
Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m–3 p.m., side yard, 619 Leyden Lane next to Pitzer Lodge (Kenney-Weist's)



This Bart Simpson t-shirt is available at <https://stockx.com> for ~\$350.00! Think of what a Walt Davis shirt must be worth!

T-shirt sale

Drop by the yard (unless its raining) to view Walt Davis's final collection of tee shirts and celebrate the laughter he brought to this community. (Stay outside and keep safe distance!) Shirts are available for a contribution to the Resident Health and Support Program. Also available: some John August Swanson cards (some in large amounts) and a few posters and books.

— Diane Kenney

Caveat — COVID-19 and Pilgrim Place NEWS



As this issue was in preparation, the world around us was shutting down to take measures to dampen the speed of the spread of the lurking Corona Virus COVID-19.

Church congregations around the world are no longer congregating, some canceling services initially for two weeks, some for four, other through May. Schools and universities are also closing down for extended spring breaks and limiting in-person contact for the rest of the school term. “Distance learning” is *en vogue* in a big way and small children are being given unlimited “screen time” for homework assignments and to relieve harried parents. Visits from grandchildren living only blocks away are temporarily taboo. The **Washington Post** on March 15 cites the Center for Disease Control as recommending an eight-week moratorium on meetings of fifty or more. And, let us rejoice, for the first time since January China registered no new cases of the virus for one day.

Hence, *caveat emptor*: Any announcements involving event dates should be taken with a grain of salt. Eight weeks from March 15 is May 10, far beyond the scope of this issue of the Pilgrim Place **NEWS!** Even the long-awaited “Solomonic” United Methodist General Conference, scheduled for May, has been postponed.

Keep alert to developments by following the admonitions and information available both on the our own staff-run homepage of www.pilgrimplace.org and the landing page for the resident-run Campus Portal. In both places you will find a prominent red button. The first reads “COVID-19 UPDATES” and can be found at pilgrimplace.org/covid-19. The second reads “COVID-19 Alerts” and can be found at webmaster9326.wixsite.com/mysite-1-1/alerts-priority-announcements after entering the Campus Portal password or by clicking on the link here if online.

When in doubt, ask the person responsible for the announcement or heed developments in our own “self-isolation” as we avoid meeting in groups of ten persons or more.

As I am writing it is reported that 6,500 people have already died, 70 of them in the USA, with 181,000 confirmed cases of infection worldwide, roughly 4,400 of those in the USA. The figures change rapidly. More current statistics derived from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins can be found via this link: <http://bit.ly/2vwMcqy>.

For the geek in each of us the **Washington Post** offers a “corona simulator” which shows what “physical distancing” and barriers can do to help stop the virus spread <https://wapo.st/2UliEV4>.

Reports from the Spanish ‘flu’ pandemic recall that 750,000 persons died over a three-year period. If you are curious, other “famous” corona viruses include but are not limited to MERS, SARS, HCoV-NH – (named for New Haven, CT), HKU1 (Hong Kong), NL and NL63 (Netherlands) B814 and OC —a fascinating and tragic story.

— Jim Dwyer