



THE CORNERSTONE



September 2020

Our Vision

We envision a church that proclaims the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ by identifying itself as a church of and for our community.

We envision a church that, following the example of Jesus, prays, welcomes people of every race, class or human condition, and encourages everyone to fulfill his or her ministry.



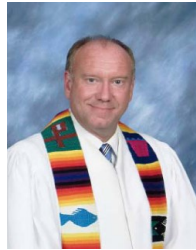
SESSION

- Letha Chadiha
Clerk of Session
- Jim Albers, Treasurer
- Paul Backer
- Lori Davis
- Glen Dunmore
- Candi Moss
- Sandi Moss
- Florence Reavis
- Linda Scott
- Sherry Templeton

DEACONS

- Will Burks
- Anne Durant
- Heather Klinkenberg
- Donna Lenhart
- Betty Lynk
- Paul Maddox
- Sylvia Payne
- Cindy Perucca
- Carol Thomas

Kirk News



I am sickened.

Almost every week we've seen another Black man killed by law enforcement; shot seven times in the back, died with a knee on his neck, died while naked head in a bag, shot in your own bed, killed while walking, shot while jogging. In the midst of a pandemic we are in the midst of a crisis of law enforcement and too many murders by police. Members of our congregation are deeply impacted and we struggle, grieve, anguish and act together. What are we expected to do? Sit by? No. We must respond. Black Lives Matter. Your life matters. Four Hundred years of oppression continues in insidious and pervasive ways against People of Color. We continue to stand and walk and sit for justice.

And now I am more concerned about our nation now more than I ever have been. Our fabric as a nation is strained, we are all hurting. Shooting and murder by opposing groups in Portland is a dangerous trend. Violence has no place in our discourse, no matter how passionate and angry we may be. Democracy is fragile, we are fragile. As people of faith our ability to speak matters. We are grateful to have voices and yet in the Coronavirus pandemic we are limited in how we respond. But we respond.

We are here for you. I am available for you wherever you are. I will come and sit with you (outside, with a mask). Or call, text or email and we will connect.

Saturday, August 29 we provided 300 bags of food for our neighbors in a drive by food pantry. It was quite a day, food pantry, my birthday and leading my mom's funeral service on Zoom. Oh and I turned 65. I'm truly grateful for all of God's gifts and even the challenges of 2020.

2020 the year that keeps on giving. Usually I believe I'm pretty, very optimistic, however this year we've had pandemic, extreme economic contraction, murder of Black men at the hands of the police, hurricanes, fires and a sense of challenges for many of us. Every month I've written that I can't believe how long the Coronavirus pandemic has gone on, and we don't see an end in sight.

But we have had bright spots, worship on Zoom has been a true blessing. I feel almost as connected on Zoom as I do in live worship.

Let's work together, pray together and journey together in this unprecedented, really unprecedented time.

Rev. Kirk P. Perucca, Pastor



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Worship

Hello Covenant Friends!

I have enjoyed our Zoom services so much on Sunday mornings! I was unsure about virtual worship when we started back in March, but it has grown on me. Seeing my church family's faces, hearing your voices, still having those connections--this has been an integral part of keeping my life grounded when everything else has been so up in the air and weird. I love that we get to see our far-flung friends so regularly (Hey, Doug Tilton!) and that people can join by video or phone or whatever they are comfortable with. If you haven't been joining us, due to technology issues or anxiety about technology or just not liking the idea of Zoom, I'd encourage you to reach out for some tech help, try it for one week, and see if the online (or over the phone) connection works for you the way it has for me. We'd love to see your face and/or hear your voice!

Corey Price

Zoom Church Links

Children's Sunday School (10:00 A.M.)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74959493530?pwd=ZWpxdEY3b0FTaGt5N0tiQ2tYmZy4dz09>

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Sunday Worship (10:30 A.M.)

Bible Study (Wednesday 7:00 P.M.)

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Worship Leaders

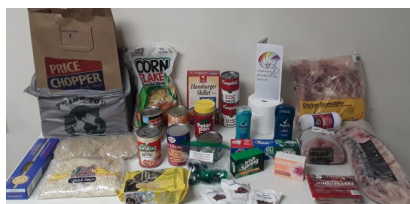
September 06	Corey Price
September 13	Linda Scott
September 20	Brad Smith
September 27	Lori Davis



Food Pantry

In August we fed 630 households, comprised of 1,070 adults, 1,070 children, and 135 seniors. So far this year we have fed 2,753 households; Last year we helped serve 4,283 households.

With the help of staff, church members, and volunteers we were able to distribute 300 bags of toiletries and food to the community at our curbside pantry on Saturday, August 29.



September 09	Nadine Stovall
September 15	Holly Worthy
September 20	Lela Dunmore
September 25	Willie Dunmore
September 26	Bob Krenzle
September 26	Corey Price
September 26	Sam Johnson
September 28	Carole Thomas
September 30	Lewis Fairchild
September 30	Joseph Nelson

How You Are

If you would like to let us, the church, know how you are doing during the Coronavirus pandemic, the struggle for racial justice, your economic reality, your spiritual place, or anything else, you are welcome to send an email or write what you are thinking or feeling. Please let us know if we can share it; If not we will not share it.