

The PickWIC Papers

Westminster Presbyterian Church PCA



A Shelter-in-place Surprise

How do you celebrate a milestone birthday when you can't invite friends and family? Katy Schmid shares what she did.

I surprised Robert with a "drive around our circle drive and wave and honk" with nearby friends and neighbors for his 40th! I didn't tell the kids ahead of time so they wouldn't spill the beans, but was excited to see their reaction as well! It was super fun! The kids loved it as well! They counted 38 cars!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Take a look at who's been attending!

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TEXTS OF PRAISE

Praise the LORD! ...for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

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GOD OF COMFORT

Annie shares a paper from her World Religion class.



Good news!

(04/01) "I just got back from my Neuro appt. and everything is fine with my brain. I don't need to go back to Neuro. What the MRI found is basically just an abnormality to the way an artery in my brain is shaped but it's nothing at all to worry about. God is good. Thank you for all the prayers!"



Sunny Florida!

The Andersons have moved to their new home. Gerry's address is:



Worship Recording

With a restricted number of 10, the worship services have been scheduled on Friday or Saturday.

It seems a bit odd to go to church on Friday or Saturday morning, but what a joy to still be able to worship in our sanctuary together with a few from our church family. We are practicing social distancing and keeping things sanitized.

So far, along with the Jones family, some of the families or individuals who have attended these reduced gatherings include: the Fehrs, Franks, Goldens, Maynards, B. Meusers, Shannon, Jane, N. Schmids, and the R. Schmids.

After the recorded service, the Jones family (and hopefully others) have found it a sweet blessing to worship again on Sunday at 9 a.m., knowing the rest of you are worshipping along with the recording in your living rooms at the same time as we are. It gives us a sense of community and continuity even though we are not together physically. We miss you! You are all in our prayers. ~Lani Jones



Easter Worship at home with the Cannons!

Texts of Praise

"Miss you all and are so thankful for our church family!"

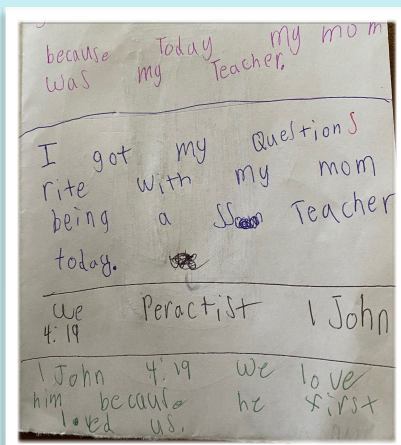
"Holy God, we praise your name!"

"God is good. I am grateful for family time and health!"

"He is risen! Alleluia!"

"Praising our conquering KING with you today!"

"Thinking of our church fellowship- be glad when we can meet again."

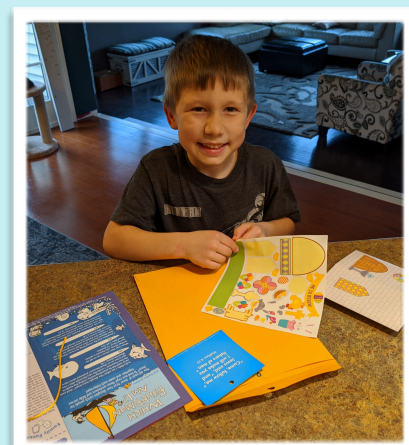


SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME

(left) A sweet card of encouragement from Kylie.

"Our memory verse, Psalm 121, went with the sermon! And Graham likes the suggestion to write to a missionary."

(right) "Miles got into this before I even got a chance to help him. Thank you!"



God of Comfort

By Annie Jones

My religion has been a source of comfort to myself and my family throughout my life and before I was born. Our faith in God is what we rely on in times of anxiety, stress, loss, or anger. It is also what we rejoice in in times of happiness, good news, and answered prayers. This comfort found in God is something many people don't have, even members of my family. I will say that I myself don't always feel this comfort, when I'm not trusting that God will do what He has promised. Because God is such a great Comforter, I want to discuss the difference in what my family used to believe and the struggles that produced with what they and I now believe and the comfort that gives.

To begin with, I want to compare and contrast the different beliefs my parents had when they were growing up and how that influenced what they believe now. My dad was brought up in a family that held with (and still holds with) a Oneness Pentecostal viewpoint. This produced a lot of uncertainty and unstableness in his life. He was taught that you have to work for your salvation which could be lost at any time, and that the sins he committed as a child might send his parents to hell. To have no assurance in your salvation and not even know if you are saved or not is something that would be stressful on anyone, but I think it can be severely stressful on a small child. As a result of these teachings, there was a lot of conflict in his home, and for a while there were very strained relationships between him and his family. Because of these teachings, he lived for most of his life without being a Christian.

My mom had different things taught to her. She grew up a Baptist, and remained one for many years. Baptists teach a very different message. They hold more in accordance with "Once saved, always saved". I believe this is true, but not in the way she experienced it: Practically speaking, you were saved from the time you said that you believed in God; and from then on, you may or may not actually do anything to act on your faith. You could, for example, give a profession of faith as a child, and never go to church or have any interaction with the Bible or God for the rest of your life, but because you gave that profession of faith, many would believe that you are saved eternally. (I am making a statement about my mother's experience, not an overall statement about all Baptists.)

Our faith in God is what we rely on in times of anxiety, stress, loss, or anger. It is also what we rejoice in in times of happiness, good news, and answered prayers.

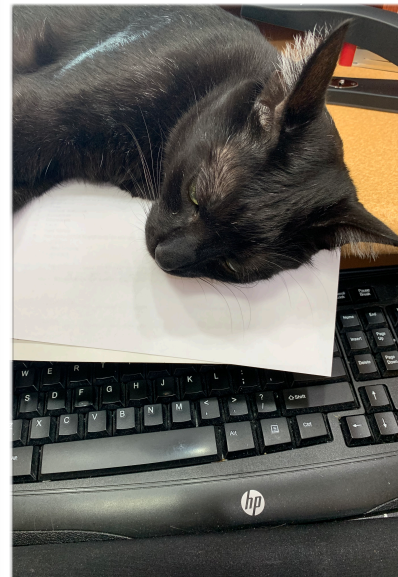
Fast forward to my parents believing in a Reformed Presbyterian doctrine. They have a balance between faith and works. What I mean by that is, God is the Author of salvation; they are saved by trusting in Jesus Christ alone, and there is nothing they can do to lose that salvation. The works that they do don't save them. However, because they have been saved, they believe that their hearts have been changed and they do good works BECAUSE of that, not in order to attain salvation. (cont'd)

This knowledge that their salvation is from God and cannot be lost brings about comfort in their lives. As I believe the same thing, I feel the same comfort in my own life. There is nothing I can do to send myself to hell once I've been saved, as my dad was taught as a child, but, contrary to the Baptist beliefs my mother was taught, my works as a Christian will flow out of a renewed heart and spirit. This comfort is something that is very meaningful in my life and an encouragement to me.

God's covenant relationship with us is the source of our relationship with one another. This is the glue of the Christian community. But community life must be cultivated and woman's helper design furnishes us with tools for the task. The true woman gives substantive, principled, diligent care to cultivating a sense of family in her home, and she collaborates and cooperates with other women to do the same in her church. This is the result of her identity as a redeemed daughter of the King.

The True Woman, by Susan Hunt

Olivia Frank has taken a nanny position which required her to move to South Carolina for the summer. We will miss you, Olivia!



Love, Midnight

"Do you have 'help' when you are trying to get your work done?"
~Shannon

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?

A recipe from Sally Fehr

Baked Chicken Chimichangas
8oz pkg. cream cheese
8oz. Pepperjack cheese, shredded
1 1/2 Tbsp. taco seasoning
1 lb. cooked chicken, shredded
8 flour tortillas
cooking spray
shredded cheddar cheese
green onions, for garnish
sour cream
salsa

Stir together cream cheese, Pepperjack cheese and taco seasoning.
Fold in chicken.
Divide among flour tortillas.
Tuck in sides, and roll up each tortilla.
Lay seam side down in a sprayed 9x13" baking dish.
Spray tops of tortillas with cooking spray.
Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.
Turn chimi's over, and bake an additional 15 minutes.
Serve with cheddar cheese, green onions, sour cream, and salsa.