

Clerk's Corner:

The following information was reported at the April 27, 2020, Session meeting, which was held electronically over Zoom technology:

- **Correspondence:** Letters from Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings and Appeals, thanking us for gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing (2019) and the Christmas Joy Offering (2019).
- **Deaths:** L.K. Croft died on April 20, 2020. Memorial services will be held when pandemic restrictions are lifted.
- **Removal from Rolls:** Margaret Bedle requested that she be removed from our rolls, as she has moved to Oklahoma. Her request was approved.
- **Communion:** Communion was celebrated at the live-streamed 11:00 am worship services on April 05, 2020. There was no extended communion served due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- **Financial Report:** The March financial statements were reviewed. Overall, year-to-date income exceeds expense. The treasurer reported on the SBA loan of \$193,000 the church received through the Payroll Protection Program. The loan, which covers an eight-week period, may be used to cover payroll, utilities, rentals, and most importantly, includes Children's Corner personnel.
- **Deacons:** The deacons are actively checking in with their flocks during this pandemic time.
- **Children's Ministry:** has decided to hold summer camps "virtually" this summer unless circumstances change regarding social distancing.
- **Communications (Tech Team)** Gave an update on the status of live-streaming our worship service. We have had over 500 viewers on our website and approximately 600 viewers per worship service, several from places outside of Texas and outside of the U.S.
- **Pastor's report:** David Evans presented a proposal for the re-opening of the church, which was endorsed by the session, and is as follows:
 1. The decision to reopen First Church for worship and other activities will be made on the Christian ethic of "loving God and loving our neighbor". As has been communicated before, at the moment loving our neighbor means keeping a safe social distance from them.
 2. Our decision to reopen will be data driven. We will utilize the most reliable and current information from health officials to determine when it is safe. We will be consulting with other church leaders (i.e. the Presbytery and General Assembly).
 3. We will err on the side of being overly-cautious. In other words, our guiding ethic is the safety of the people we serve. We may not reopen as soon as other congregations in Kerr County.
 4. When the time is right, we will do a "soft" opening. In other words, we will open parts of the building while others continue to be closed. We will allow certain groups to meet as long as they agree to practice social distance and limit gatherings to no more than five people.
 5. We will utilize every resource available to us to mitigate the spread of Covid 19. Our cleaning protocols have been enhanced to include making the building as safe as humanly possible. Hand sanitizing stations will be installed throughout the building. Surfaces will be wiped with virus killing

cloths. And we will insist that anyone who exhibits any sign of the disease (fever, cough, etc.) to love your neighbor by please not entering the building.

6. Once we determine that it is safe, we will reopen the Sanctuary for worship and the building for ministry as usual. Even then we will continue to monitor the situation closely and reserve the right to adapt to the present circumstance.

The following items were acted upon and approved:

- Adopted an amendment to the Standards of Procedure (SOP) to Appendix E-2 Guidelines for Donor-Designated Giving. (see SOP on website)
- Authorized the committees and ministry teams to oversee the operation of the designated funds in the manner provided for in the newly-amended SOP.
- Approved the contract for an interim pastor, effective July 2020.
- Approved the resolution to commend our tech team for their service during the time of the pandemic. It reads as follows:

Resolution of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church Kerrville

Made on this twenty seventh day of April 2020.

Whereas, The United States is experiencing a pandemic of the Coronavirus 19, and

Whereas, this pandemic has resulted in restrictions on meetings of any size greater than ten individuals, and

Whereas, this has resulted in the restriction of congregational worship and fellowship, and

Whereas, the church has begun to conducting Worship Services via live streaming, and

Whereas, a technology team headed by Wes Lane and supported by Marcus Goodyear, who is also the lead for social media, and Tim Huchton has been formed, and

Whereas, this technology team has created the infrastructure for live streaming of the Worship Services, and

Whereas, the technology has continually upgraded the live streaming quality to achieve a professional product,

Therefore, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Kerrville

Recognizes the contribution of the technology team as critical to the continuation of the life and worship of the congregation, and

applauds the contribution of the technology team to the function of the church and to the glory of God.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church Kerrville