pyoca.
  - Apply any/all deposits or fees to a future Pyoca program, or,
  - Receive a refund of any/all deposits or fees paid.

We thank you for your support of this life changing ministry. For any questions, please email [program@pyoca.org](mailto:program@pyoca.org) or call our office at (812) 358-3413.

For Registration information and camp questions:  
Call our office at **(812) 358-3413** or email [program@pyoca.org](mailto:program@pyoca.org)

## Program Updates

### **Introducing No Risk Registration**

So much is up in the air day to day, and we want to reassure our camper families that registering for summer camp is still a great decision for your child(ren).

COVID-19 has changed all of our lives in the span of only a few weeks, and for many of us, that means that the plans we had made or planned to make have suddenly been thrown up in the air.

We recognize that for many families, camp may not be the first thing on their minds at the moment, and yet you all are and have been the first thing on our minds.

In the coming weeks, we want to ensure that you have all of the most pertinent information concerning summer camp in as timely a manner as possible.

As of right now, we are committed to moving forward with our summer programs. If school cancellations and other factors make that impossible, we will adjust to provide as close to a full summer schedule as possible. We will keep you updated as often as possible on any and all schedule changes we may make.

We recognize that information and social expectations are still changing day to day, so we want to ensure that no matter what, **signing your child up for camp will have no negative impact upon your family.**

## Online Chats and Meetings



Jesus met his disciples  
in the upper Zoom

Go to [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us) - choose "Join a Meeting" and enter the Meeting ID and password as requested.

### Monday 9:00 AM Chat

ID: 766 3089 9202

Password:

### Wednesday 9:00 AM Chat

ID: 763 3472 8107

Password:

### Thursday 4:00 PM Class

ID: 738 0319 6430

Password:

## Members of Session 2020

Polly Matlock

David Schlemmer

David Narwold

Mary Stradley

Judy Rust

Mike Gommel

Terri Pleak

Pastor– Rev. Wally Wilson

Clerk– Darleen Fox

## **First Presbyterian Church—194 Years Old**

On May 20, 1826, Benjamin and Polly Antrobus, David Gageby, Sarah Gageby, Thomas Hendricks, James and Phoebe Loomis, Martha L. Mars, Elizabeth Ross, Willian O. Ross, and Robert and Lydia Thom met, probably at the home of Mr. Hendricks. They were joined by Rev. Samuel Lowry, pastor of Sandcreek (now Kingston) Presbyterian Church, who on this day, and under the authority of the Presbytery of Madison, organized the Greensburg Presbyterian Church.

On the 20th of May, take a moment to reflect on those twelve charter members and what they achieved. Offer a prayer of gratitude to God for his continued presence during the past 194 years, and ask for his grace and love and guidance in the future.

Happy Anniversary!

*Mike Gommel, Church Librarian*



## Congratulations Graduates

**Rachel and Reid McClintic**, who live in Indianapolis, are the daughter and son of Renee McClintic and Richard McClintic, and the grandchildren of Ron and Marilyn Woods.

- ◇ Rachel M. McClintic will graduate on May 2, 2020 from the University of Indianapolis with a Master of Occupational Therapy. Rachel hopes to work in an outpatient setting or in the school system.
- ◇ Reid W. McClintic graduates on May 16, 2020 from IUPUI, Kelley School of Business Indianapolis with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Human Resource Management. Reid currently is working part-time at FedEx and is looking for a permanent position in the business field upon graduation.

**Eli and Charlotte Anderson** are the son and daughter of Dan and Michelle Anderson.

- ◇ Eli Anderson is graduating from Greensburg Community High School. He was on the Academic Team, Robotics, a member of the National Honor Society, and Junior Optimists Club. He is valedictorian of his class. Eli will attend University of Cincinnati to study mechanical engineering
- ◇ Charlotte Anderson is a graduate of Greensburg Community High School this year. While in school she did Cross Country, Track, Jazz Band, and was in the National Honor Society. Charlotte will attend Indiana University to study biochemistry

**Miles Wilkison** is the son of Spencer and Annie Wilkison, the grandson of Howard and Doreen Wilkison, and the brother of Melina and Mylie Wilkison.

- ◇ Miles Wilkison is graduating from Greensburg Community High School. He is a four year letterman in basketball, a member of SADD Club and FFA, in 4H for ten years, was on the AAU Basketball All-Star team. He was also a volunteer at the Bread of Life. Miles will attend IUPUI one year, and then continue on to Purdue studying Veterinary Sales.

**Claudia Westhafer** is the daughter of Matt and Gia Westhafer, granddaughter of John and Sandi Westhafer, and niece of Joe and Anne Westhafer.

- ◇ Claudia Westhafer is graduating from Greensburg Community High School with Academic and Technical Honors. She was a four year member of the Girls Varsity Tennis Team and a ten year 4-H member. She will be furthering her education and is undecided at this time as to her major and college attending.

**Graduates Pitch-in Dinner Celebration  
To be announced!**



## Our Mission Statement

We are a welcoming family of faith,  
Celebrating Christ's presence  
Worshiping God with joy,  
Nurturing the life of each individual,  
Carrying Christ's message to all the world, and  
Seeking to live God's word by serving others.

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Healing  
Prayers**





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