

Grapevine



***"Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor."
Proverbs 22:9***

April 2020

Remember last month? We were preparing our ballots for the primaries, planning vacations, and the COVID virus was something happening in China. Doesn't that seem like a long time ago? The world is a different place now, but I believe that God has called each of us to live in this meaningful moment. Certainly, it's filled with uncertainty and challenges. We've also seen that it's filled with blessings and opportunities.

I read an article that surveyed epidemics from the past – from the influenza pandemic of 1918 all the way back to the plague that hit Florence in 1348. Before we understood the way a virus functions, before we understood how germs spread, people knew that those who were near sick people often got sick themselves. Out of fear, people left the sick to suffer alone, untended. Those who were rich fled to their summer homes while the poor had no choice but to stay in the cities where contracting the illness was much more likely. Think about it. In America, we have heroic stories from WWII about the people who were fighting on the home front, working in factories, saving up scrap metal, and planting "victory gardens." We have no such stories from the Spanish flu. Disheartened by the war and frightened by the flu, people just circled the wagons and took care of themselves. Afterwards, they were ashamed.

We don't get to choose the challenges we face, but we do get to choose the way we respond. We must stay home as much as possible to keep ourselves and others safe. But we must not let our healthy social distancing cut us off from caring for one another. I've been delighted by the reports I've heard from many of you. You're connecting with neighbors you haven't really known before. You're reaching out to respond to needs. You're calling members of the church to check in on them and offer help. You're being generous, and that's just what we should be doing.

God has called us to live in these strange days. Choosing to open our hearts, to act with generosity will draw us closer to God and closer to one another. Faithful living, even when we're stuck at home, will enable us to be proud of our actions when we're on the other side of this.

With you in ministry,
Lynn.

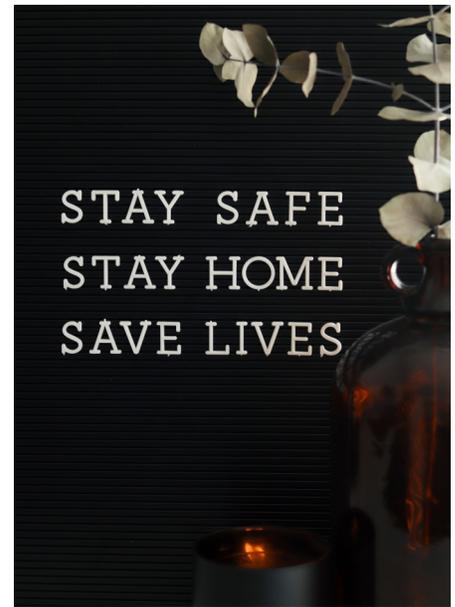
**MISSION
STATEMENT:
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April Meetings

To love and protect our neighbors, all in-person events on the church campus are postponed through April 30.

See below for ways you can connect to the ministries of our congregation online. Though we are staying home, we continue to worship God, equip disciples and love and serve the world.



Check Out Our YouTube Page!



You can find us on YouTube as Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church. Like and subscribe!



Zoom Meetings

As you may have noticed we've been using Zoom as a way to stay connected during this time. Zoom is a free tool for video conferencing, kind of like facetime with a group. So far we've used it for Session and committee meetings, Men's Fellowship and a dinner with friends group. We're brainstorming more ways we can use it to connect with our groups and studies and maybe even Lenten Yoga. It has been lovely to see each other face to face. We'll have more information coming soon! If you want to get started, we've included some directions below.

Zoom can be used on almost any device. For every zoom meeting there is a special link to get in. This will be sent by email to all participants. Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from the zoom.us website or from your app store. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.

You can join a test meeting or contact Sarah to Zoom with you to familiarize yourself before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you!



FAQ

How Will We Worship?

We're excited to be learning new ways to worship together during this time of being at home.

Subscribe to our Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church [YouTube](#) page for our weekly worship and lots of new content coming soon.

You can also log on to our website at ylpc.org to get the links to our latest media additions.

What About Mission?

We're very busy looking for ways that we can help our community and our mission partners during this time. Here are a few ways members and partners are already jumping in to help.

Quilters - Some of our sewers have joined Midge Kittredge in making face masks for Midge's daughter, Savannah, who is working for Mobile Infirmary in Alabama.

Homelessness 101 - [Homelessness 101](#) has been rescheduled and moved online for April 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Contact the church office to register online.

Habitat for Humanity – Habitat is in the middle of a much-needed virtual fundraiser. Check out their Facebook page for more information.

Food for Families – FFF is partnering with Second Harvest to provide drive-thru groceries at the Honda Center for the next two Saturdays! They are keeping their regular hours so that clients can safely pick up food. We've even connected them with HIS House and one of our teacher's schools.

HIS House - Join their Help Them Home Campaign on April 22, a 24-hour Local Day of Giving.

How Do I Keep Giving?

Many of you are accustomed to bringing your offering to church and putting it in the plate. Those who want to continue giving to the church may mail your check to the church office: YLPC, 19301 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Our mail is being securely held at the post office.

We also always have bank bill pay giving available. Just contact your bank and designate YLPC as a payee. You can set up a one-time gift or auto pay weekly, monthly or quarterly, whatever your preference. Contact Chris Hills for more information.

February 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING FUND Summary Results Through February, we expected to receive \$82,768 and actually received \$106,194. Also through February, we expected to spend \$102,243 and actually spent \$112,193. And reserved \$5,335 for funds budgeted but not spent.

	Operating	Mtg. Reduction	Total
Cash Position	\$ 555,928	\$ 11,943	\$ 567,871
Less: Restricted Funds*	\$ 278,857	\$ -	\$ 278,857
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 277,070	\$ 11,943	\$ 289,013

* Restricted funds are restricted to use for a specific purpose. These include designated gifts, program reserves, payables, reserves for building maintenance, and reserves for unspent program budget.

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND Through February, we have received contributions of \$8,500 and paid \$11,136 in principal. The current mortgage balance is \$186,490.

March Session Notes

March Session activities included the following:

**In light of recent CDC recommendations, our regular monthly Session meeting was held using Zoom video conferencing. This allowed Session to discuss important topics pertaining to the safety and care of our staff and congregation in regards to the coronavirus (Covid-19). The regular agenda was dispensed with and only essential topics were discussed.

- **The Session, in accordance with the Orange County Public Health Order, voted unanimously to suspend all in person meetings at least until April 4, 2020.**
- Worship Committee will continue to record audio and video with the possibility of live streaming after 4/4. Priority will be placed on ease of use for our members and friends.
- Christian Ed will contact the youth room remodeling contractors. In light of the Order, work will stop unless it is found to be necessary for sanitization and safety.
- Mission Committee advised that all Habitat for Humanity build days have been cancelled for now. HIS House has many residents who lost their jobs. Anne Sivley will connect HIS House leaders with Yorba Linda Food for Families to provide additional food for HIS House families.
- Facilities will be contacting Orange County Sheriffs and FEMA to offer our campus for any needs that may arise to help our community. The committee is concerned about maintenance issue that may arise as the building sits inactive. They will devise a plan to address this issue.
- Stewardship discussed concerns with collecting contribution checks from the mail and the safety process in which to handle the recording and depositing of these checks. Donations through mail may increase and the details will be discussed with those involved in this process. The committee assured Session that healthy reserves will sustain us over the next couple of months.
- Personnel reported that Lynn has been in contact with all staff. Staff members are working from home and hourly people will see their schedules adjusted up or down as necessary. Calls and emails will be forwarded to Sarah who will also be working from home. Should staff need to come into the office for essential tasks, it will be one person at a time, and they will observe careful hygienic measures.
- Deacons reported that they are mobilizing care for members in need. They are looking at who needs something, who can help and who we can't get in touch with. Calls were suggested as some members do not have email. Our church is divided into Parishes but it is everyone's responsibility to check on each other.
- Nominating Committee's next meeting has been postponed. They are discussing options going forward.
- Session encouraged a person-to-person care plan by the end of the week and phone calls from a deacon, elder or pastor in the next two weeks.
- Meeting was ended in prayer and with gratitude for the different ways we are discovering how to do the work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Hills - Clerk of Session



April Birthdays

Ine Gunawan-Budiardjo	4/01
Janet Triplett	4/04
Connie O'Neil	4/06
Timothy Matthews	4/07
Sarah Park	4/10
Amy Tsai	4/12
Jessica Nicholson	4/18
Clare O'Neil	4/18
Doug O'Neil	4/19
Brenda Long	4/20
Irvin Francis	4/23
Alex Park	4/24
Anne Denney	4/26

Save the Date!

Our annual Summer Arts Camp
dates are set!
Please save the date for the week of

August 3-7, 2020.