



This Week at BRPC March 19, 2020

*Building Relationships with People in Christ*

Dear BRPC Family,

During these troubling times and seeming isolation, may you find comfort in these scriptures.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.” ~2 Timothy 1:7 (CSB)

“Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” ~1 Peter 5:6-7 (NASB)

“Do not be anxious about anything. But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” ~Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

And, recognizing that all of these things are easier said than done, remember Romans 8:38-39:

“And, I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Nothing can separate us from God’s love...not even the Covid-19 virus!!

I know the Deacons are reaching out to their flocks but in this time of PHYSICAL DISTANCING, send an email or pick up the phone and connect with another member and brighten their day by checking on them. Then encourage them to do the same!

Remember WE are the church together !!

SO, LET’S BE THE CHURCH.....

Thoughts from Linda and Mike Schumacher



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

We had hoped that Pastor Ron could record an audio sermon that we could share with the congregation for this Sunday, but technical difficulties have prevented Pastor Ron from being able to record sermons for us. In light of that, we are sharing links to First Presbyterian Lee’s Summit live broadcasts. They have a 9 am Praise Service and a 11 am Traditional Service.

## Online Sermon

YouTube Channel

for live broadcast:

[First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit](#)

Webpage Link to Live Stream:

<https://www.firstchurchls.org/videos-live-streaming-demand/>

# MARCH 2020

## A Message from our Clerk of Session

The health and well-being of the BRPC family is important to the Elders, Deacons and Pastors and to help reduce the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is with great sadness, following considerable prayer and meditation, that the Session, under the guidance of Pastor Ron, has elected to suspend the Sunday gathering at BRPC for worship through the end of March. We are hopeful that worship services will resume in our sanctuary at BRPC in April for the celebration of Holy Week with Pastor Elizabeth. Additionally, we will share links provided by Heartland Presbytery for worship services from other churches that are live streamed and can be watched on a computer.

The church office **will remain open** and staffed, but the church will be closed to visitors and all inside and outside activities and meetings including choir practice, committee meetings and the March Session meeting through March 31. Pastoral care is available, and should you need care, please call the church office during normal business hours and our wonderful secretary, Karen Argo, will contact Deacon Carla Weisz. Outside of normal business hours, please contact Carla directly.

Although our lives have been interrupted and our weekly, Sunday gathering for worship at BRPC has been suspended, we can all still worship God and carry His light into the world and right now, the entire world needs God's light. Reach out by phone to those that are home bound or may now be quarantined/confined to their room if they are in a rehab facility or nursing home. Check on your neighbors. Offer to go the grocery store for the elderly to limit their exposure to others. Offer up extra prayers for those that are sick, the doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers caring for the sick and our pastors who are being called upon to provide additional ministry in this time of need.

May the peace of Christ be with each of you and may you be blessed with good health.

Kim Scheerer

Clerk of Session

# People We Are Praying For

## **The Family of Pat Scarlett**

**Barry Elbasani** who is home now and healing

**Kerri McCorkle**, who had surgery this past Friday and is home healing

**Gloria Jackson's daughter, Cathy** who just had knee replacement surgery

## **Jean Barton's grandmother**

Barbara Ham's sister, **Joan**, who has been released from the hospital and recovering at home.

Connie Oliver's brother-in-law, **Robert**

**Pastor Ron** who continues to be in isolation

## **Marleen Merrill and her daughter Pat Merrill Jackson**

Linda Schumacher's sister-in-law, **Linda Leonard**, who has been diagnosed with a serious lung infection.

**Mary Lou** is being treated for heart health issues.

## **Stefanie Ziegenhorn**

**Bellah's friend Tabitha** needs prayers

**Taylor**, best friend to **Zoey Barton**

## **Ron's mother, Darlene Castille**

Mary Lou and Gary's daughter, **Laura** and her husband **Mark**

Four year old **Phoenix Mendoza** who is battling leukemia

**Grandson of Paul and Donna Vance** currently stationed in Afghanistan

**Sandy MacMorran**, brother of Marsha Elbasani, and his wife, Ellen.

**Todd Radenbaugh**, Oberlanders' nephew, is receiving cancer treatment

**Anita Briggs**

**Margaret and Gordon Neal**

**Bruce Odenbaugh**

**Loydine Kranz**

**KR Family**

**Jean Martin**

**John Sinden**

**Lynn Forsythe**

**Amy Banks**

**Lucy Becka**

## Prayers are also requested for...

All who are sick, their caretakers, and the rest of us trying to stay safe, and sane, in the midst of this pandemic.

Should you need care, please call the church office during normal business hours or contact Deacon Carla Weisz at 679-8771.

Contacts for our Prayer Chain are: **Avis 923-9653**

**Carla 679-8771**

**Jane 524-5295**

**Let us keep watch over one another and pray for healing.**



Hoping that in a month, we can all be together!

## OWLS

April 15, 2020

Noon—Lunch (\$5 per meal)

1:00 p.m.— we will carpool a few blocks to tour the

## Rice-Tremonti Home

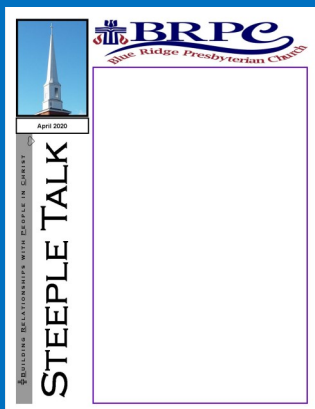
(\$2 per person)

This house dates from 1844 and is one of only seven antebellum homes remaining in Jackson County.

Sign up in the narthex.



Our April newsletter will be published as per the norm. Please submit your articles by Tuesday, March 24th



HEADS UP....April 1st we start accepting applications for the Joy Scholarships, which are due June 1st for the Fall semester. All applications should come to the Finance Committee.

Sandy Moore

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