



April 16, 2020

Presbytery News

From the Church Vitality Committee

Fellow laborers in the Lord -

Like most every other church these days, we've been worshiping and keeping community on-line. Our Elders have divided the congregation into "Shepard Clusters" to provide care and outreach. But even so, as Holy Week arrived, everyone's mind turned to the most important Sunday of the year:

"Is there going to be communion on Easter?" was the tentative question.

"Yep. But the actual service will be at your house," was the answer.

Facilitated by Amazon Prime and Glad Snack-Size plastic bags, and masks and gloves donned, commercially sealed wafer and juice communion cups were prepared for "drive thru" Communion.

At 10:00 a.m. Easter morning, the cars began lining the ramp on the east side of the church. Members, friends, and neighbors drove through sleet and rain to receive, through their car window, a plastic bag holding the elements of their faith. Tears, prayers, a universal "we love and miss you" shared, and then home where each kitchen table became an Altar.

"Battlefield Communion" we called it. The Holy Spirit bearing witness that we are recipients of an embodied faith and, just like our brothers and sisters of the first century church, the important thing was not the place, but the gathering of Christ's body around the Word and Sacrament.

Our hearts were more alive, and love filled than any Easter I can remember. Auburn's disassembled, scattered, but still vital congregation!

Coronavirus legislation chart



This [chart](#) breaks down each piece of legislation and explains each simply and clearly. You can find out who is eligible, along with caveats and warnings. This was prepared by legal counsel who work for the PC(USA), and is incredibly helpful.



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Giving Amid Change

Bryce Wiebe offers a brand new, versatile piece, suitable for use as a call for the offering on any given Sunday and ready as a digital resource.

It's available as a script for a liturgist read or a mid-council leader to record; it's available as an audio clip; and it's available as a drag-and-drop video clip for anyone planning worship in these extraordinary times. Please let your congregational leaders know of their availability.

[Watch or Download Here](#)

End-of-Life pastoral care resources / Resources at the time of death

The PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship has developed resources for prayer at the time of death in situations where patients are quarantined, pastors or loved ones are not permitted to be present, and medical personnel may be seeking to offer spiritual care.



Two documents are provided, each in two versions: **Prayer at the Time of Death** ([booklet](#), [larger print](#)) and **Comforting the Bereaved** ([booklet](#), [larger print](#)).

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PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

FREE 1 Hour EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL CARE WEBINARS

Homestead Presbytery will be scheduling a time in the next couple of weeks to participate in the webinar as a group virtually. This will include leadership from Presbyterian Disaster and a discussion guide. More details will be coming out in the next few days

[Learn More](#)

Weekly Homestead Zoom Forum



Click the video above to watch yesterday's Zoom forum. They happen weekly on Wednesday's at 1pm. Registration is not required but very helpful. Click the link below to head to the Homestead new Covid-19 resource page to register for one or all of the dates through April.

Once you register make sure you download the "Instruction and Link for Zoom Forums" (bottom left of the new resource page) This is a recurring Zoom forum through the month of April, so the link for the meetings will NOT change. So if hold on to that document you'll have all you need for joining the calls!

[Register
now!](#)

Weekly Prayer Requests

Primrose

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Primrose congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

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