



July 2020



## What Will Worship Look Like When We Return?

### When We Arrive

- We will be checking everyone's temperature.
- Everyone will wear face masks. If you don't have one, a mask will be provided.
- Everyone will apply hand sanitizer before entering the sanctuary.
- Because we will not be passing the offering plates during the service, an offering basket will be available to place your offering as you enter the sanctuary.
- Bulletins will not be handed out, instead they will be on a table for you to pick up.
- Seating will be limited. Pews will be roped off to provide social distancing. It is recommended that you sit near your family and those who live in your household.
- Entrance to the building will be limited to the front doors of the sanctuary, the single door underneath the canopy (The educational wing will be closed), the Fellowship Hall entrance by the Cornerstone Room, and the Bartow Street entrance by the ramp.

### Worship

- Worship services will be no longer than 45 minutes.
- There will be no passing of the peace or passing of offering plates.
- There will be no congregational singing. (None of us will like this!)
- The children will not be called forward for a children's sermon. Children will remain with their parents and the children's sermon will be conducted from the chancel.
- There will be no children's church and no nursery.
- When we exit, the pastor will not be shaking hands at the door. Please try not to congregate in the foyers or hallways.

### Other Things to Keep in Mind

- No hand shaking. A verbal greeting will suffice.
- There will be no nursery provided.
- The number of bathrooms open will be limited to the two bathrooms situated between the Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary.
- If you or any member of your household is ill/feels sick, do not come to worship. We will continue to livestream our services at 11:00 AM on Sundays.
- High-risk individuals should continue to shelter in place.
- Practice safe distancing.

### Remember

We take these precautions and inconveniences in order to keep others healthy and safe.  
This is how we practice loving our neighbor.

Recommendations concerning the coronavirus and safe practices continue to evolve as we learn more about how the virus functions. Information provided here has been guided by resources from the CDC, the Presbytery of Atlanta and Cherokee Presbytery, the American Choral Directors Association, and Ken Braddy's, *24 Questions Your Church Should Answer Before People Return*.

## *From the Session*

**The Session met on June 16, 2020 for its regular Stated Meeting. The following are the highlights from that meeting:**

1. The Session approved Mike's recommendation that we return to in-person worship services on July 5, 2020 with services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. There will be a new CDC safety protocol (temperature checking, face masks, hand sanitizer, no passing of the peace, no congregational singing, no children's church or nursery, no Sunday School).
2. Beth Weathersby reported that the current plan is for the Preschool to open on schedule.
3. Megan Johnson reported that the Fall BBQ is in the planning stage.
4. Dennis Collier reported that he met with our insurance adjuster working the Educational Building roof claim.
5. Paul Green reported that although income exceeds expenses, pledges are pretty much on track in spite of the church being closed since March.
6. Katie Godfrey reported that after recent interviews, a call has been extended and accepted by the top PNC candidate so a Congregational Meeting was approved for July 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
7. Andrea Roche was approved as our newest member pending receipt of a Letter of Transfer.
8. The Session will not meet in July.

### **In-person Worship Resumes July 5th**

9:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary  
No Sunday School  
No Nursery

We will continue to livestream the  
11:00 AM worship service.



### **Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 12th**

The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 12 at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall to hear a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee on the call of a pastor.



**The Life of the Apostles  
A Zoom Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**

Each Wednesday Pastor Mike invites you to explore the life of the apostles, using both the biblical as well as extra-biblical materials to tell their story.

Plan now to join us. Using either your computer's browser at

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88489678211>**

**Or the Zoom app**

**Meeting ID: 884 8967 8211**

**No Password Required**



**Blood Drive**

**July 8th**

**10:30am - 3:30pm**

**2nd floor Upper Room**

*In order to support summer inventory concerns, the American Red Cross will be providing COVID-19 antibody testing for all donors.*

To schedule an appointment go to

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter

sponsor code: firstprescartersville



*Ladies Night Out*

**Thursday, July 16th, 6:30pm**

**Mellow Mushroom Pizza**

Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship!  
All women of the congregation are welcome, please feel free to invite your friends too!

***Music Live from FPC!***

Join our organist, Pam Radford live on our Facebook page Wednesdays at 2:00pm for ***Music Live from FPC***. Each week we'll listen and discuss different hymns of the church. Watch your inbox for a Constant Contact email that includes the weekly music.

# Montreat @Home



We learned in late April that there would not be any conferences at Montreat this summer. Although this was understandable, it was still heartbreaking for our youth and volunteers who cherish their time at Montreat for a week each summer. So, our high school youth, with permission from our session, met June 14 through June 18 at the church. Montreat provided a great curriculum with videos of keynote speakers with a daily message, faith sharing moments, games, energizers, and even a Spotify playlist with Montreat songs. On Thursday, we even had a closing worship service, complete with a candlelight ceremony that we recreated in the Upper Room. We also had many faithful adult volunteers who provided meals, joined us during sessions, hiked with us, and supported and prayed for our group throughout the week.

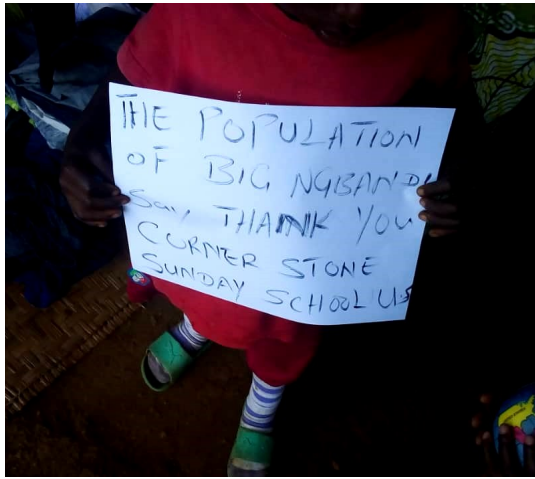
As you can see from the photos, we played games and did energizers with masks on, had our annual Variety Show with a T-rex making a guest appearance, grew in our faith, took a tour of Cartersville (so Andrea could learn about it), went out for ice cream, and just generally loved being together for the week. Instead of hiking Lookout Mountain, we hiked Pine Mountain on Wednesday afternoon.

Although we were not at Montreat, we were all grateful that we could get together for the week and experience Montreat @ Home.

Thank you for the prayers and support!!



## Cameroon Village Barrel Project



Cameroon is a country on the west coast of central Africa that is currently in the throes of a civil war. It is also an active mission field for PCUSA. Our own **Rose Itoe Diale** spoke about the strife in her homeland to the adult Cornerstone Sunday School Class in late 2018. The class raised funds to buy, fill and ship a barrel of clothes and other items to a small village there. Rose not only collected the items and packed the barrel but made the

arrangements for transport to Cameroon, customs, transport inside the country, and distribution through various contacts and a local minister, despite numerous setbacks and delays. The barrel finally arrived in Big Gwandi, one of the first villages burned in the conflict, in late February of this year. People came from the village and surrounding bush country to receive the items as shown in the photos. (A video of the barrel distribution is on the church's Facebook page.)



## *July Birthdays*

1	Trinity Allen	20	Terry Purdy
2	Mark Bridges	20	Andy Bowen
2	Isla Knight	20	David Benton
3	Heather McAllister	22	David Wilkins
3	Tom Bowen	24	Maggie Bridges Medlock
5	Jake Sullins	28	Mike Ball
6	S. B. Moore	28	Lauren Tatum
6	Pam Hughes	29	Katie Pruitt
7	Broderick Lumpkin	30	Janet Martin
8	Carolyn Noble	30	Wyley Steed
9	Mike Haley	30	Trey Gaines
10	John Cummings	31	Rhonda Ireland
10	Kate Howard		
12	Don Longhurst		
12	Katie Godfrey		
13	Frank Johnson		
13	Mary Gilreath		
14	Gary Boulier		
15	Susan Barrett		
18	Jeannette Wilkins		
18	Jared Whatley		



## *In July We Pray for Our Church:*

**Staff:** Angie Hood, Judy Forsyth (ASP), Ronald Gamble (ASP), Sharon Ellis, (Preschool), Debbie Glen (Preschool)

**Officers:** Phil Bridges (Session), Anne Marie Benton (Diaconate)

**Ministries:** Worship Ministry Team

**Families: July 1-7:** Katelyn Grundy, Richard Gurley, Mike and Miranda Haley (Daisy, Sid), Linda Hall, Meleeza Hall

**July 8-14:** Emily Hammer, Mina Harper, Cheryl Harris, Clark and Mary Hart, Janet Hart

**July 15-21:** Clay and Catheryn Hembree (Alice, Graham), John and Lynn Herman (Ian), Lois Hill, Katie Hoskins (Luke), Kate Howard

**July 22-31:** Harvey and Sandy Howell, Brad and Pam Hughes, Colin and Jordan Hughes (Henley, Darcy), Kent Hughes, Susan and Jerry Ingram

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## ***July Calendar***

### **July 3**

Church office closed

### **July 5 - Worship Resumes**

9:00am Worship in Sanctuary

11:00am Worship in Sanctuary

No Sunday School - No Nursery

### **July 8**

10:30am Red Cross Blood Drive in the Upper Room  
till 3:30pm

### **July 12**

12:30pm Congregational Meeting

### **July 16**

6:30pm Ladies Night Out @ Mellow Mushroom Pizza

### **July 21**

5:00pm Worship Committee Zoom Meeting

### **Online Each Wednesday**

2:00pm Music Live from the Sanctuary

7:00pm Zoom Bible Study - The Life of the Apostles

***The Session will determine month by month the activities allowed in the church.***