

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Pastor's Remarks:

From Rev. Kris Brown



Tromping forward is all very well if you know where you are going and you are in a hurry to get there, but sometimes it is better to take a look back before we begin something new. After the year we have had, I can't wait to plunge into summer, into swimming, riding, eating watermelon and peaches, visiting friends, taking a trip or two, being unmasked with other people, all of it. I very much want to put 2020 and Covid behind me. No doubt, you do too. But we might benefit from stepping back and taking a deep breath before we head out into our cherished routines.

Maybe walking through Memorial Day as we enter into a more normal summer is exactly what we needed to help make what comes next fuller, more meaningful. A day of remembering might very well offer us a useful gateway into summer, if we take the time to walk through. Of course, on Memorial Day we remembered those who have died in the service of our country. I know traditionally we think of soldiers who have lost their lives in battle. Coming from a military family, I have had lots of time to consider the sacrifice and tragedy of such loss. But I also remember people like Martin Luther King, Jr. (who, I know, has his own day), people all through our history who were on the right side but in their own time lost the fights they fought.

As I look forward with the hope my faith encourages, I want to honor the memory of so many who have fought the good fight. I also think about our sweet community, about how difficult the past year has been, and especially about General Smith and Diana Saunders, among the people we lost last year. We thank God for them. It is good to sit and remember for a while. Some of us may find ourselves able to thank God even for the hurt we experience in grief and loss because we sense the depth of the love underneath this hurt. Perhaps most of us are not quite up to such a task, but we might just thank God for that love we feel swirling around inside us, working patiently toward making all things new. We can trust that this love will bring us to better places.

Before you leap into whatever is next, however you plan to celebrate the summer of 2021, I hope you take the time you need to honor who and what you have, what we have lost. As we come alongside all that we are missing, we might let God share in our pain

Church Leadership

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- Piano/Organ/Harp - Monica Miller
- Trumpet - Alan Ford/Wayne King

Session Members: Harleigh Altmeyer, Jane Istre, Kathy Ford, Lilly Willenberg, Lisa Maresh, Monica Miller, Barbara Maresh

Worship & Christian Formation - Lisa Maresh/Monica Miller

Church Administration - Jane Istre

Mission Outreach & Fellowship - Kathy Ford/Lilly Willenberg

150th Anniversary - Harleigh Altmeyer/Monica Miller

Web Site - www.fpcsmithville.org, Facebook, Newsletter - Kathy Ford - kathrynford@austin.rr.com

Sunday Schedules

We are open for 11 am worship, beginning June 6th masks are optional - we will continue our Face Book Live option also.

When we open completely here is the schedule:

Coffee Hour 9:45

Sunday School 10 am will begin in September

Worship at 11 am -Currently in the building and on

Face Book Live

Communion on First Sunday

Women's Bible Study – 2nd Tuesday from Sept to

May at 10 a.m.

Please check the website for changes in schedule

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays

6/3 - Charlie King
6/16 - Walter Winslett
6/18 - Byron Westerman
6/20 - Jack Chandler
6/25 - Jeni Bell
6/27 - Corbyn Williams
6/27 - Kelly Hubley
6/30 - Dorothy Dillon



June Communion Schedule

Barbara Maresh is in charge of Communion for June. She will prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays.

Monica Miller has volunteered to bring the bread and juice for ALL communion services. Thank you, Monica!

If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place.

June - Barbara Maresh July - Harleigh Herrington - Altmeyer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June Anniversaries

6/3/1996 - Ally & John Gosselink
6/9/2015 - Leah & Scott Saunders
6/11/1996 - Dianna & Wayne King
6/23/1984 - Kathryn & Alan Ford

FOOD PANTRY - MAY

Remember to bring your donations for the food pantry on First Sunday. There are envelopes if prefer to give money. The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank more economically than you can purchase it at the store. From May 5 through May 26th the Food Pantry fed 387 clients with 879 family members, and 4 new families with 10 family members.

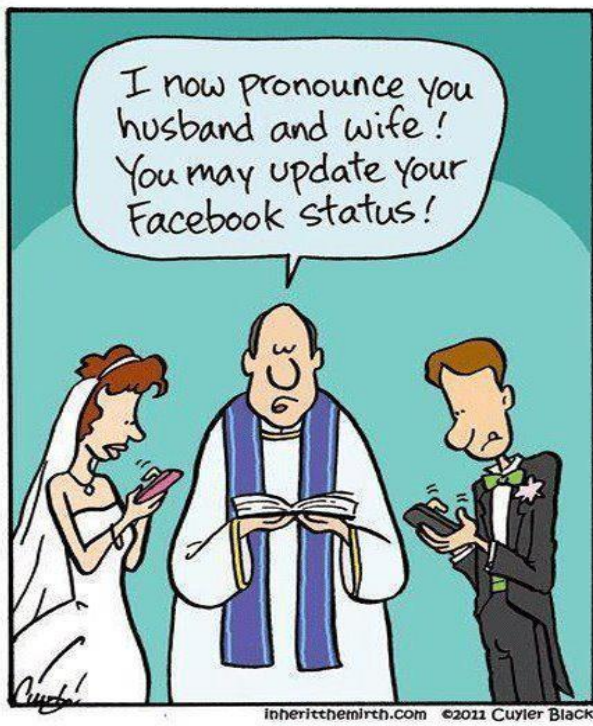
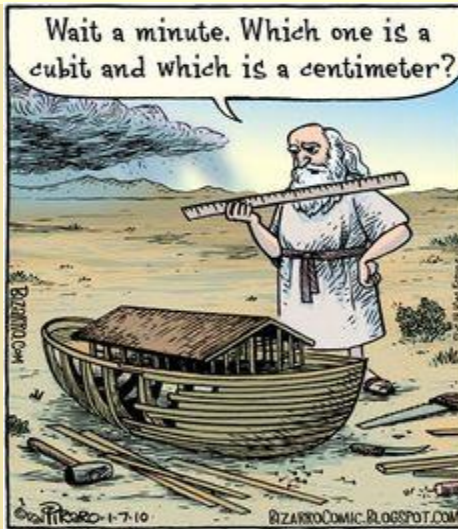
Cookbook Update

The cookbooks are here and ready to purchase for \$20. They are available at the church and will be available at a few other locations to be announced later. Contact Monica Miller for additional info. There is one correction: pg. 105, Pistachio Pudding Cake - add- 1 sm. pkg. pistachio pudding mix to the CAKE ingredients list. It is also in the FROSTING ingredients. The correction is being made to the unsold books. The cookbook is a fundraiser for our 150th Anniversary. It makes a great Christmas gift!

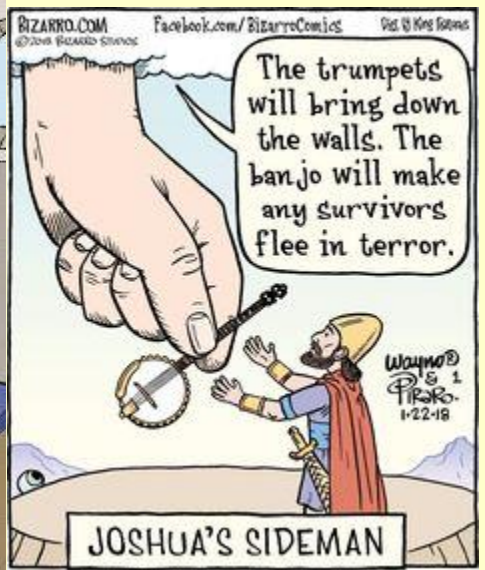
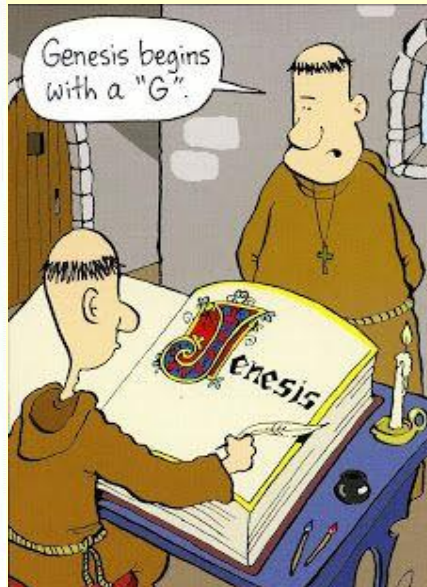
You come from dust and you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.



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SUNDAY FUNNIES



NEED IDEAS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

BINGO? BUNCO?

GAME NIGHT? DOMINOES? CARD GAMES?

SCAVENGER HUNT? MOVIE NIGHT?

LET US KNOW WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO???????

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>National Gun Violence Awareness Day</i>	3	4	5 Memorial Service for Dianna Saunders - Riverbend Park - 11-1
6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live Security Committee Mtg	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live	14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>
20 4th Sunday after Pentecost 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live <i>Presbyterian Men: World Refugee Day</i> Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Season of Prayer and Reflection in the Korean Peninsula begins (June 25-August 15)</i>	26
27 5th Sunday after Pentecost 11 am Service In the Building and on Facebook Live <i>PC(USA) World AIDS Sunday</i>	28	29	30 Zoom Session Meeting 7 pm			