



# The Messenger

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,  
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. ROMANS 12:12

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TION.

## Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

I pray that all of you are doing well as you read this note. It is hard for me to believe that last March when we first had to take precautions because of the coronavirus that we would still be dealing with it in June.

**We will begin modified services 7 June.** Even as we come together 7 June it will not be the same as before - for a while. One of the ways this virus has spread in churches is through choirs and congregational singing. That means we will not be able to do that for some time. We will have to maintain physical distancing, and wear masks.

Most of us are in the group that medical folks say are at risk for serious complication from this virus, so I truly understand if you decide not to attend at this time. I will continue to send out my written message and video after the Sunday service.

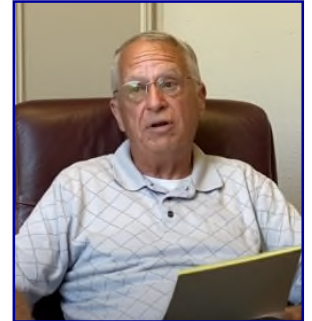
Please understand that if you are not able to wear a mask and maintain physical distancing don't come. We will have masks if you don't have your own, this requirement is non-negotiable. Thanks for understanding.



I will continue to provide you with an in person, written, and video service every Sunday. I know this does not take the place of worshipping together, and I pray that we will all be able to worship together as soon as possible.

If you have watched the Sunday worship services, you know that we have the best technical equipment known to mankind. Our camera stand is the Amen table, a flower stand, and four hymnbooks. Our high-tech video recorder is an iPhone. My daughter Amy is the director. It might not be the best equipment, except for the director, but it gets the job done.

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## Calendar of Events

**This Schedule depends on complying with physical distancing and wearing of masks.**

**Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 am**  
**Communion is on the First Sunday/month**  
**Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am**  
**Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**June 21 - Father's Day**  
**June 7 - Church Start-up**

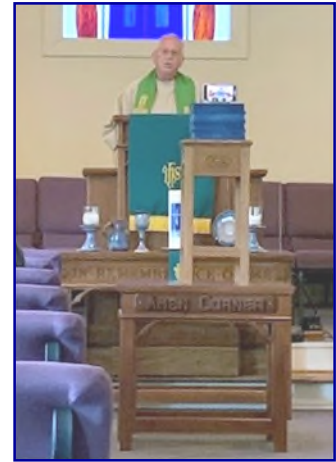
JUNE 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Yoga 1 PM	10	11 Yoga 10:30	12	13
14	15	16 Yoga 1 PM	17	18 Yoga 10:30	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 Yoga 1 PM	24	25 Yoga 10:30	26	27
28	29	30 Yoga 1 PM	1	2	3	4

Carl continued:

We need to keep our nation in our prayers. We all know that there are good and bad people in every field. We need to keep our law enforcement officers in our prayers. Most are hardworking dedicated people. Do not let the bad ones distract us from the good ones.

It is so sad to see innocent lives destroyed by these rogue officers. We must pray for racial justice and call for an end to all prejudice in our country. There have been far more peaceful demonstrations for equality these last few days, than violent ones. These violent ones have been hijacked by terrorists and thugs. Don't let these abominations distract you from the root cause of the issues facing our nation. Pray for peace and equality for all of God's people.

*God Bless You. Carl*



## Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to quests or other circumstances)

	Trinity Sunday - June 7	2nd Sunday after Pentecost - June 14	3rd Sunday after Pentecost - June 21	4th Sunday after Pentecost - June 28
1st Reading	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)	Genesis 21:8-21	Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm	Psalm 8	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Psalm 13
2nd Reading	2 Cor 13:11-13	Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11	Romans 6:12-23
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 9:35- 10:8 (9-23)	Matthew 10:24-39	Matthew 10:40-42

## June Birthdays



Letta	Meinen	2
Betty	Morgan	3
Sharon	Michael	9
Julie	Goggans	11
Bill	Pinkston	22
Ralph	Castor	23
Monte	Shuck	24
Amy	Carlson	25
Martha	Harper	27
Shirley	Pinkston	27

## About our Members

**Jean Teal** died on April 24 in Granbury. A memorial service to celebrate Jean's life will be held at the Church on Saturday, July 25.

**Britt Healey** It is now two and a half months since the surgery to replace his aorta that was compromised by a blood infection. Upon arriving home it was necessary for Nancy (RN) to infuse antibiotics every four hours - every day - for two months. This was very hard on her especially her sleep, having to wake up two times every night to administer the antibiotics. Britt is pretty much back to normal now with some limits as not to cause harm to the surgery area. Thank God for great doctors and a loving wife.

**Monte Shuck** is feeling fine after 40 daily radiation treatments, which finished on April 9th. Side effects were minimal and quickly disappeared entirely. He had a blood test two weeks ago, which came back normal - will have another in August. Monte is staying close to home, but staying active, walking between 3 and 5 miles per day and bicycling a couple of times a week plus plenty of projects being completed in the shop. He doesn't have any excuses to not take on all those tasks around the house that he "didn't have time for" before.

**Jim Arner** is now in a long-term memory care facility in Georgetown. Please keep Jim and his caregivers in your prayers.

**Chris Gengler's** headaches have improved with new medicine.

**Julie Vesley's** daughter, **Kirsten**, met with her orthopedic surgeon last month. The surgeon reaffirmed extensive cartilage tissue damage. There is no more he can do to correct the cartilage and meniscus damage. The surgeon told Kirsten NO contact sports. Pray for patience & healing as she moves into other areas.

**Carol Booher** is have therapy and a nurse twice a week plus an aid once a week for bathing. Bless John for all his care and cooking.

**Charlotte Carl** continues to have back pain from her fall. She's wearing a brace from the doctor. She will return to Bone and Joint for consult later this month. She thanks you for prayers and cards.

**Trish Stebbins** has now been home six weeks since she fractured her pelvis. It is healing but may take another six weeks. She still requires pain meds (reduced quantity) but getting around slowly. Pray for healing and that a surgery to repair the artificial hip is not necessary.

## “Be still and know that I am God” - Linda Lloyd

A few short months ago, we celebrated the birth of our Lord. Soon after that, the ball dropped in Times Square, confetti filled the air, and we rang in the New Year, eagerly anticipating the good things that we hoped life had in store for us in 2020. And then “the other shoe” dropped, and life as we knew it was forever changed, not just for us, but for the whole world.

All of a sudden, there didn't seem to be much good happening in the world. Instead, we were inundated with bad news. The COVID-19 virus, the pandemic, quarantine, social distancing, and death were fast upon us. We were instructed by the President of the United States, the Governor of the great state of Texas, and the Surgeon General himself, to “Stay 6 feet away from other people, wear face masks anytime you go out of your house, and to wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands.”

It's been about three months now and things haven't changed much for the better. It's still a scary world out there. People are still contracting the virus. People are still dying. Commerce, travel, the stock market, and the economy have all taken a nosedive. Some of us have been in isolation so long that it's become all too easy to focus on all that's missing



Caroline Elizabeth Clark

But even though we've missed out on some things it's not all bad. The good news is that people have been forced to stop rushing around and are staying home and interacting with their families. They are cooking their own meals, as opposed to eating out. And a lot of them have been forced to rethink their priorities, and have

gained a new appreciation for their spouses and children. People have more time for Bible reading and prayer. Although communal worship in churches has ceased, Americans are continuing to worship online and in drive-in gatherings.



A recent poll showed that 82% of Americans polled believe in God, and 26% say that their faith has grown stronger since the pandemic. More than 60% of believers feel that the pandemic is a message from God telling people to change their lives. And 55% believe that God will protect them from the virus and that he has a plan for their lives. Another 2% of former non-believers say that they have become believers in these last few months.

There is no doubt in my mind that God is trying to get our attention. He has done it before. There are many instances in the Bible, e.g. the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Passover, to mention just a few. And I believe that we are living in a time and place where we need God's presence more than ever. This country and this world must, without a doubt, return to the Lord if we are to survive.

**“Be still and know that I am God”.**  
(Psalm 46:10)

From a Merry Heart, *Linda Lloyd*



## Update on Benevolence - Pat Rehm

### Mid-crisis Update on Benevolent Donations

Since mid-March, our church meetings have been suspended until further notice. The Benevolence Committee has not met since then, and only certain mission donations have been continued so far this year, by administrative decision. In the first quarter, donations to the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Presbyterian Disaster Relief were acknowledged with gratitude. During the continued closing, we expect to support these two agencies each quarter, as usual.

In April, all donations that were sent to the church for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** have been forwarded to the PCUSA. Another collection for **OGHS** will be made when we can worship together again.

Meanwhile, Heart & Hands Ministries continues to distribute bags of groceries to its clients on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays each month. Our congregation still provides 35 round top loaves of bread for every distribution day. Also, the purchase of Brookshire Brothers' \$10 "Bags of Hope," with ingredients for meals, provide food directly to the Heart & Hands pantry, where volunteers continue to meet on Wednesday mornings to shelve packaged donations.

Be assured that even though we cannot gather as a congregation at this time, our mission programs continue to spread God's love to people in need, both in Salado and elsewhere. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

## A Thank You Note



Presbyterian Mission  
Mission Engagement  
& Support

Dear Rev. Thompson and  
God's saints at Salado Presbyterian Church,

I pray the following message finds you well in this trying time of COVID-19. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your recent gifts to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for Disaster Relief-General Relief & PDA Support.

Your gift makes an impact in assisting in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Thus far, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (supported by gifts like yours) has [granted 208 requests](#) for assistance in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic for a total of \$1,119,688 in grants. These grants cover domestic, refugee and international requests. How inspiring it is to see how people of faith and congregations continue to do the work of Matthew 25 while they themselves face challenges during this uncertain time. It is truly a blessing to be part of a connectional church.

Thank you very much for your support of God's mission and love for God's people through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Gratefully in Christ,

**Lemuel García-Arroyo**

*Mission Engagement Advisor*

Mission Agency/Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



### About Pat Rehm

Her latest visit with the orthopedist was prompted by some increased discomfort recently, but two new MRIs (the 2<sup>nd</sup> with "contrast") did not show any new problems. The doctor said her injuries were serious enough to need more time to heal. He asked her to continue with the brace and limit movements for six more weeks - till the end of June! No therapy or yoga will be considered. She was disappointed, but must trust his expertise & comply.

Recovery is actually one of my great blessings!