

APRIL 2021

HAPPY EASTER

THE MESSENGER

Session News for the Pews



CONGRATULATIONS

JENNY HAIGH

BOB BAILEY

Both won the contest with their suggestion for a newsletter name.

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From the Interim Pastor Team

You are holding it in your hands- right now. Saline First Presbyterian's new monthly newsletter, "The Messenger."

Each month, you will receive this newsletter- chock full of information that you can use, and which will help you become a more informed and effective member of the congregation

A shout-out goes to Bob Bailey for the name of the newsletter. Runner-up is Jennifer Haigh, for her submission, "News for the Pews." The Communications Task Force liked this one as well- and will use it as a tagline.

The IPT highlights the creativity of the Communications Task Force and thanks them for the work they are doing. Formed by the session just a few months ago to improve avenues of communication within the congregation, "The Messenger" is only the first and most visible result of their efforts. They will continue to develop effective means by which concerns and information can be shared.

Communications Task Force members are Keith Brown, Lisa Clark, Bill Woehrle and Christen Mitchell.

Peace, The IPT

Judy, Budge, and Bill

Session Meeting Notes, March 2021

Session met virtually via MS Team Tuesday evening, March 16.

Session approved the appointment of the Mission & Vision Task Force members as follows: Nancy Ryan, Laurie Champion, Shannon Janeczek, Erica Brown, Taylor Jacobsen and Jim Dell'Orco.

The March 2021 Session Newsletter was sent via U.S. Mail. "Ask the Session" link is now on the First Presbyterian Church of Saline website.

Doug Frey, local contractor, will be installing a new HVAC system for the sanctuary that will include air purification units in the sanctuary and the rest of the building with the funds (approximately \$27K) coming from the First Presbyterian Church of Saline reserves. The HVAC system and air purification units will have the capabilities needed for energy efficiency and proper ventilation to help reduce the concentration of airborne contaminants.

The Nominating Committee will be approaching members of First Presbyterian Church of Saline to join the slate of nominees for Elders and Deacons.

Please prayerfully consider when asked to serve as an Elder or Deacon as an opportunity to faithfully serve the church and God.

Treasurer's Report: YTD Income: \$32K; YTD Expenses: \$(29K); Net: \$3K

If you have questions or comments, please contact the clerk at janyce1950@gmail.com.

God Bless,

Janyce Durnell

Clerk of Session

A New Task Force:

Mission & Vision Task Force members are as follows:

Nancy Ryan, Laurie Champion, Shannon Janeczek, Erica Brown, Taylor Jacobsen and Jim Dell'Orco.

Since the Session Notes were published, Member Mark Pellerin has been added to the roster.

An Update From Session's Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, with God's help, will soon present a slate of well qualified candidates for election as elders and deacons to the congregation.

Meeting virtually with some much-appreciated guidance from Reverend Shipman and the Holy Spirit, has begun to narrow the field of persons we feel process the God given gifts to lead this congregation forward.

Should you receive a letter from the Nominating Committee, we hope that you will prayerfully consider the call.

In Service to Christ, John Coffey, Chair

ASK SESSION

Session wants to hear from you! The church office will forward messages to the group or you may use the new "Ask Session" form on the church website.



Newsletter Archive Now On Our Website

All issues of *The Messenger* will be archived on our website. Go to salinepres.org and then look for the The Messenger link on the first page.

A Church Building and Gathering Update From the PHT

Session believes our congregation will be best served by forming a collaborating group of 3 session members to join the PHT for reopening discussions. This will help us all get to 'yes' while considering the needs of our congregation in the context of science and public health.

Session members working with the PHT are Kurt Leutheuser, Bill Woerhle, and Ann Valentine.

Watch the Weekly CONNECT! for timely Vaccine updates, as well as the Washtenaw County Health Dept and local sources.



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Staying connected--especially when we've had to worship and serve together while apart-- is important. For many of us, the pandemic has meant lots of screen time to keep in touch. But what can the church do for parishioners without internet access?

The answer was to develop a system of regular mailings for all communications, including sermons, the Weekly CONNECT! and Session Notes. As Reverend Bill Zambon mentioned in last Sunday's sermon, there are parts of the pandemic that might be worth keeping, and that includes providing written materials for anyone, increasing inclusivity and access.

Please subscribe to this service by contacting Christen Mitchell at the church office, 734-429-4140 or by email, admin@salinepres.org.