

# The Good News

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On Sunday, May 10 we honor all mothers, nurturers, caregivers and mentors. Thank you for the selfless gift of your love to a young person whether by birth, adoption or other circumstances. Thank you for passing on your wisdom and grace, lessons in life, love and even tough love when needed.

May you be blessed to see the fruit of your labor blossom.

## Congratulations Graduates!

May is traditionally the month for graduation celebrations. This year, I am joining the ranks of the 2020 graduating class. I have completed the Master of Social Work (MSW) program. On May 20, I will join my classmates for a virtual celebration. Around the country, many high schools, colleges and universities will be doing the same.

Let us give thanks and celebrate all who have achieved their academic goals. Let us also be mindful that this is a bittersweet time for so many young people, particularly high school seniors, who will miss out the senior year festivities including prom and graduation. We pray that their hurting hearts will be healed and that they will be encouraged to continue the journey that will help them live fully and reach their potential.

# Class of 2020!

# *Memorial Day*

Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day. Please be safe whatever your plans for the weekend.

## *Welcome, Kristen Beach*

We have a new staff member. Kristen Beach, is currently the Ministry Coordinator for the Great River Region. On Monday, May 18, she will begin as the new administrative support in the church office. If Kristen looks familiar, it's because she has been the reader for our online services. Kristen is a third generation disciple and an active member of Park Hill Christian Church. She and her husband David have been married for 30 years. They have two adult children, Grant and Elizabeth, one grandchild, River, and another on the way. Please join me in welcoming Kristen to PHCC.



## *Update on a Return to Church*

The Board met on Thursday, April 23 and decided to extend the suspension of services through the month of May. The Board will meet again on Thursday, May 21 to discuss a plan for June. We will keep you updated as to any new developments. You are also invited to share your thoughts and concerns with us. Please feel free to contact the church office or Chet Chaney, Board Moderator, if you have questions or concerns. Please continue to be in prayer as we seek the Lord's guidance and prayerfully try to discern his will for this congregation going forward. Let us also lift up our sister churches as they are wrestling with the same issues.

# *Missed but not Forgotten*

We are the body of Christ when we are together and when we are apart. We draw strength from each other when we gather weekly for praise and worship. This time apart is not easy and we miss seeing one another. Social media has its benefits. There is no substitute for being able to hug our loved ones. If you find yourself feeling particularly lonely or isolated at this time, please do not hesitate to reach out. As your minister, I am here. I feel confident that you have the love and support of each and every member of this congregation. Please stay safe and follow the guidelines that will help keep you healthy. This time will pass and we will be able to gather again.



## **How Do We Do Outreach When We Are To Socially Distance And Stay Out of Reach?**

I am happy to say that we have adapted our outreach to this pandemic. We have missed our monthly meals and fellowship with the veterans of St. Francis House. I am sure that they miss the delicious home cooking of Sharon Marshall and Aunt Sarah. For the past two months, we have been supporting nonprofits with cleaning supplies and personal protective gear as available.

A very special thanks to Evelyn Behrle for sewing 27 masks that were then donated to Dorcas House for their clients.

## *Pentecost Sunday*

Sunday, May 31 is Pentecost Sunday. It is also the fifth Sunday in May. At Pulaski Heights, there is a tradition of hosting an all music service on the fifth Sunday of the month. Unfortunately, we will not be able to do this online. Please submit two selections of your favorite hymns to the church email at [lrphcc@gmail.com](mailto:lrphcc@gmail.com) or call the office at 501-663-8149. When we do return to the sanctuary, we will plan on having the all music service even if the music must be all instrumental.

Please visit

<https://disciples.org/dns/disciples-and-covid-19/worship-in-a-time-of-covid-19/>  
for information on the Pentecost offering.



## *Prayer List*

For all of our sisters and brothers across the globe who are being impacted by the coronavirus and for all who are grieving the loss of a loved one

For those who are struggling financially

For all who are oppressed and for those who work for justice, freedom and peace

For immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers across the globe, especially those who have been separated from family and are being detained

For our nation that we might come together in unity

For our elected leaders: federal, state and local to seek God's guidance in their decision making

For our churches and leadership: congregational, regional and general

Others you wish to add:

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### May Birthdays

There are no May birthdays.

## PHCC Calendar and Important Dates

**Thursday, May 21** PHCC Board will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 25** is Memorial Day.

**Sunday, May 31** is Pentecost Sunday.

The church will remain closed for the month of May. Please follow us on Facebook for announcements.



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