



NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Session!

We hope you have been able to join us for BPC's live services by Zoom on Sundays, or that you have been able to watch the YouTube videos after the fact. We are grateful to Rev. Leslieanne Braunstein for leading our Sunday worship services, but it takes a village, or rather a church, to make it happen. Betsy Christie has been preparing the introductions in the bulletins. Betsy and Brenda Jones have managed the set up when we have used the sanctuary. Sylvia Drake and Nancy Knott have provided the music. And Jasper has provided technical expertise throughout. We are looking at how to provide permanent wifi in the sanctuary so that even in normal times we will be able to live stream and record services. We all long to be able to worship together again, and that time will come. For now, we feel very fortunate to be able to worship together virtually. If you have any suggestions as to how to improve this worship experience, please share them with us.

We have welcomed the Administrative Commission from NCP. They have joined us for the last two Session Meetings as well as for the Worship Team meeting. They are planning two Meet and Greets with the entire Congregation, one at 1 PM on Saturday, February 13, and the other on Tuesday, February 23, at 7 PM. The link will be as follows, and Sharon will be sending it again. We hope everyone will be able to attend one or both meetings.

Topic: Boyd's Presbyterian AC Meet and Greet

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85038815753?pwd=aENDRUMwdy9udzBNOVY0QWV4Qjc4UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 3881 5753

Passcode: 091378

Last Saturday, Mary Beth Lawrence, co-chair of the AC, led us in a Prayer Walk at the church. We met in the cemetery just behind the sanctuary. We started with prayer and then read our text, Ephesians 2:11-22, *Christ is Our Peace*. Then Mary Beth gave us a topic for prayer and we walked in silence around the church buildings, gathering for another reading of the text, and another prayer topic for the next walk. We did this seven times, finishing with a prayer for BPC. The prayer topics, as given by Mary Beth were as follows.

- 1) Remember - remember what it was like before you knew Christ - maybe the lostness, the anger, the despair, the hopelessness, the aimlessness in your life, the lack of purpose and meaning.
- 2) Give thanks - give thanks for God's gift of salvation that you have experienced.
- 3) Rejoice - rejoice in the people, your own version of the prophets and apostles - who have been a part of your faith journey.
- 4) Name and Confess - name and confess the hostility, the intentional meanness, that has been present at BPC. Bring it before the cross and acknowledge that it is part of the sin of the world for which Christ died.
- 5) Pray for - pray for the people who have been wounded by the hostility at Boyds. Maybe some of these people have left already; pray for them anyway. Maybe some of them are still a part of BPC, but their wounds are keeping them at a distance. Maybe you are someone who has been wounded; pray for yourself. Pray for the healing of wounds.
- 6) Commit - commit to be a Boyds Peacemaker. Christ is our peace, so what is one thing we can do to be a peacemaker at Boyds?
- 7) Imagine - Pray for Boyds Presbyterian Church and for the future that God wants it to have. Pray for the people who are already here and for those whom God is calling to build up God's church.

Participants found this outdoor worship experience particularly moving and helpful as we strive to heal our church. We may try to do another Prayer Walk during Lent.



Some of you have asked why the Nominating Committee has not met yet. Before they even arrived, the AC asked us to put this on hold while they assess our situation. That is why we held the Congregational Meeting on December 20 to extend the terms of the current Session Members until the end of March. We hope to activate the Nominating Committee soon, and then we will move through the process of electing officers as usual.

We are also preparing the budget for 2021 and would really like to be able to base it on received pledges. So, if you are able, please send your pledge forms in to the church office.

Throughout, we have benefited greatly by having Rev. Mary Austin from Gaithersburg Presbyterian as our Moderator and guide.

Please keep Betty Allnutt and Ginger Gibson in your prayers. They are both in poor health. Betty is at home with caregivers. Ginger is hospitalized.



You may return your 2021 Giving Estimates (pledge form) by mail, email, or electronically submit from our website.

Link for giving options and 2021 Giving Estimate form:
<https://boydspc.org/give/>



Pray for grieving:

Family and friends of those who recently passed away:

- Family of Arthur Virts
- Family of Armer Fitzwater (Mary Virts' brother)
- Family of Steve Gibson
- Family of Brian Romero (Marie Allnutt's nephew, Jeanne Labash's cousin)

Pray for healing:

Alicia & Jon, Ashley & Grayson, Benjamin Allnutt, Betty Allnutt, Karla Barron, Mary Beitzel, Tom Blackman, Nancy Bremble, Brittany, Rita Broadhurst, Jenny Larnier Brown, Leroy Byrd family, Aaron & Bill Cantler, Julia Clayton, Rhonda and Frank Crawford, Ben Daughtry, Dean, Averil Donat, Larry Dorsey, Juanita Ernst & family, Connie and Jack Feathers, Eileen Friedline, Ginger Gibson & family, Gregory Glaude, Greg, Meera Gupta, Ken Heins, Charlotte, Gene & Rex Hoilman, Audrey Hopkins, Ruth Hoyt, Billy Huff, Jason Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Joe Katran, Keegan, Larry King, Eddie Kiser, Irene Kiser, Paul Kiser, Renie Kiser, Nancy Knott, Ellen Landriau, Sterling Large, Betty Lohr, Charles McIntosh, Jane Mote, Len Myers, Tina Norris, Susan Olling, Abbie Pack, Tony Pirrone, Tracey Plummer, Fred Pollack, Reza Raoofi, Tom Rhodes, Justin Rosner, Robbie Schmidt, Bobbie Lou Shipman and family, George Smith, Katie Slingluff Smith, Karen Springer, Laura Tatton, Bill Tull, Marj Turbyfill, Barbara & Roger Walker, Kareem Wright, Mary Virts, Carrie Yearick, Matt Yearick, those who have recently lost loved ones, active members of armed services & their families, our church family, those affected by natural disasters and tragedies, and our entire world.

Mission & Merriment has prayer shawls to give to anyone, church member or friend.
To request a prayer shawl, please contact Sharon at 301-540-2544 or boydspc@comcast.net.



2020 Giving Statements were distributed January 27th

- ❖ If your email is on file with the church, your statement was emailed.
- ❖ If you do not have email, your statement was mailed.