



**“VIRTUAL” WORSHIP SERVICES
ON
FACEBOOK/FPCOFVICTORIA:
SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020**

For our last worship service in the month of June this year, we welcome our good friend and faithful steward, the Rev. Bette Burris, to lead us in liturgy and to preach the Word. Rev. Burris shares a special relationship with our church, as she has led us in times of difficulty before, and now she steps forward to help us during the current pandemic. If you would like to reach out to thank her for her service to our church-- or maybe even just to say “hi!”-- Rev. Burris can be reached at betteburris@aol.com.

The Scripture readings for next Sunday (the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost), June 28, 2020, are: Matthew 10:40-42; and Genesis 22:1-14. Rev. Burris will preach on the powerful story of Abraham’s response to God’s call to offer his only son, his beloved son, Isaac as a sacrifice to the Lord. The sermon title of her sermon is “Promise and Demand.” The Bulletin is available here:

<https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2019-06-28-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
DURING THE WEEK OF
JUNE 22-26, 2020**

During the week of June 22-26, 2020, your Pastor, with the Session’s permission, is taking some vacation time simply for rest and relaxation. I will return to the office on Monday, June 29, 2020.

In the event of any emergencies in my absence, please contact Tasha Wolf at the church office or Jack Kleinecke, the Clerk of the Session. They will contact either me or the Rev. Burris who has graciously agreed to be available for any pastoral needs while I am away.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the church office hours will have returned to our normal schedule of 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

**CROSSROADS REGIONAL COHORT
WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020**

*[Important Notice: In our Newsletter last week,
the date of the Get-Together was
correctly announced as Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.,
but the date was wrong!
The Get-Together will be on Tuesday,
June 30, 2020]*

Remember in calmer times when ministers, elders, and members of Presbyterian churches in the Crossroads area would share a meal and fellowship on the “fifth Tuesday” of any month that had that many Tuesdays? FPC would often host these gatherings in our Fellowship Hall, and they were always fun and it was always satisfying to chat with other Presbyterians from around the region. Connectionalism is at the heart of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) tradition, and breaking bread with our sisters and brothers in Christ is a very good way to celebrate that tradition.

Of course, COVID-19 has changed the way we gather these days, so any plans for a large community dinner anytime soon must remain on hold. Nevertheless, now that we are becoming familiar with the miracle of videoconferencing via Zoom, we have an opportunity to gather, “virtually,” with our Presbyterian friends from around South Central Texas to share stories of how we are doing, how we are coping, and how we are continuing to make our faith alive and vital even in these times of quarantine and social-distancing.

Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** and plan to attend a Zoom videoconference with our friends and neighbors in the Crossroads Cohort of Presbyterian Churches (Casa de Dios-Palacios), Cheapside, College Port, Cuero, El Campo, FPC-Victoria, Goliad, Gonzales, Grace-Victoria, Nicea-Victoria, Palacios, Port Lavaca, Yorktown). We will be sending out more information and details about this “virtual gathering,” but for now please save the date and join in if you are able.

**NEXT ISSUE (THIRD QUARTER) OF
“THESE DAYS”
NOW AVAILABLE FROM CHURCH OFFICE**

The July/August/September 2020 editions of “*These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*” have just arrived in the church office. If you would like a copy, please phone us (361.575.2441) or email us (info@fpcofvictoria.com), and we will

gladly send you one immediately. The cost of postage is negligible.

Also, if you are interested in online worship devotionals, please remember there is none better than *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Investigate this timely, informative, and spiritually motivating publication at: <https://pres-outlook.org/>. I particularly recommend the devotionals presented by Jill Duffield. If you enjoy this publication, you can sign up for a free “internet subscription” and receive the weekly editions by email.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim



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