

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Exciting news to share which most of you have already heard. But I am so happy I feel like announcing it over and over again.

**IN PERSON WORSHIP BEGINS MAY 2 AT 10 A.M.!**

Did you catch that?! We are going to be together again in worship beginning the first Sunday in May. You are also going to need to reset your internal time clocks because the Session just voted to have worship at 10 a.m. throughout the whole year. So we won't be having one time in the winter and another time in the summer. We are going to be consistently at 10 a.m. Do I need to remind you again? Oh please, indulge me and let me say it again!

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Remember last month's newsletter that had all the "IFS" in it. That all still holds true. We have to wear masks during worship; social distance; and keep our hands to ourselves! But we get to sing with our masks on and wave at each other and let our eyes crinkle up and show that we are smiling under our masks. And if the weather cooperates, we can have fellowship with each other outside in the fresh air. Ok?

Indulge me one more time? You tolerate my quirks so well! Thanks!

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Mason Kroll will be live streaming our worship and it will be available on TV and on your computers if you are not feeling comfortable attending worship yet. Many of us have had our vaccines, but as we all know, that doesn't mean we still can't get sick. So those of you with compromised health or who just still feel they would like to err on the side of caution, you will not have to miss worship.

Okay. Just one more thing. I am taking vacation from April 22 to April 30. My dear minister friend Kathy has invited me to join her on Sanibel Island in Florida. Of course I had no choice but to go keep her company. I am very willing to make the sacrifice. So until worship on May 2, you will not be seeing me, except on the video for April 25.

Blessings to you all and prayers for good health!

Pastor Kate Stangl

## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 – John Damberg	23 – Stephen Day
1 – Priscilla White	23 – Eli Koski
3 – Barb Mason	23 – Trudi Mellak
4 – Jack McKillop	27 – Carolyn Olsen
6 – Vera Lenka	29 – Paj Falkowski
15 – Susie Pearsall	31 – Steve Badanjak
19 – Frank Del Greco	31 – Veronica Badanjak Kvale
21 – Patty Maki	31 – Amelia Moschler

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session has voted to begin in-person worship beginning Sunday, May 2 as planned. Everyone who responded to the vaccine survey indicated that they are fully vaccinated. COVID guidelines will be followed.
- Following guidance from the worship time survey, Session has voted to **change worship times to 10:00am year round**.
- Session voted to send old church registers and Session minutes to the National Archives of the PC(USA) in Pennsylvania for safekeeping. We will still maintain ownership of the records and can request them at any time.

## COVID PROTOCOL

When we return to in-person worship, please follow our COVID safety protocols.

- Masks must be worn, including when singing.
- Family units will sit 6' apart.
- Sanitize hands before you enter the sanctuary and when you leave.
- No handshakes or hugs.
- Socializing after worship can take place outside, not inside the church.
- If you test positive for COVID after attending worship, please contact the church.
- Please stay home if you have COVID symptoms.
- The church will be sanitized after worship.

## RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

In-person worship will resume on Sunday, May 2 at the new 10:00am worship time. Mason Kroll will live-stream the services via YouTube. If you can't join us in-person, you can join us virtually at 10am

on Sundays. You can find a link to our YouTube channel on the church website: [hopecommunitypc.org](http://hopecommunitypc.org). Recordings of the services will be available on YouTube and Channel 5.

## IN MEMORY

- Kevin Chilcote passed away on 3/9/21 in Minneapolis, MN. Kevin is the son of Roberta Chilcote, grandson of Shirley Christensen, and nephew of Shelley Christensen.
- There will be a memorial service for Judy Kauchik in our sanctuary on Thursday, May 6 at 11am. Livestreaming services will be provided by Mariucci Video Productions. Links to the livestream will be on our website. There is also the option to watch the livestream at the Virginia Elks Lodge during the service.
- There will be a graveside service for Clara Hill on Saturday, July 10 at 2pm. Pastor Kate and Frank Davis will officiate the service.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pastor Kate invites you to wear red, pink, orange or anything you feel represents the flames of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

## MEMORIAL DAY WORSHIP

May 30 will be Memorial Sunday. As in past years, you will have the opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones. We will also be recognizing loved ones (living and deceased) who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. If you would like someone to be listed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by May 26.

If you would like to purchase a geranium in honor of a loved one, please contact the church by May 25. **Geraniums are \$5.00.**

## FREE CHAIRS

Since we received new-to-us chairs for the fellowship hall a couple years ago, we have decided to get rid of one rack of the old metal folding chairs. If you would be interested in some, please contact the church.

## CHURCH GARDENS CARE

Since Tom and Lee Kesanen are preparing to leave the area, there has been some discussion on the continued care of the church gardens. We are hoping that others will step up to help care for the gardens. If you are willing, please contact the church office. The size of the gardens may need to be reduced in the future if there are not enough volunteers to help. Thanks to Tom and Lee for their years of taking care of the gardens and church property!

## 'GARDENING' YOUR LIFE

- First, plant 5 rows of PEAS:  
*Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, and Prayer.*
- Next, plant 3 rows of SQUASH:  
*Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference.*
- Then, plant 5 rows of LETTUCE:  
*Let us be faithful, Let us be loyal, Let us be unselfish, Let us love one another, Let us be truthful.*
- Complete your garden with TURNIPS:  
*Turn up with a smile, Turn up with a new idea, Turn up with real determination.*

You are invited...



## Storytelling for the Healing of Creation

Video Viewing and Discussion  
Tuesday, May 4, 12:30-3:00 p.m.  
At Hope Community Presbyterian Church, Virginia



The community is invited to gather on Tuesday, May 4, 12:30 – 3:00p.m. at Hope Community Presbyterian Church, Virginia for **Storytelling for the Healing of Creation**. We will be watching and discussing the video recordings of the six storytellers and New Testament professor who spoke in April at a Zoom EcoFaith Summit, *Now the Green Blade Rises: Storytelling for the Healing of Creation*.

The biblical storyteller is Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing. She is an author, speaker, scholar of the Book of Revelation, and professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she also coordinates the environmental studies program. Her topic is *Revelation: The Lamb's Alternative Power Story for the Healing of Creation*. In addition to hearing her, we will be able to hear six diverse storytellers, including two from the Fond du Lac Reservation and Jack Lamar from Early Frost Farms in Embarrass. Opportunity for discussion will take place between video viewings.

The *Storytelling for the Healing of Creation* gathering is sponsored by Congregations Caring for the Earth and the EcoFaith Network of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. As April 22 was Earth Day, the event on Tuesday, May 4 offers the opportunity to watch and discuss these storytellers with others who care about God's creation and not worry about bringing it up on your computer or phone.

Masks, social distancing, and sign-in will be observed. The gathering will take place in Hope Community's downstairs Fellowship Hall. You may use the front doors of the church or enter through the back door from the alley, which leads directly downstairs. Masks, social distancing, and sign-in will be observed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Hope Community Presbyterian Church at 741-7336 or [hpcchurch@msn.com](mailto:hpcchurch@msn.com).



HOPE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN  
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MAY 2021

**Children's  
Sunday School**

We are done sending home Sunday School lessons for this school year. The Pentecost lesson was the last one. We hope they have been enjoyable, fun and worth while. I will send at least one more packet to you for the summer. I hope to send out a little review sheet and a craft for Father's Day.

We do not know, yet, what may be happening this fall as far as Sunday school goes. If we do get back to face to face classes, we will need volunteers again to help with the lessons. As in the past you would not have to be there very often. So if you or someone you know would be willing to help out please let me know.

Regular church services may be changed to 10:00 this fall, so if you have thoughts about Sunday School this fall, let me know.

Thank You - Paj

**No Land of the Loon this year**

Because of the Covid Pandemic the LoL Committee decided it would be safest in the uncertainty of the times to wait until next year to plan for the next Land of the Loon. So we will not be planning for our annual popcorn, coffee, donut sale on the church steps.



**Thank you!**

I just want to thank everyone again for taking the time to spend working with the kids on their Bible readings, lessons and crafts. We certainly would not have been able to this without all the help from you. Also thanks to the kids for working on Sunday school from home this year. We hope it has been informative, fun and worthwhile.

**Quiz Corner**



- ◆ What Christian holiday comes 50 days after Easter?
- ◆ What did the believers see and hear when they received the Holy Spirit?
- ◆ What color do we wear to church on Pentecost Sunday?
- ◆ What other holidays are in May?
- ◆ Are you going fishing on opening fishing?

**Birthday Corner**

Jordan Skalko - June 5



**Christian Education Calendar**

Sunday May 2	Sunday May 9	Sunday 16	Sunday May 23	Sunday May 30	Monday May 31
Communion Sunday 	Mother's Day 	Ascension Sunday 	Pentecost 	Trinity Sunday 	Memorial Day 