



# July 2020



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu | Fri   | Sat  |
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| <p><i>Unless indicated all worship and meetings will be via Zoom.</i></p> |   |   | <p>1<br/>1:00 pm Sunday School: Gospel according to Peanuts<br/>6:00 pm Prayer Group<br/>6:30 pm Book Club</p>                                      | 2   | <p>3<br/><b>Little Pilgrims</b><br/><b>CLOSED</b></p> | <p>4</p>  |
| <p>5<br/>10:30 am Zoom Worship Service</p>                                | 6   | <p>7<br/>6:30 pm Board of Spiritual Life (may be in person at Heritage)</p> | <p>8 10:00 am WCA Ministers' Fellowship; 1:00 pm Sunday School: Cards to send to Heritage friends; 6:00 pm Prayer Group; 6:30 pm Book Club</p>      | 9   | 10  | 11   |
| <p>12<br/>10:30 am Zoom Worship Service</p>                               | <p>13<br/>7:00 pm Sr. High WCA Camp Zoom call</p> | <p>14<br/>7:00 pm Mini-Kamp WCA Camp Zoom call</p>                          | <p>15 1:00 pm Sunday School: Gospel according to Peanuts<br/>6:00 pm Prayer Group<br/>6:30 pm Book Club<br/>7:00 pm Jr. High WCA Camp Zoom call</p> | 16  | 17  | 18   |
| <p>19<br/>10:30 am Zoom Worship Service</p>                               | 20  | <p>21<br/>10:00 am Allied Partners</p>                                      | <p>22<br/>1:00 pm Sunday School: Gospel according to Peanuts<br/>6:00 pm Prayer Group<br/>6:30 pm Book Club</p>                                     | 23  | 24  | 25   |
| <p>26<br/>10:30 am Zoom Worship Service</p>                               | 27  | 28  | <p>29<br/>1:00 pm Sunday School: Gospel according to Peanuts<br/>6:00 pm Prayer Group<br/>6:30 pm Book Club</p>                                     | 30  | 31  |  |

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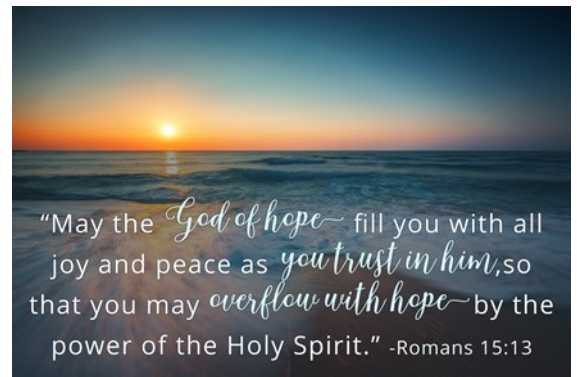
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# Minister's Musings

July is here! And who would have ever thought that social distancing and masks would still be critical? I had no idea when the quarantine began that we would still be worshipping and holding meetings via Zoom! How about you? What was your first impression of what life would be like in July?



Our Board of Trustees is working very hard to keep up to date on the latest recommendations for churches from the most reliable scientific sources. The Prudential Board is weighing in on these decisions as well, and when the Board of Spiritual Life meets this month, I'm sure that they will discuss this matter as well.

As a church, we want to be as safe as possible for all of our members. We are adhering closely to the guidelines set in place by Little Pilgrims' for them to be able to reopen safely. Elizabeth and I are back in the office part-time, but are both still working from home a good deal of the time.

Life is different, and yet we are connecting with our loved ones as best we can. We are worshipping God faithfully, and offering prayers for the betterment of our world. And, we are taking whatever action we can to end racism. This is a tough time, yet with God there is hope.

We offer our prayers to God knowing that God will answer. We give our troubles over to God, knowing that God welcomes our burdens. We trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to encourage and advise us on how to move forward.

You see, we are not alone. Not ever. God is with us, ready to walk with us. Our family, friends and neighbors are here for support. We have one another. That is why God gave us to each other.

So, take heart! Trust in God! Offer what you can in whatever way you can in whatever time you have, that our world might emerge from this great darkness and find our way to the light. God will not fail!

Pastor Cindy

**Church Office Hours**  
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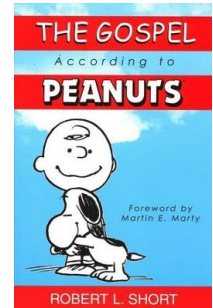
**Little Pilgrims' Hours**  
6:30am-5:30pm  
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## **Sunday School**

Hello all! Our Summer Sunday School is great fun! So far, we have looked at the book *The Gospel According to Peanuts* and created some beautiful art about what Heritage Church means to us.

In July we will continue with *Peanuts* and also make cards for some in our Heritage family. Please join us in July if you have not yet had the chance to do so! The more, the merrier!!



## **WCA Camp**



Exciting news from the WCA Youth and Camp Committee! Though camp is cancelled for this year, each level of camp will meet the week of camp for a campfire at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom! Here is the schedule:

- July 13—Senior High
- July 14—Mini-Kamp
- July 15—Junior High

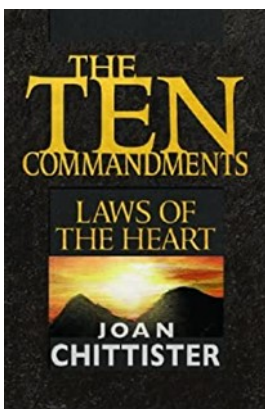
Pastor Cindy will send out the Zoom links as soon as they become available. Hope to see you there!!

## **Prayer Circle**

Our Prayer Circle continues to meet at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Pastor Cindy will send out the Zoom link each Monday or Tuesday. Please join us with the prayers of your hearts given verbally or in silence. It is good to pray together, and brings much peace and hope in this troubled time.



## **Book Group**



Our book discussions are going very well around Joan Chittister's book, *The Ten Commandments*. We were able to complete chapters 2 and 3 in June. On July 1 we will discuss chapter 4, and continue through chapter 8.

Please join us for this time of discussion, listening and observation at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening following the Prayer Circle. The Zoom call for the Book Group is a continuation of the Prayer Circle time, so please use the same Zoom call information.

## THE BUSINESS SIDE OF HERITAGE

Janet Adams, Moderator

On June 8<sup>th</sup> the Prudential Board and Trustees held a joint zoom meeting to discuss the future of the building and property and review options that could lead to resolving financial issues. At an earlier congregation meeting this year, Andy Forsaith presented his summary of options which was the basis of this discussion.

The group voted unanimous approval of the following motion by Andy Forsaith, second by Bill Haight: To further goals of reducing the burden of managing the Prairie Road property and accessing potential equity in the property, in a manner consistent with preserving the future of Heritage Church and Little Pilgrims Christian Learning Center, it is moved that the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees gather information regarding the sale of all or a portion of the Prairie Road property, using the following process:

The Prudential Board will appoint a three-member committee, consisting of representatives of the Prudential Board and Board of Trustees, who will recruit one or more real estate agents who could potentially list the property for sale and seek their input on the marketability of the property. Andy Forsaith, Alex Hilgendorf and Bernie Clousing have agreed to serve on this three-member committee.

In other business, Larry Sommers reviewed the Interim Pastor Search to date. One good candidate's references have been checked and he will be interviewed soon by the Prudential Board. Other leads are not yet exhausted. In his wisdom, Larry said "Whatever transformation we seek must be done by us and the Holy Spirit. An intentional interim minister can only aid that process by keeping our worship on an even keel and giving us a bit of outside perspective."



# Morgan Scott Project

## Cool School Tools

Since 1972 the **Morgan-Scott Project for Cooperative Christian Concerns** (MSP) has formed a base from which the needs of low income families in Scott and Morgan counties in rural Tennessee can be addressed.

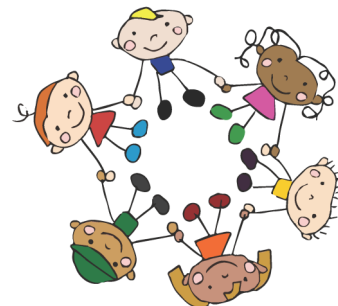
Activities sponsored directly or indirectly by MSP have included a school for children with learning disabilities, free tutoring programs, healthcare clinics, libraries, a homeless shelter, thrift stores, a home garden program, a Habitat for Humanity chapter, education and job training programs, community centers for children, youth, and the elderly, legal aid services, emergency aid, disaster relief, and home repair.

Each new school year Heritage provides money to help purchase new back packs and grade-appropriate items for school children. Please send your financial contributions payable to Heritage Church. Indicate the donation is for the Morgan-Scott Project.



Dear Heritage Congregational Church,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy! Little Pilgrims has had a very busy month so far! We reopened the center on June 1<sup>st</sup> initially for our essential working parents. Enrollment has increased every week! It is so wonderful to all be together again. The building is full of life, love and learning! So far, the policies and procedures we have in place are working well. For example – Parents are not yet allowed in the building. They drop their children off at the front door and after a quick health inspection, the children are welcomed into their classroom for the day. At the end of their shift, the staff sanitize every toy and surface that was touched that day to make sure they are clean and ready for another day of play. These are just a few things we are doing to ensure that all of our families and teachers stay as healthy as possible! We look forward to things returning to normal but are so pleased with how the reopening has gone. In other news, we have begun planning for another year of 4K and we had a take away breakfast for our Dads the Friday prior to Fathers' Day. As always, thank you for your consistent support of Little Pilgrims!



# Little Pilgrims'

Christian Learning Center

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| 7/1  | Winona Brautigam |
| 7/8  | Amen Iyi-Eweka   |
| 7/11 | Jerry Neviaser   |
| 7/14 | Regina Rotar     |
| 7/20 | Terry Henning    |
| 7/22 | Pierre Decorah   |
| 7/24 | Bill Haight      |
| 7/26 | Nancy Andresen   |
| 7/29 | Alex Hilgendorf  |
| 7/29 | Madelyn Spindler |



## JULY LECTIONARY READINGS

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>July 5</b>  | <b>Romans 7:15-25a</b> |
| <b>July 12</b> | <b>Romans 8:1-11</b>   |
| <b>July 19</b> | <b>Romans 8:12-25</b>  |
| <b>July 26</b> | <b>Romans 8: 26-39</b> |



### **Members of Heritage**

Robert Eversman, recovering from foot surgery  
 Harriet Nelson, beginning radiation therapy  
 Fred Williams, nursing care at Capital Lakes  
 Joyce Williams, assisted living at Capital Lakes

### **Friends and relatives of Heritage**

Hallie Savage-Martinez (friend of Susan Zerwick), stage 4 cancer  
 Cynda & Steve (sister & brother-in-law of Larry Sommers), Steve having increased cognitive issues  
 Daryl (cousin of Larry Sommers), recovering from knee surgery  
 Kristin (daughter of Sue Carter), broken ankle, surgery  
 Rick Carter (son of Sue Carter) colon surgery  
 Margaret Rose (cousin of Jo Sommers), return of leukemia  
 Ginny Wolfe (friend of Pat Bunders), ovarian cancer  
 Deana Prium (niece of Bernie Clousing) healing from liver transplant  
 Anders Montean (friend of Hilgendorfs), serving in MN National Guard & currently stationed in downtown Minneapolis  
 Family of Dalia Dannenberg (friend of Hilgendorfs), father owned a restaurant in Minneapolis that was destroyed by the riots, unable to re-open  
 Family in Mexico of Steve Heusinger  
 Olive (furry member of the Hilgendorf family), seizure  
 Sharon (sister of Synthia Taylor), ICU RN in Connecticut called into work for the duration of the pandemic  
 Ron Ruble (brother-in-law of Sue Carter & Bernie Clousing), undergoing cancer treatment  
 Rob Blakely (son of Susan Zerwick), nerve pain after back surgery  
 Becky Spindler's grandmother, moving to assisted living  
 Mary Jacobs (sister of Steve Heusinger), cancer patient  
 Lillian (Aunt of Robert Eversman), stroke

Bea Amsler (mother of Susan Zerwick), broken leg, hospice care  
 Gene Spindler (father of Sean Spindler), recovering from stroke  
 Cyndi Reppen (Aunt of Becky Spindler), grieving  
 Frank Tocha (husband of Larry Sommer's cousin), complicated health problems & multiple myeloma

All those affected by Covid-19.

All medical personnel working during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prayers for law enforcement to keep us safe and also foster a sense of respect for all Safety for Peaceful Protestors

Those who put signs of support on their lawns and other supporters, may they not be perceived as violent

Young people need and deserve to have their voices heard, they want to be taken seriously Family of George Floyd, and all who have been affected by his murder

Healing in the country, that we may come together with understanding of differences

Prayers for governments trying to make the best decisions

Soldiers who are vulnerable to Covid-19

Those affected by natural disasters

Those who are victims of domestic abuse

Those who are facing difficult medical problems

Patience and understanding in this time of isolation.

Those looking for work

Those suffering from addiction

Those affected by mass shootings

### **Prayers of thanks**

Rev. Neil Hunt (NACCC pastor), declared cancer free

### **Those who are serving our country**

Tom Labenski and Chris Cox (nephews and friends of Porter and Carren Martin)

### **Mission of the Month**

Morgan Scott (school supplies)



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## July Dates to Remember

Faith  
Freedom  
Fellowship



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|------------------------------|--|
| <b>July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b> | <b>Summer Sunday School, Prayer Circle &amp; Book Club</b> |
| <b>July 3</b>                | <b>Little Pilgrims' Closed</b>                             |
| <b>July 7</b>                | <b>Board of Spiritual Life</b>                             |
| <b>July 13, 14, 15</b>       | <b>WCA Campfires via Zoom</b>                              |
| <b>July 20</b>               | <b>Board of Trustees</b>                                   |

## *Highlights Articles Due*

In the Church Office  
or to Sue Carter by  
July 18th.



**Faith, Freedom and Fellowship** are the hallmarks of the Congregational Way. As a Congregational Church, we are a freely gathered body, centered on Christ and bound together by covenant. We are a church that values spiritual growth, shared dialogue and working together for God's glory. We believe in the freedom of individual conscience regarding Biblical interpretation, and respect theological and social diversity. We invite you to join us in worshipping God.