

# The Presby News

## Canby Presbyterian Church

### May 2020 Newsletter



#### **Pastor's Pen May 2020**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** *You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come. For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them!*

**Ephesians 4:1-6** *I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

**Isaiah 26:20** *Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath is past.*

The above verses are a sampling of what comes up if you google “Bible verses about isolation.” Although the meaning of these verses seems straight forward and applicable to our situation I also want to emphasize that the context they were written in and the meaning based upon the verses around them may not be as cut and dry as they may appear. I’ll say it again, context, context, context. Certainly the verses from 2 Timothy can apply to any time in human history!

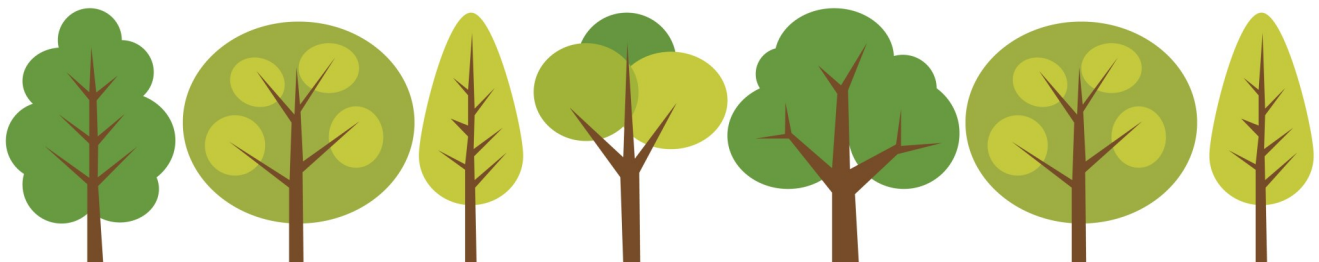
At the same time, they certainly do seem to say something to us about the position we are in while fighting the covid-19 virus and the decisions some are making to ease restrictions, and some who are flouting the restrictions outright in the name of freedom or religious liberty.

As of this writing it is likely some restrictions will be eased regarding stores and other businesses being open. At the same time the heads of most mainline denominations are saying that churches should continue with their practices of online services and social distancing. To open too soon is to risk the health of everyone who attends, and since over 90% of our congregation falls into at least one category of higher risk individuals, our session has decided to continue with the Facebook live services for the month of May, and maybe longer. History shows us that opening things up too quickly causes a much higher spike of cases. Just look at the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918 if you need a good example of this.

Having said this, there is one other point I need to make. If you look at the financial sheet for March, you’ll see our income is not matching our expenses. It is looking like April is not going to be much better. I know for some of us times may be hard, and I am not asking anyone to sacrifice their well-being in favor of the church, but I also know that some may have not gotten around to sending in their offering, and we do need it.

As always, if you would like to get ahold of me, I will be keeping my normal office hours at the church, and you all have my cell phone number. I am happy to talk with you. Stay safe, be well, and wear a mask if you do go into a store.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve





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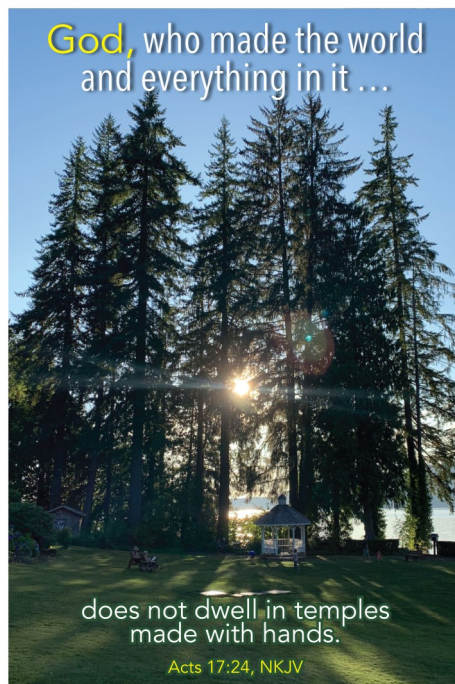
*Pastor: Rev, Steve Tyykila*  
*Cell: 1-651-341-5336*

### Lectors

May 3 Kathy Merrill  
 May 10 Marge Frazeur  
 May 17 Kathy Merrill  
 May 24 Marge Frazeur  
 May 31 Kathy Merrill

### Deacon Bulletin Delivery

May 3 Kathy Merrill  
 May 10 Chuck Houtman  
 May 17 Dede Burlingame  
 May 24 Betty Rehn  
 May 31 Jody Olson



God, who made the world  
 and everything in it ...

does not dwell in temples  
 made with hands.

Acts 17:24, NKJV

### Flower Care

Jody Olson

### 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. May 3, 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.

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May 1, Neva Hacker  
 May 7, Betty Hannah  
 May 12, Pastor Steve Tyykila  
 May 13, Lyle Tobin, Terry Yackley  
 May 17, Earl McDaniel  
 May 18, Anaceli Maldonado  
 May 20, Doug Frazeur  
 May 22, Norma DeWit  
 May 25, Erica Arends  
 May 28, Sherry Nelson, Genevieve Tyykila  
 May 29, Myron Busse  
 May 30, Donna Lopau, Betsy Tetrick



5-26-12, Nathanael & Kimberly Rehn

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

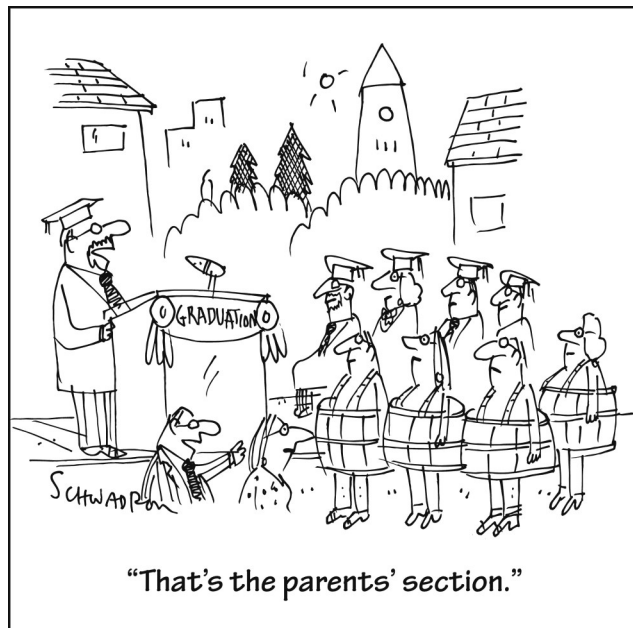
We may not be able to meet together in person, but we are still doing the Sunday services on Facebook. The service is live streamed on Sunday morning around 9:30 am and then is available in its entirety afterwards. A big thank you to Chuck Houtman for doing the sound, hymnplayer. And PowerPoint, to my lectors 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.







**RFB** Presents

**COFFEE WITH JESUS**

**The New Normal**

So this is the new normal. No church, no extended family, no school, no bakery, no place to have my roots dyed. No day spa. <Sigh>

I like how you prioritized that list, Lisa. I appreciate that.

But think of the pandemic of 1918. They would've loved Zoom, Webex and FaceTime.

You're right, Jesus. I need to see the bright side. It could be worse.

And even if it *does* get worse, Lisa, I am the calm in the storm.

Stay close.

©Radio Free Babylon • All rights reserved. We've all had to adjust and adapt. Many of you have lost livelihoods, loved ones even. We're not through this yet, and it very well could get worse. We aren't assured of tomorrow. Jesus reminds us in the Word (as does his brother James in even stronger terms). When you go to the grocery store with a mask on, be thankful you still have a grocery store to go to. Does the produce section still have goods? Thank God. It's rough out there. Hang on.

## The wine of the Spirit

"No one puts new wine into old wineskins," said Jesus (Luke 5:37). Drawing on this statement, a preacher in sixth-century Africa proclaimed in a Pentecost homily:

"It was with good reason, then, that some people, when they heard the apostles speaking in every tongue, said, 'They are filled with the new wine.' For they had become fresh wineskins, they had been renewed by the grace of holiness, so that when they were filled with the new wine, that is, with the Holy Spirit, they spoke with fervor in every tongue. ...



"Celebrate, then, this day as members of the one body of Christ. Your celebration will not be in vain if you are what you celebrate, if you hold fast to the church which the Lord filled with his Holy Spirit."

Fifteen centuries later, may that call still resonate with us. May we be so renewed by God's grace as to be worthy vessels of the new wine of the Holy Spirit — and to share it with the world.

## “God is not a workaholic”

In Sabbath as Resistance, Walter Brueggemann likens our consumerism-driven society to ancient Egypt. Hebrew slaves made bricks for store-houses for the wealth of the upper class, at the top of which sat Pharaoh. Now, as then, the push is always to do more, earn more, make more; we worry there’s not enough time or money. “In this system there can be no Sabbath rest,” says the author.

Yet, at the culmination of creation, “God rested on the seventh day. God did not show up to do more. ... God did not come and check on creation in anxiety to be sure it was all working.” And “because the creator is anxiety-free,” we can be too. “God is not a workaholic,” writes Brueggemann. “God does not keep jacking up production schedules. To the contrary, God rests, confident, serene, at peace.” God’s rest, in turn, gives us — who are created in his image — a “restfulness that contradicts the ‘drivenness’” of Pharaoh’s Egypt and modern society.



## Trust the Artist

We must offer ourselves to God like a clean, smooth canvas and not worry ourselves about what God may choose to paint on it, but at each moment, feel only the stroke of his brush. ... It is the same with a piece of stone. Each blow from the sculptor’s chisel makes it feel ... as if it were being destroyed. ... All I know is that I must stay immobile in the hands of the sculptor. ... I have no idea what he is doing ... but I know his work is the best possible.

—Jean Pierre de Caussade



## Virtual Graduation



Morgan Tyykila will be graduating from Canby High School May 22nd. She will be attending U of M Morris with a double major in musical theater and history. She plans to then get her masters degree in library science.

The plan was to have a graduation party in the fellowship hall the Sunday before that, but because of the virus restrictions that is not possible. We are asking that people send her a congratulatory card around May 23rd, Depending on the loosening of restrictions there may be a party at a later date. Please send cards to: Morgan Tyykila 107 Pine Ave N. Canby MN 56220. We are trying to keep this a secret, so keep this on the down low!