

WOODS WORDS

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Certainty in Uncertain Times

Dear Friends,

As the Easter season approaches, there is much uncertainty in our lives. I suspect those first disciples experienced a similar uncertainty in the weeks leading up to Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Their world, as ours, was turned upside down. Normal had been upended by events and circumstances beyond their ability to control.

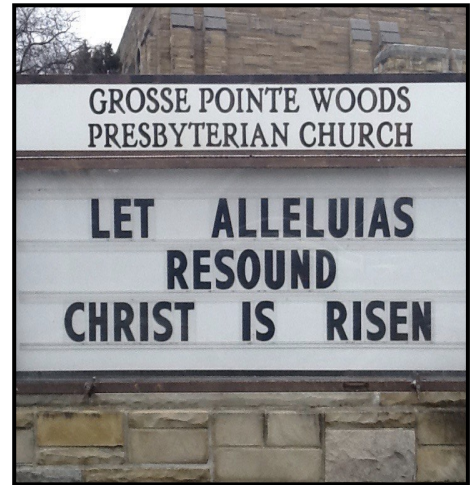
As the month of April begins, we know that Easter is on the horizon. But, right now, it seems like we're stuck on a hillside where an old rugged cross stands before us. The only certainty we can count on is uncertainty. Yet, as we confront our anxious moments with the Corona virus, we have hope that resurrection happens. Good Friday will be conquered by the Day of Resurrection.

In our time of uncertainty, the Session and I are engaged in many conversations about the life of our congregation. Worship in our sanctuary has been suspended through April 5, replaced by a live stream of worship on our Facebook page. (Surprisingly, the number of you viewing these services exceeds the number of attendees we regularly have on Sunday morning.) Weekly activities at our building are also being suspended, even as we are learning about a new way to connect with each other through video-conferencing tools. Out of the fires of uncertainty an ember of new possibilities or certainty glows.

As you read through this month's newsletter, please note the appeal for continued giving; the cancellation or rescheduling of activities; the hope of new life that can be ours as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in these uncertain times.

Blessings to you,

Edward



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Looking Ahead...

- ◆ *Palm Sunday Service*
April 5 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ *Easter Sunday Service*
April 12 10:30 a.m.

(All services are being streamed on Face Book until further notice)

Our Mission

**A welcoming and caring
congregation, fostering
growth and reaching out
in Christ**



THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH THIS MONTH:

In Our Prayers

Jorg Erichsen
Phil Hea
Cristy Hyde
Ashleigh Kohlitz
Lois Nelson
Jake Pennar
Glenn Patterson
Ken Wilson

In Nursing Homes

Marion Alan
Walter Albrecht
Kathy Brouwer
Ellen Hornfisher
Matt Neelands

The Family of Ken Starring

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
- John 11:25-26

Birthdays

April 3 Sue Smukal
April 4 Blair Colson
Morgan Johnson
April 5 Debra Conley
Cristy Hyde
April 9 Kaponno Dunn
Jane Walling
April 10 Lauren Irving
April 14 Delilah Krebs
April 28 Eleanore Beckley

Your Financial Gifts are Necessary

During this time when we are unable to gather for worship at our church facility, we ask that you continue to provide financial support: utilities and insurance; staff salaries and equipment are but a few of the essentials we need to sustain year round.

There are several different ways you can give:

1. By mail
2. Leave your contributions in the black mailbox at the office door in back of the church
3. On line – there are two options;
 - a. go to our website (gpwpres.org) and follow on our Reaching Out page to make donation.
 - b. text *gpwpres* to 73256 from your mobile device and follow the instructions to make a contribution.

Please help us by keeping your contributions active during this time.

Thank You,

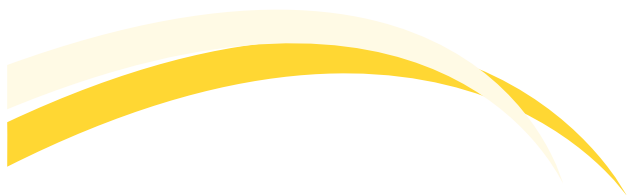
The Finance Committee

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
<p><i>Activities and Meetings are Suspended in April</i></p>						
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Worship 10:30 a.m.	6	7	8	9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Worship: 10:30 a.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 10:30 a.m.	20 Deacons 7:00 p.m. <i>(Videoconference)</i>	21 Session 7:00 p.m. <i>(Videoconference)</i>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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From the Worship Committee

Please be advised that the Session has closed the church building through April 5. You are invited to participate each Sunday in worship through a live stream service on Facebook, lead by Pastor Dunn.

We are grateful to Michael Rosas who has continued to share his musical gift with us during our online services. His dedication and compassion have been a gift to us any time we gather for worship. Thank you Michael!

Mission Committee Food Drive

While we can't currently meet in the building, the Mission Committee is still working hard to provide food for the Crossroads food bank. Now more than ever, your donations of non-perishable food to Crossroads is able to help families in need to weather the Corona virus quarantine. If you have any canned goods or other items you can spare, leave them on your porch for pick up on Saturday, April 4. Jason Fair and Jim Colson will pick them up and deliver them to Crossroads. Please call or e-mail them if you have items to donate.

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