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Session Meeting Highlights

At the April Session Meeting, Worship and Music moved that the following dates for Sunday Services and pastors from May 2, 2021 through June 6, 2021, and session approved the list.

Sunday	May 2,2021	Rev. Dr. Walt Peters
Communion and Called Meeting of the Congregation		
Sunday	May 9, 2021	Rev. Dr. Walt Peters
Sunday	May 16, 2021	Rev. Dr. Walt Peters
Sunday	May 23, 2021	Rev. Dr. Walt Peters
Installation of Elders		
Sunday	May 30, 2021	Rev. Rebecca Vardiman
Sunday	June 6, 2021	Rev. Dr. Walt Peters-Communion

The session thanks Reverend Dr. Walt Peters for his continued and faithful service to the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland.

A Congregational Meeting has been called following the May 2, 2021 service. The Congregational Meeting is to elect Ruling Elders to fill the two current vacancies on session. The Church Nominating Committee will nominate Katie Ross and Mikayla Dodge to fill these vacancies. Nominations can be entertained from the floor.

With the election of elders to fill the current vacancies on session, the installation of all new elders will be held at the service on May 23, 2021. Judy Stern, Josh Gilhart, Bob Courtney, and Aaron Hendrickson will be installed on May 23, 2021 for three year terms. Prior to the installation of new elders, each will be asked to view training videos available through Theocademy. All those to be installed will meet with session at the May 20, 2021.

During the Congregational Meeting, the adoption of proposed bylaws changes will be discussed. Copies of the proposed bylaws are available in print at the church or through the church's website. Carl Belt, Jr., Aaron Hendrickson, and David Stickler were appointed to the Task Force to review the bylaws.

The adoption of 'First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Electronic Meeting and Voting Policy' was approved. The task force appointed to review the current electronic and voting policy were Carl Belt, Jr., Cindy Corley, Robert Courtney, and David Stickler. The new policy will become effective with the adoption of the proposed bylaws.

The Worship & Music Committee has recognized the time Eric Ringler has devoted to providing our virtual video worship services and felt some compensation was due him. The Committee lauds his production of these services and is most grateful for this gift of talent he gives to our Church. Session approved the motion from Worship and Music Committee to pay Eric Ringler for his services beginning January, 2021 and to continue as long as his services are needed.

Session thanks the service of Eric Ringler, Joe Aurigemma, and Bryan Lohr for their dedication to the production of the streamed church services. They have proved a valuable resource aiding the church to adapt to a changed and challenging period with COVID-19.

Carolyn Mathews gave a brief report of the Pastor Nominating Committee's progress. The committee is working diligently to fulfill its mandate of identifying a new pastor.

The session also extends its thanks and appreciation to Pastor Matthew Glasgow for his willing ness to serve as moderator for the session meetings.

David Stickler, Clerk

Joys and Concerns



May Birthdays

Bill Kellermeyer 6-May
Paul Aber 7-May
Gary Hendrickson 7-May
Nancy Hall 8-May
Carolyn Weaver 8-May
Buck Belt 11-May
Christopher Weddle 12-May
Lauren See 14-May
Marisa Aurigemma 19-May
Ronnie Barb 28-May
Bob Lange 28-May
Susan Mills 30-May

Vacation Office Hours



Executive Administrative Assistant Brittany Jackson will be on vacation from Wednesday, May 18th - Friday, May 28th.

The church office will be staffed from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM by office volunteers.



The Church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Bill and I would like to thank the church for the beautiful Easter flower, what a surprise! It's good to

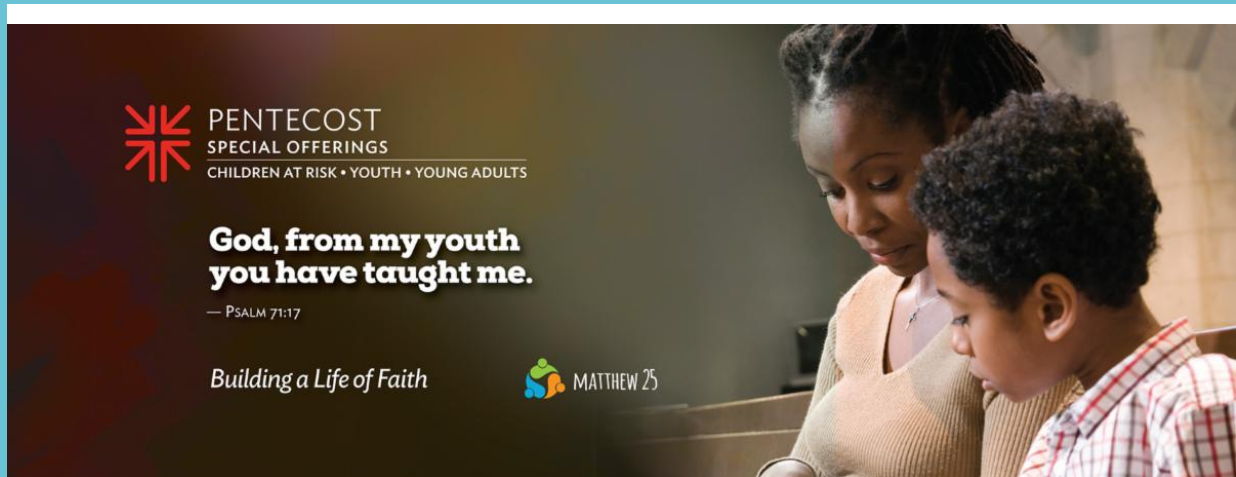
know we have not been forgotten.

Thank you all & God Bless!

-Carlotta & Bill Shaffer



Opportunities for Serve



On **May 23, Pentecost Sunday**, our congregation will donate to the Pentecost Offering, one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our local community. In the past we have supported the Family Junction Inc., a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting positive parenting and strengthening families in Allegany County, Maryland.

25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12–18, and those called to accompany them. Your gifts to the Offering helped this ministry area to:

- Fund the design of a new Christian Formation endeavor called The Senior Project. This project offers a path and plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in the faith community,

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. Your gifts to the Offering have helped this ministry area to:

- Train and equip volunteers to engage in mission at more than 20 sites in the U.S. and around the world.
- Reduce barriers to serve by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend.

10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, which was affirmed at the 221st General Assembly (2014). The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to improve the quality of public education.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$15 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.

Please consider giving generously to this offering on May 23.

Worship With Us



On Sunday, May 23rd, we will celebrate **Pentecost**. Please help us celebrate the gift of the Spirit by wearing something **red**.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP
SCHEDULE BEGINS Sunday,
June 6th. Worship will begin at 10:00
AM.

