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## Happy Birthday!

1 Daylanie Gibson  
2 Bill Clary  
4 Betsy Morehouse  
5 Mac Cranford  
6 Danny Vining  
8 Sandy Morehouse  
12 Kenny Compton  
13 Emily Bunn  
14 Jean Elder  
16 Haylee Burts  
Carol McGiboney  
Aarley Roberts



17 Homer Borders  
18 Ryan Henderson  
22 John Stamps  
26 Dale Tinger  
27 Elizabeth Harwell  
29 Brad Hawley  
30 Dennis Raines  
31 Holden Evans

If your birthday has not appeared on our monthly list, please notify us of the **full date** and we will add it to our data base so that when your next birthday rolls around, we will be able to help you celebrate!

**COVINGTON FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **AUGUST 2020**

# FIRST PRESS



### FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Church Family,  
What a whirlwind it has been these past months! I thank you for your patience and grace as we continue to live in a new rhythm of life. Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for your faithful participation in virtual worship, your ever-growing commitment to meeting the needs of our community, and your capacity to reimagine church beyond the walls. It was a true joy to see you and serve with you at our "See and Serve Drive-Thru" ministry event. I am looking forward to being with you for our Morning Reflection later this month.  
Church family, I encourage you to imagine church anew in the days to come. Holding space for the grief of all we miss and have lost, and yet at the same time imagining how the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst. Our story as a church family will ever be unfolding before us. I hope you will join in the story as we attach anew to what church can and ought to be in this time and season. I ask for your prayers for our Health Team, our Anti-Racism Task Force, our Nominating Committee, our Stewardship Committee, our church staff and so many more of our ministry teams as we seek to be in faithful discernment for the church of today, the church of tomorrow.

Hear these words of the prophet Isaiah, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." This is an act of imagination and faith. Church, we are called as disciples of Jesus Christ to act with imagination and faith for just such a time as this!

With joy and gratitude,

To read more about attaching anew with Imagination and Faith please read Walter Brueggeman's [Virus as a Summons To Faith](#).

### Come Pray with Us!

As we reimagine First Presbyterian beyond the pews, we invite you to join us for our next event, "Morning Reflection" on Thursday, August 20th at 8:30am. We will share an outdoor morning devotional in the children's playground behind the church with social distancing. Please wear a mask and bring your favorite lawn chair. We will also have chairs available. You may park behind the church as we will enter through the playground gate. Start your day with a positive reflection from Neeley and Kimmy and enjoy a morning with First Presbyterian friends!



### Blessing of the Animals

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, September 19th, in the morning**  
**Watch for further updates soon!**

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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**August Session Highlights**

- ◆ The Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane reported that the Anti-Racism Task Force started meeting last week and have a few things to pursue. They are asking for prayers for direction and support from the congregation.
- ◆ The yard signs are a big hit and there are still some left at the church for members who did not receive one.
- ◆ *Motion from Facilities and Equipment Committee to sell the Covington First Presbyterian Church van to Ginn Motors for \$2000.00 was approved.*
- ◆ Facilities and Equipment reported on damage to church roof and HVAC units from hail storm and are still working toward repairs with adjusters and contractors.
- ◆ Finance committee reported that as of the end of July the revenue to expense is at a -\$7876.36.
- ◆ *Motion to obtain a phone system and enter into contract agreement with Mitel for the service was approved.*
- ◆ Doug Bolton reported that the See and Serve drive garnered a total of \$1675.00 in donations with Baby Love receiving \$20.00, Sandwich/Snack (YMCA) program \$225.00, School Supplies \$25.00, Family Promise \$835.00 and the Food Pantry \$570.00.
- ◆ Witness committee stated Meals on Wheels is coming up on August 29<sup>th</sup> and still need volunteers.

**Monthly Financial Report**

2020 July Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/ Expenses	YTD Income /Expenses
Pledged Income	30,580	28,129	226,768
Non-Pledge Income	3,666	1,815	19,068
Other Income	4,333	0	32,240
Total income	38,580	29,944	279,743
Expenses	39,145	45,388	287,619
<b>Net Totals 7/31/2020</b>	<b>(-565)</b>	<b>(-15,444)</b>	<b>(-7,876)</b>

**Session Highlights continued...**

- ◆ Worship committee reported that they met this past Tuesday along with marketing and others to begin developing an informative video for congregation to address what to do when we come back to face to face church services.

Submitted by  
John McCarthy, Clerk of Session

**Worship Information**

While we aren't gathering in-person, we continue to worship together. You can find us every Sunday morning at 11:00am on Facebook Live by visiting [facebook.com/fpccov](https://facebook.com/fpccov). It is a public page, which means you don't need a Facebook account to worship with us. Just scroll down, past the log-in information to find our worship.

We also know that not everyone can join us at 11:00am, so worship is also available on our website during the week. To find the services visit [fpccov.org](https://fpccov.org), click "Worship" on the top menu, then click "Sermons." If you click on the sermon title you will be able to watch a video of just the sermon, or click "Full Worship Service" to see the service in its entirety. Please feel free to reach out to Kimmy ([kimmy@fpccov.org](mailto:kimmy@fpccov.org)) if you have trouble accessing worship.

**FPC T-Shirt Orders**

FPC T-Shirts are now available! <https://tinyurl.com/fpccovshirts> to place your shirt order! Each shirt is \$15 and any proceeds benefit Youth Ministry. Order soon to get your desired size! (No Large or XXL) If you don't have access to the internet giving page you may call the church to order your T-Shirts. We will need the sizes you want. You can then send a check to the church and put



**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Allie Hay  
Doug Bolton  
Stan Hall  
Cindy Moon  
Bob Tabb

**Class of 2021**

Jay Lanners  
Warren Liem  
Pam Stillerman  
Donna Weesner  
Cy Wolverton

**Class of 2022**

Susan Boteler  
Aubrey Evans  
John McCarthy  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Trista Hooten Wilson

**From the Worship Team**

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, September 13th, during Worship.



A Special thanks to Jodi Atkins, Cy and Jean Wolverton, Patrick and Janet Carmichael, and Kately, Paisley, and MaryRentz Lane for their help in developing a future video to prepare us for a return to worship.

**See and Serve**

What a wonderful day on August 6th when 30 cars drove through our "See and Serve" day at the church! We had conversations "in-person" through car windows. Lots of donations were made of food, diapers, school supplies, offerings to the church as well as donations to various charitable projects. T-Shirts were sold and gifts of devotionals and yard signs (see photo) were given to those who were here. Below is a list of monetary donations made: Baby Love \$20; Sandwich/Snack Fund \$225; School supplies \$25; Family Promise \$835; Food Pantry \$570; the total was \$1675 for community outreach.

**Great FPC Covington Bake Off**



Church members are invited to enter our Great FPC Covington Bake Off! As we prepare for World Communion Sunday we want to celebrate the Bakers of our congregation! Calling all bakers to submit their favorite bread recipes!

Date of Bake Off:  
Sept. 30 at 6:00pm on Zoom



All Entries to be dropped off by 5:00pm on Sept. 30 in the Fellowship Hall

Email Neeley: Name and Name of Dish by Sept. 20th to enter [Neeley@fpccov.org](mailto:Neeley@fpccov.org)



**See and Serve**

**August 6, 2020**

**Pictured: Tom Crews**

**A Novel Bunch Book Club**

A Novel Bunch Book Club will discuss "My Vanishing Country" by Bakari Sellers on zoom. The meeting will take place on August 25th, at 1:00pm. Contact Judy Davis or Barbara Martin for more information and to receive the zoom link.

We will meet again on September 22 at 1:00pm to discuss "The Book of Longings: A Novel" by Sue Monk Kidd.



*Please be in prayer for our Anti-Racism Task Force as they seek to faithfully discern our biblical studies, dialogue, and actions regarding systematic racism. Task force members: Bill Cobham, Larry Kennon, Michael Wilson, Krista Firkus, Cheryl Gibson, Kimmy Briggs, and Neeley Lane.*