



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | MARCH 22, 2020

SUNDAYS: Christian Education for all ages: 9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation: 10:30 am | Worship: 11 am

SEEKING GOD’S WHOLENESS. EXPANDING THE TABLE. NURTURING JUSTICE.

Friends,

I know that this has been a difficult time for us all; If you’re like me there’s a lot to learn about what it means to be church when we can’t physically be together.

We will be worshipping together via video on Facebook and via conference call for the foreseeable future, as CDC guidelines mandate that groups of all sorts, including worshipping communities, keep their group size to no more than ten people.

I know that you must have questions.

To help answer some questions, and to help keep us connected as a church family, I’d like to invite you to a Pre-worship Virtual Congregational Meeting this Sunday from 9:30 am-10:30 am.

If you have a computer, you can join this meeting by following this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/460560191> and, when prompted, enter meeting ID: 460 560 191

You can also join the meeting by telephone.

Dial: +1 929 205 6099 or +1 253 215 8782

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Zoom, the program we will be using to meet, allows large numbers of participants to join, so you’ll be able to see the faces of lots of your beloved church friends.

Please do join us on Sunday morning. It will be good to give you all (virtual) hugs before we worship together.

No matter the circumstances or how far away we are, I am glad to be in ministry with you,

Rev. Brandon



Income for January and February is down, about 71% of budgeted income.

2020 Feb. Stewardship Report

	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss	Budget YTD	% Loss
YTD	\$53,043	\$67,827	(\$14,784)	\$73,938	-28%
Feb.	\$24,726	\$36,617	(\$11,891)	\$36,969	-32%

February Average Worship Attendance: 116.5

While we are not worshipping in-person as a Church community, here are ways we can continue to support our church financially:

1. Use Bill Pay from your Bank to send your offering to church from your computer. Preferred at all times.
2. Send a check through the mail.
3. Use your credit card to donate through Givelify on the FCC website. (Givelify charges a 3 percent fee)

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to see any financial reports. - Alan Voss, Treasurer

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 22

- 9:30 am Pre-Worship VIRTUAL Congregational Meeting via Zoom (see page 1)
- 11:00 am Worship with us on Facebook! Join us for an 11 am broadcast on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/FCC.Chattanooga/>
Also available by conference call:
Dial (425) 436-6367 at 11 AM and enter access code 594817.

Monday, March 23

- 10:30 am VIRTUAL Staff Meeting
8:00 pm NA Meeting canceled

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:00 pm House Worship canceled

Wednesday, March 25

- No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, March 26

- 7:00 am Men's Group canceled

Friday, March 27

- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering canceled
8:00 pm NA Meeting canceled

Saturday, March 28

- 7:00 pm Minimalism movie canceled

Sunday, March 29

- 9:30 am VIRTUAL Christian Education (Zoom)
11:00 am Worship with us on Facebook!

Stay tuned for details as they become available!

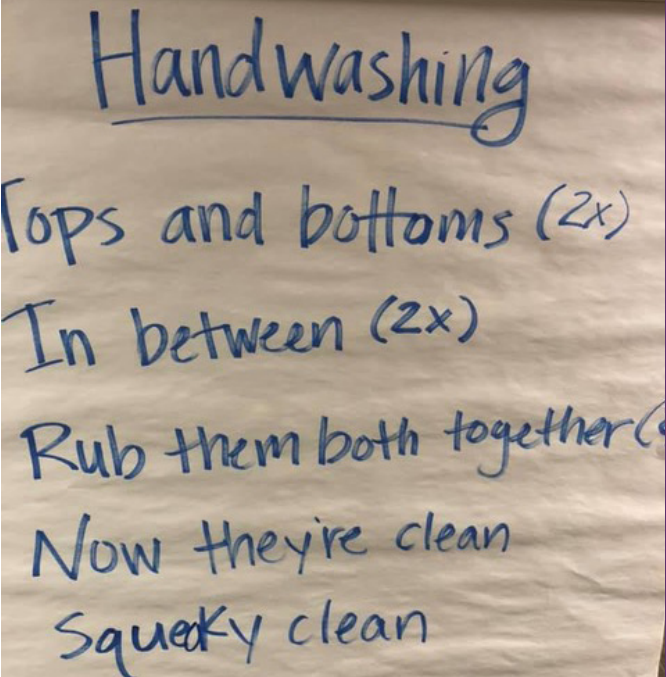
Parents and Grandparents:

Do you need a way to keep your kids entertained while they are washing their hands?

My friend, Rev. Suzanne Kerr Motter, a Family Minister in Kansas City, sent this great little song along!

Sing it to the tune of Frere Jacques (Brother John), and you'll have clean hands and maybe some giggles!

-Rev. B



Handwashing
Tops and bottoms (2x)
In between (2x)
Rub them both together
Now they're clean
Squeaky clean



Pandemic

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar



**BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH**

MARCH

19 Kent Smithson
 21 Marcia Fletcher, Elizabeth Hodges
 22 Ashlee Hubbard-Heitz
 25 David Cass, Bill Dowell, David Fleury,
 26 Thomas Auten, Noah Coleman
 27 Sue Renfro
 30 Larry Kirby

APRIL

2 Don Reynolds

Birthday Not Listed?
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