

# The Presby News

## Canby Presbyterian Church

### April 2020 Newsletter

#### Pastor's Pen April 2020

**Isaiah 41:10** *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

There is an old curse that says "May you live in interesting times. I am not sure these times are all that interesting (I know some who are very bored), but they certainly are troubled times.

The session, deacons, and I are dedicated to leading this congregation safely through this time of isolation and fear. The session made the decision to continue with the cancellation of in person meetings and worship for the next month, or until the governor declares that it is safe to meet in groups again.

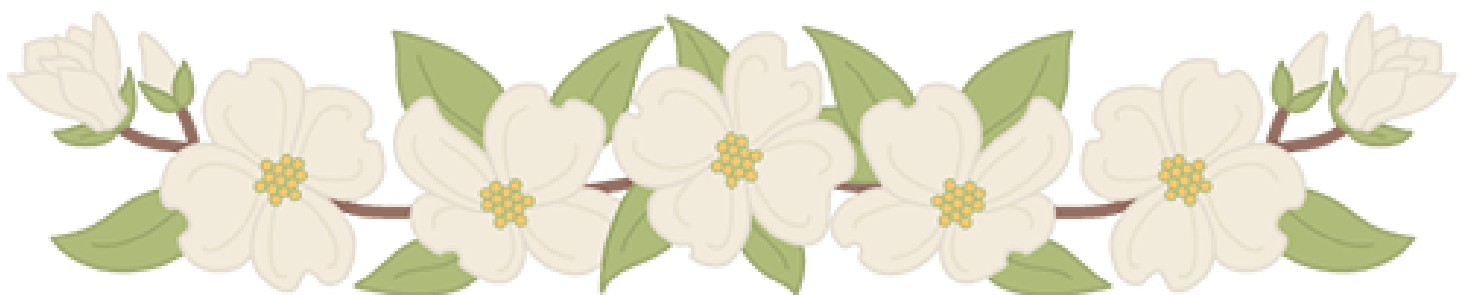
This means that committees can do needed business through email, phone, or by zoom computer meetings. Worship is still being live streamed on Facebook on Sunday's at 9:30 am and can be viewed in its entirety after it is completed. The session decided that we will cancel the Maundy Thursday and joint Good Friday service. Instead, we will celebrate Passion Sunday on April 5th.

The bulletin for Sunday worship is being emailed in PDF form (just like the newsletter) to the prayer tree and the sermon is being emailed Sunday morning. The text of the sermon is also posted on the church's website. If you would like to be added to the email prayer tree to receive these things call the church and let me know. We know that not everyone has access to Facebook and computers, so we are sending out bulletins and hard copies of sermons by mail to those people. Once again, if you know of someone who would like these mailed to them let me know.

Please know that I am still working in the church during my usual hours (I am the only one here and you can't get more isolated than that). I am happy to take a phone call or help out in any way I can. Please check in with each other by phone, or email, or even a letter or postcard. We may have to be separated in body, but we do not need to be separated in spirit.

Most of all stay home and stay safe. It is a scary time right now and people we all know will get this virus, and some people we know my die from it. Just a reminder that God is with us during this time and through faith we will get through this together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve





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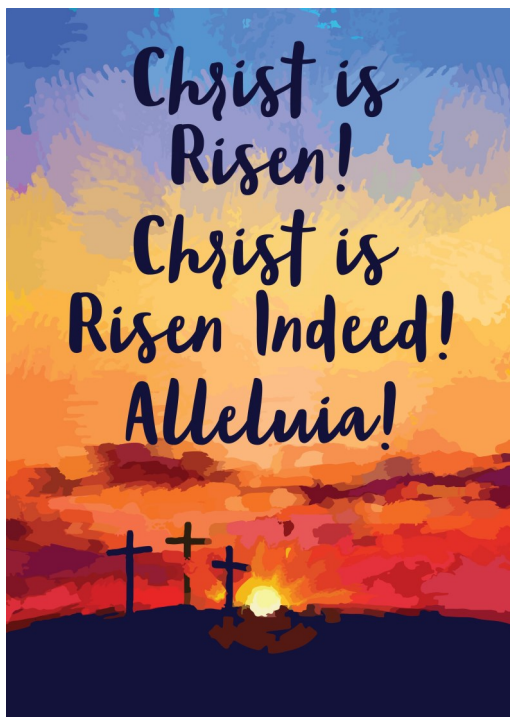
### Lectors

Apr. 5        Marge Frazeur  
 Apr. 12      Marge Frazeur  
 Apr. 19      Kathy Merrill  
 Apr. 26

### Deacon Bulletin Delivery

Apr. 5        Kathy Merrill  
 Apr. 12      Jody Olson  
 Apr. 19      Marian Cordiner  
 Apr. 26      Betty Rehn

**Flower Care**  
 Barb Vanstrom



### Attention Hospitality:

*Serving Supplies (cups, napkins, silverware, etc.) are now located in the cupboard of the former sound room in the Chapel. Cookies are in the refrigerator in the basement.*

## Church Events This Month

**Sun. Apr. 5, 9:30 am      Clunky Can Offering**

Currently all in person worship and meetings are cancelled. Committee leaders will be contacting committee members to arrange meetings via phone, email, or zoom as necessary.

April 2020						
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26	27	28	29	30		



Apr. 1, Patty Gubrud  
 Apr. 6, Reid Merrill  
 Apr. 17, Nathanael Rehn, Katie Groenhoff, Krystle Thovson  
 Apr. 18, Brad Rhea  
 Apr. 20, Cheryl Melby



4-25-52, Wayne & Donna Monke

If you would like to request prayers and to activate the **Prayer Tree**, please contact Pastor Steve Tyykila by his cell phone, 651-341-5336 or use the church email address, [fpccanby@gmail.com](mailto:fpccanby@gmail.com) (messages left on the church's answering machine may not be retrieved in a timely manner). The Pastor will then make the necessary contacts to begin the prayer tree lists. Thank you.



**Pastor's Schedule:** Pastor Steve Tyykila is available to talk with you either as a drop-in or a scheduled appointment during his regular office hours, Mon - Thurs, 8 am - 4 pm. Also please let him know if you or a family member would like a visitation. He is always available for EMERGENCY calls at (651-341-5336).

**Stay Connected:** [www.fpccanby.org](http://www.fpccanby.org) is the church website with calendar info. Find us on Facebook (First Presbyterian Church of Canby, MN) The church email address is: [fpccanby@gmail.com](mailto:fpccanby@gmail.com)

**Our Sunday Morning Service is 9:30 am.**



A Warm  
**Welcome**

#### MEMORIAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS

*IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ARE SUGGESTED:*

- BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS • ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
- LANDSCAPING • MISSION PROJECTS • LIBRARY
- UNDESIGNATED • MUSIC



#### Facebook Live Worship and offerings

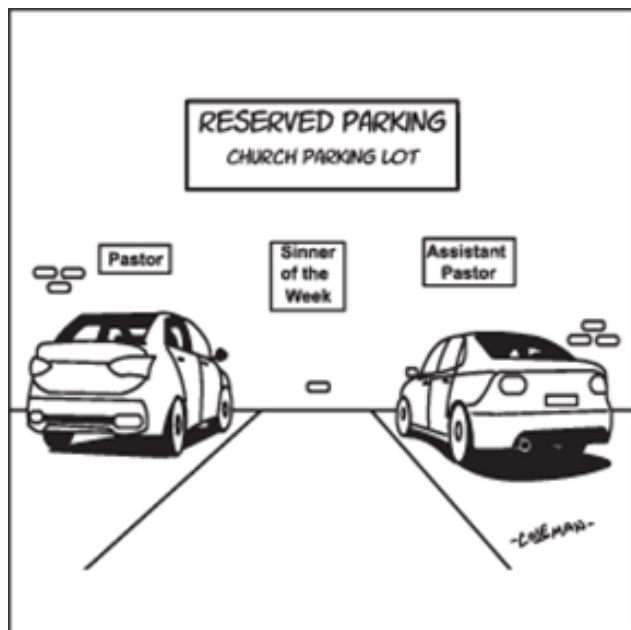
We may not be able to meet together in person, but we are still doing the Sunday services on Facebook. The service is live streamed on Sunday morning around 9:30 am and then is available in it's entirety afterwards. A big thank you to Chuck Houtman for doing sound, hymnplayer. And PowerPoint, to my lectors Karen Houtman, Kathy Merrill, and Marge Frazeur, and especially to Genevieve Tyykila for running the camera for the Facebook Live Posts.


Go to: [https://www.facebook.com/fpccanby/?eid=ARD5a5rq-XI1sXTgNPxxCtgwGivKmpYXndVxvCVT3kRNUFjSFMYPBsLoT-wqc\\_ePuyn3bOiauUK\\_gDYPc8](https://www.facebook.com/fpccanby/?eid=ARD5a5rq-XI1sXTgNPxxCtgwGivKmpYXndVxvCVT3kRNUFjSFMYPBsLoT-wqc_ePuyn3bOiauUK_gDYPc8)

In addition we ask that you mail in your tithes and offerings to the church.










Presents


## COFFEE WITH JESUS

Great Physician. Wonderful Counselor.





It's almost like you've caused the whole world to take a break, Jesus.

Like a Sabbath rest.




I don't cause crises, Lisa, but in all things I will work for the good of those who love God.





I'm sorry, Jesus. I didn't mean to suggest that you...



Don't worry about it, Lisa.

On the other hand, if people find themselves in crisis? They won't find a better friend.

©Radio Free Babylon®. All rights reserved. Jesus is the enemy of sickness. Most of his public ministry was healing the sick. Right now we're all sick. Whether the virus has found us yet or not, we're sick with fear and anxiety. That's a really good time to run to Jesus, the Great Physician, the Wonderful Counselor. All the church marquees right now say, "Don't fear." That's a tough prescription, but it's what he prescribes. We'll get through this. This is unlike anything. Ever. It feels like a reset.

## Loosed from death

Almost 100 years ago, one-time U.K. poet laureate John Masefield wrote a play called *The Trial of Jesus*. In it, the centurion who oversaw Jesus' execution returns to give Pontius Pilate an official report. When Pilate's wife requests and receives details about the crucifixion, she asks, "Do you think he is dead?" Despite what he had witnessed, the centurion answers, "No, lady, I don't."

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Confused, Pilate's wife inquires, "Then where is he?" The man's response: "Let loose in the world, where none can stop his truth."

Indeed, as 2 Timothy 2:9 (ESV) attests, "The word of God is not bound!"

## **Session Synopsis- March 15, 2020**

\*Income was less than expenses for March by a minus \$413.96. Year to date income was less than expenses by a minus \$9,772.96. \$395 was spent on the manse furnace maintenance. \$140 was spent on snow removal. There were no other unusual expenses.

\*Pastor- Following discussion, action was taken to suspend all church activities until April 1 and reconsider at that time if further suspension is necessary.

\*CAMA- Baby Closet items have been moved to the back of The Connection.

\*Clerk- Invitation from Dawson Session to meet with them on April 1 was proposed to be moved to April 15. Action was taken to tentatively accept that invitation.

\*Christian Education/Outreach- a total of eight youth are expected to attend camp this summer. Fundraisers are being planned. Rev. Andy Davis from St. Peter has been invited to be with us on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00PM to speak about renewable energy. Hat Daze plans are underway.

\*Finance Property- the annual manse inspection was completed and submitted to the Presbytery.

\*Worship/Hospitality- Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. The annual Worship in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, July 26. Kathryn Groenhoff, Erica Arends and Betty Rehn volunteered to assist Pastor Steve with the church's Facebook page. Along with Genevieve Tyykila, they will also assist in taping the church service for live streaming. Morgan Tyykila will be graduating from High School this Spring and will be honored on May 24, following the Worship Service.

\*Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, subject to change.

## **Remembering Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

The Christian church commemorates Dietrich Bonhoeffer — pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi spy — on April 9, the anniversary of his 1945 martyrdom. Among his much-loved writings are nuggets of wisdom such as these:

“Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.” (The Cost of Discipleship)

“In normal life we hardly realize how much more we receive than we give, and life cannot be rich without such gratitude. It is so easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements compared with what we owe to the help of others.” (Letters and Papers from Prison)

“The table fellowship of Christians implies obligation. It is our daily bread that we eat, not my own. We share our bread. Thus we are firmly bound to one another not only in the Spirit but in our whole physical being. The one bread that is given to our fellowship links us together in a firm covenant.” (Life Together)

