

# The Chimes

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Dear Members and Friends,

At Tuesday's meeting, the Session voted to continue with online worship, meetings, and other activities through August, and not to gather in person. I know that this comes as a disappointment to many of you who are eager to gather; it disappoints me too, but I also think it is the right decision. Worship services have been "super spreader events" around the country. There have been COVID outbreaks at a number of churches, some local. Several other area churches have begun worshiping in person, but attendance is very small. With the increasing number of cases in east central Illinois, many folks remain understandably uncomfortable about being in large groups. And the restrictions about wearing masks, not singing, social distancing, and making a reservation—necessary as they are—also feel onerous for a worship service. So here we are . . .

Having little control over the situation—besides practicing hand hygiene, keeping our distance from others, and wearing a mask over our mouths and noses—is frustrating! Individually, we can do all the right things, but if others ignore the guidance from medical professionals, you and I and the people we love are at risk.

Let us continue to do what we can and should do. Let us pray for those who are ill and those who care for them. Let us pray for unity of purpose for our divided nation. Let us pray for leaders to be wise and compassionate. Let us pray.

## *Prayer for a Pandemic*

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
remember those who are most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health and making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when their schools close  
remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
remember those who have no place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.  
During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other  
let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Ann

## **Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

On Sunday, **August 2**, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our live-streamed service. Before worship begins at **9:45**, prepare the elements for yourself. Any kind of bread or cracker will do, and any kind of juice or wine (or water, if that's what you have) is appropriate. Follow along in the communion liturgy following the sermon. You will know what to do!

## **Being Church in August**

- **Daily Devotions:** A brief time devotion and prayer will continue **Monday through Thursday mornings** at **9:45** on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch. Go to this link <https://www.facebook.com/FPCDANVILLE61832>. It is recorded and available on the church FB page if you miss the livestream. If you cannot access the devotions on a device and would like copies, let me know; I send them to a number of people every week.
- **Sunday Worship:** We will have "virtual worship" again this month. We're using the church's Facebook page to stream the services. Whether or not you have a Facebook page, you can still watch the video. Go to this link at **9:45 a.m.** on Sundays: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCDANVILLE61832>. A recording is posted on the First Presbyterian Church, Danville, IL YouTube channel immediately following the service. Here is the link for that: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjf1HVK8gZCU5BEs4yj08PQ>. If you cannot access the worship service on a device, let me know; I am happy to mail you a copy of the sermon every week.
- **Mid-week Check-ins:** We will continue to gather on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at **6:30** for a mid-week check-in. I send an invitation and password early in the week, and if you want to attend, click on the link provided and provide the password if it's requested. FYI: the invitation, password, and link are unique to each meeting, so you cannot use the ones from previous gatherings.
- **Tech Deacons:** If you need assistance accessing Facebook or Zoom, contact one of the following who can talk you through the basics of getting connected: Anne Binette (217-799-5004), Jason Binette (217-597-3021), Becky Briggs (217-474-9730), Josh Compton (217-516-2897), Matt Smiley (217-799-1039), or Sheila Smiley (217-799-0018).

## **Coffee Talk is Back!**

Following the live-streamed worship service on **August 23**, we will have a Zoom coffee hour and Coffee Talk with the Session. You will receive a link for the Zoom call in the e-pistle with that Sunday's bulletin. It will be a great opportunity to see one another's faces and to hear from your ruling elders. You will have to provide your own cookies and coffee!

## **Church Picnic Cancelled**

The Deacons have voted to cancel the September 2020 church picnic at Kennekuk given the pandemic restrictions on gathering (and eating) in large groups.

## **Blood Drive**

Thanks to all who donated blood on **July 26**. As a result of the ten pints given, up to 30 lives will be saved/extended.

## **Session Highlights**

The Session met via Zoom on July 28, 2020:

- 11 out of 12 elders were present
- Voted to worship virtually and keep the building closed during August
- Cancelled the use of the church for the performance of "A Christmas Carol" in November
- Approved a bid for \$8,400 to reseal the church parking lot
- Revised the building use policy to include a sanitizing fee of \$50 per room used by outside groups
- Reviewed preliminary bid from CV Lloyde for necessary upgrades to the sanctuary sound system and discussed funding possibilities. The session is waiting for a revised bid before a final vote on the project.

## Facilities Updates

The church parking lot will be resealed and new lines will be painted soon. It's important, for the long-term life of the pavement, for that to be done every few years.

New cement has been poured outside the gym door. The old slab was cracked and uneven—and thus was a tripping hazard. For security and for temperature control, the window and coal chute to the right of the gym door have been bricked up. Eventually the gym door will be replaced.

Thanks to Nick de Place for overseeing these projects!

## Per Capita

Each member of the congregation is asked to pay \$42 for the year's per capita charge. The fees are divided among the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly, and support the work of the larger church. So far, 47 individuals have paid their per capita for 2020, totaling \$2,106. What is not paid by members comes from the budget. You may send a check for your \$42 to Paula at the church address; write "2020 per capita" in the memo line.

## Financial Support

The Session encourages you to maintain your financial support of the church. We continue to pay staff and all the usual bills during the shutdown. **Mail your contributions to the church.** The post office is holding our mail, which Paula picks up at least twice a week.

## Online Giving

We now have two safe and secure options for giving to the church online. You can indicate when you give if you want your offering to go to the general fund, the deacons' fund, or memorials.

- 1) Use the GivePlus Mobile App which you can access from your smart phone. Attached are written instructions and Questions and Answers and/or you can review [this video](#) (YouTube link) for assistance in setting up an account.
- 2) [Click here](#) to use online giving on your home computer. As with the Mobile App, you will set up an account with your email address and a password.

## Memorials

In July, memorials were given in honor of:

*Rosemary Curtis*

George & Karen Schildt

*Steve Faulkner*

George & Libby Milner

George & Karen Schildt

*Margaret Murphy*

George & Libby Milner

*Barbara Stover*

George & Libby Milner

*Charles Winchester*

George & Libby Milner

George & Karen Schildt

## August Birthdays

Maggie Compton	Aug 1	Mary Hardy	Aug 15
Harlie Huckelby	Aug 2	Samantha Grimes	Aug 17
Bob Iverson	Aug 4	Connie Lovell	Aug 20
Mary Dison	Aug 7	Jamarion Harris	Aug 22
Belinda Bowler	Aug 8	Amy Iverson	Aug 23

Alice Faulkner	Aug 8	Kristin (Verkler) Kowalczuk	Aug 24
Gracie Briggs	Aug 11	Kaylee Sykes	Aug 27
Madison Peaslee	Aug 12	Tyler Whitehair	Aug 28
Janet Martin	Aug 13	Carryl Fox	Aug 29
Susie Townsley	Aug 13		

### August Anniversaries

Mike & Bev Royce	Aug 4	Stephen & Judy Laker	Aug 16
Bob & Judy Iverson	Aug 12	Bob & Nancy Boesdorfer	Aug 16
George & Karen Schildt	Aug 15	Nick & Pat de Place	Aug 26

### Congratulations

Kristin Verkler and Nick Kowalczuk were married on July 18 in Michigan. Kristin is Jean Land's daughter. The lovely Meghan Verkler served as her sister's maid of honor. If you'd like to send your good wishes to the couple, their address is 1670 Mill St., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

### Updated Contact Information

Effective immediately, Libby Milner's new email address is [milnerlib@gmail.com](mailto:milnerlib@gmail.com).

Mike and Karen Gibson's street address in the church directory is incorrect. It is 14885 Lee Rd., Danville 61834.

Jennifer Debenham has moved. Her new address is 1500 Valleyview #116, Danville 61832.

### Presbytery News

For the safety of everyone involved, all Presbytery and (Presbytery) committee meetings of more than 10 people will be conducted virtually at least through the end of 2020. The next Presbytery meeting will be on **August 20, 10:00 am**, on Zoom.

### Current prayer needs (updated July 31)

**Meghan Verkler; Mary Thompson; Dean Tarr; John Smiley; Sam Carey (L. Taylor) Sue Meranda (Pastor Ann's mother-in-law);** Joyce Schmitt; Nancy Winchester; George Milner; Jennifer Debenham; Jacob Sykes; Susie Townsley; Fred Rinkenher (E. Gramm's brother); Nicole Zoyer (S. Smiley); Jonathan Kanouff (K. Whitehair's nephew); Kendra McClure (B. McHone); Virginia Wiederhirn; Dee Toole; Jessica Sykes; Rossi Rennaker (B. and J. Martin); Lindsay (L. Taylor); Holly White (Sarah Smiley); Linda Pyles (R. Pancoast's sister); Jim and Linda Corley (M. Thompson); Ann Milner Ostrom (G./L. Milner's daughter); Carolyn Walser; Linda Foster (C. Lovell's sister); Keegan Cunningham (I. de Torres's boyfriend); Frank Jones (R. Cornwell's brother-in-law); Anne Larsen and family (R. Torrey's friend); Steve & Esther Rhodes (B. Creamer); Shirley Creamer; David Minesinger (S. Creamer's son); Joanne Chacon; Zoe Luchetti (J. Laker's great niece); Mike McHone; Leah McDowell; Dave Schroeder; Erin Cox (S. Smiley); Lincoln Downing (S. Smiley); J.B. Jenkins; Linda Ball (M. Thompson); Esther Williams; Karl Steiner (Pastor Ann); Brad Larson; James Dixon; Jeanette Smith (F. Smith's mom); Kelly's sister; Joyce Varcoeur (W. Williams' sister); Sally Masters; Melvin Robinson (J. Laker); Autumn Schildt; Morris Cline (J. Cline's dad); Julia Vehlewald (F. Pancoast's mom); Jeff & Cindy Benefield; Phronsie Hart (P. Tarr's sister-in-law); Larry Mullins (L. Cline); Linda Knoblett (E. Cornwell); Amanda Weaver; Tamalyn Cervin (H. Bury); Laurie Keys (L. Cline); John Grygiel (L. Curtis' friend); Wayne Styck (K. Delzell's brother-in-law); Edward Conrad (J. Land's dad); Leonardo Luchetti (J. Laker's great-nephew); Ramona Barnes (M. Hardy's friend); Pat Stevens (Cornwells).

**Those who mourn:** the family of **John Sant**.

**Ongoing needs:** Teresa Andrews; Diane Bales; Kay Barrett (R. Pancoast's sister); Phil Briggs (D. Briggs' dad); Norma Burch; Iris McHone-Chase (B. McHone's granddaughter); Libby Carter (K. Whitehair's sister); Pastor Trent Cloin (L. Cline's friend); Carlene Coddington (Mullins' friend); Roger Cornwell; Jim Cumbow (G. Cumbow's son); Wayne Dawes (Clines' friend); Mary Dison; Marj Gilliland; Ray Griffith; Mary Jane Johnson (R. Pancoast's sister); Jean Keefer; Irma "Slick" Keith;

Deronda Kimberlin; Pat Kuhs; Brian Lemenager; John C. Mason, Jr.; Bob Miller (C. McLinden's friend); John Mosser; Debbie Mullins; Natalie Mullins; Barb Nelson (S. Townsley's friend) Suzanne Otterbacher; Kathy Parks; Don Perry; Bob Pyles (R. Pancoast's brother-in-law); Rick Reebee (S. Townsley's friend); John Rinkenberger (E. Gramm's nephew); Jayne Robinson (J. Laker's sister); Amie Rodgers; Jake Ruder; June Seitzinger; Katie Slezak (Curtis family); Denise Smith (B. Royce's cousin); Lois Stevenson; Virginia Stewart; Jack Thomas; Gary Waller; Carolyn Walser; Marjorie Young

**Babies on the Way:** Scott and Chelsie Hardy (due in September); Bobby and Sara Cornwell (due in November); Daniel and Kimberly Wells (due in September/D. and N. Burch); **Kathryn Torrey and Timothy Flood (due in late January)**

**Candidate for Ministry:** James Potts

**Theological Students:** Mary Hoss; Joseph Compton

# AUGUST 2020

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MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

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Live = live-streamed on Facebook

Z = Zoom call

Men's Group  
Charlotte's 8:00

02

Worship Live 9:45  
COMMUNION

03

Devotions Live 9:45  
Faith Dev Team Z 2:30  
Facilities Team Z 5:00

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Devotions Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45  
Midweek Check-in Z 6:30

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Devotions Live 9:45

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No Devotions

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Worship Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45  
Midweek Check-in Z 6:30

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Devotions Live 9:45

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No Devotions

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Worship Live 9:45  
Worship Team Z 11:15

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Devotions Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45  
Session Z 6:00

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Devotions Live 9:45  
Midweek Check-in Z 6:30

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Devotions Live 9:45  
Presbytery Meeting Z 10:00

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No Devotions

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Worship Live 9:45  
Coffee Talk with Session Z 10:30

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Devotions Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45  
Midweek Check-in Z 6:30

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Devotions Live 9:45

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No Devotions

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Worship Live 9:45

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Devotions Live 9:45