



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



This will be a short note this month. We are still planning to restart worship on 11 October, but no religious education. We will maintain physical distancing, wear masks, and hand sanitize before worship. We will continue having services but will stop if there is a spike in cases this fall. I will continue to send out weekly services to all who are not ready to return to church. I pray that you will continue to be very careful and get your flu shots.

The word "**civilization**" comes from the Latin word for **townsman or citizen, civis**, and its adjectival form, **civilis**. To be "civilized" essentially meant being a townsman, governed by the constitution and legal statutes of that community

As the political season heats up, I encourage all of you to vote for the candidates of your choice. A part of our responsibility as **citizens** of this great country is to elect our representatives to government. I pray that everyone will be **civil** in this election process and we focus on the issues and not mudslinging. I have learned if I haven't fact checked it first, I don't send or say anything I read or hear. There are a lot of untruths being put out by both sides. As Christians we must not be a part of this behavior. I ask you to pray for our country as we go through this election.

I will be on vacation the first week of October and maybe the second week depending how Evelyn is recovering from her knee replacement. Please call me if you need anything. I want to thank Molly for providing the service for you on 4 October. I will continue to email the sermon.

God Bless you, *Carl*.

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Calendar of Events

We plan to restart in-person worship services, on October 11. Yoga, and Prayer Breakfast's will still be on hold.

- Oct. 11 - Sunday Worship Services at 10:00**
- Oct. 11 - Session Meeting after Worship**
- no- Communion is on the First Sunday/mo.**
- no- Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 am**
- no- Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays**

| OCTOBER 2020 | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|--------|---|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | Yoga 10:30 | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | Yoga 1 PM | | Yoga 10:30 | | |
| 11 | 12 <i>Columbus Day</i> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| <i>In-Person Service</i> | | Yoga 1 PM | | Yoga 10:30 | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | | Yoga 1 PM | | Yoga 10:30 | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | | Yoga 1 PM | | Yoga 10:30 | |  |

October 2020 Update on Benevolent Donations - Pat Rehm

Certain mission commitments, especially the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Presbyterian Disaster Relief, have been continued during each quarter in 2020, even though the Benevolence Committee could not meet in person. Recently \$5,700 additional distributions for the 3rd quarter have been decided by email vote, and our treasurer, John Pettijohn, has sent additional donations to other agencies. The recipients included Austin Theological Seminary, AWARE, Body of Christ Medical & Dental Clinics, Doctors without Borders, Families in Crisis, Fisher House at Fort Hood, Salado Fire Department, Salvation Army/Temple, and Samaritan's Purse.



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

| | 18th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 4 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 11 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 18 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost - Oct. 25 |
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| 1st Reading | Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Exodus 32:1-14 | Exodus 33:12-23 | Deuteronomy 34:1-12 |
| Psalm | Psalm 19 | Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 | Psalm 99 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 |
| 2nd Reading | Phil. 3:4b-14 | Phil. 4:1-9 | 1 Thess. 1:1-10 | 1 Thess. 2:1-8 |
| Gospel | Matthew 21:33-46 | Matthew 22:1-14 | Matthew 22:15-22 | Matthew 22:34-46 |

Oct. Birthdays



- Ann Faber 4
- Trish Stebbins 5
- Barbara Tindell 9
- Joan Ray 16
- Linda Lloyd 20
- Jeff Aldridge 21
- Barbara Harper 26
- Jerry Schleicher 30
- Jeanie Miller 31

About our Members (and Prayer Requests)

Rip VanWinkle is getting stronger and feels some better but is still in Baylor Scott & White with an “as yet to be determined” issue. The doctors say they will have all the results of tests on Thursday and are getting close to a diagnosis. He may need to spend some time in a Rehabilitation facility before coming home. Please pray for Rip, the doctors, and Shay in her role as caregiver.

Sam Lanham has been entered into a “Last Stage of Life” Hospice program. Sam has some cognitive issues and getting around some. They are adjusting to the 7x24 Visiting Angels. Pray for quality of life. Missie and Sam have really enjoyed the cards and prayers.

Bob Todd did a PET scan which showed one small spot which has been biopsied. This spot and another are cancerous and some surgery will be required. Please keep Bob and Gidget in your prayers.

Evelyn Thompson had knee surgery on Mon-

day (9/28/20) and was home by 1:00 PM on Tuesday. Her first night at home was reported as a little rough, but better today. Knee replacement recovery takes time, so pray for pain management and patience.

Carol Booher is feeling stronger, has balanced blood work, and even has an appetite. John and Carol are still concerned for son-in-law, **Bill Prather**, who is going through chemo for Lung Cancer. Bill is loosing weight and is having a difficult time keeping a positive attitude. Keep Bill and wife Amy in your prayers.

Jim Arner is getting stronger and feels better. Laquita expresses thanks for your cards and prayers and hopes to see Jim in-person soon.

Trish Stebbins is now in recovery from the 9/2/20 surgery to repair her artificial hip. Recovery is going well and the surgery immediately ended her severe hip pain. Pray that this recovery continues and improved mobility. Trish thanks all of you for the cards

Some Tips from Doctor Bev Koops Jones

Dear friends in the Presbyterian Church of Salado:

Here are some tips from your Affiliate Member (Bev) in Kill Devil Hills, NC. I am working with several other medical professionals in our church to publish COVID-19 tips weekly - here are some basics. Like all of you, I am trying to read through the many messages about attending large gatherings and safely reopening churches.

Here are some public health absolutes:

- **Wear Masks to protect other people: Your nose and mouth should never be exposed!**



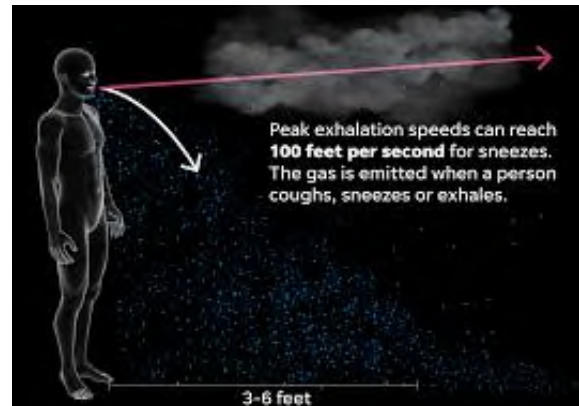
- **Wash Hands 20 seconds with soap and water to protect yourself: We all touch our faces!**



- **Wait 6 Feet Apart: Large Droplets, (Diameter of a Hair), like Windex Spray, are pulled down by Gravity.**



- **However, Aerosol drops (under 10 microns), like smoke, can float 25-30 feet.**



Other safety suggestions are from two leading civil engineers, Dr. Richard Corsi and Dr. Linsey Marr. Their advice is available on Peoples Pharmacy, Podcast #1227.

To safely reopen sanctuary worship, they recommended the use of MERV13 filters in our buildings, testing central AC/Heating units for air flow of at least 300 cubic feet per minute, and placing air purifiers in the office.

Greetings and best regards. I love you all. Stay safe.

Bev Koops Jones, Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

September 1, 2020 Session Meeting Notes - Pat Hart

The Presbyterian Church of Salado held a stated session meeting on September 1, 2020.

- John Pettijohn, Treasurer, reported that our investment earnings are up which has balanced out the loss of offering income.
- Adult education will resume when it is deemed safe.
- New bulbs have been replaced in the sanctuary and activity room for better and more efficient lighting.
- We agreed that no singing or choir would be part of worship until a vaccine becomes widely available. We also reaffirmed Rev. Thompson's authority to determine when it is safe to resume in-person worship. At this time, October 11 has been set as a tentative date.
- The annual financial audit was completed and nominees for two session positions will be announced at the October meeting.
- The security audit determined that our rooms and exit doors need to be numbered and an updated diagram of the building be given to the Salado Police Department. Response training will be given to the congregation at a future date.

- The session also voted to continue funding the twice-weekly yoga classes in the activity room as a community outreach. They will resume when it is determined safe to do so.
- Our next stated session meeting will be held after worship on October 11, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hart, Clerk of Session



Social Distancing during the Session Meeting



Announcements NOT seen in this Messenger:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper - Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.