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- 07 Jill Sikkenga
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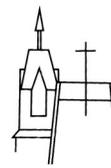
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Why not
send a
card?

In this time of social distancing,
we can still stay in touch!



FERRY LOG

May 2020

Ferry Memorial Reformed Church, Reformed Church in America



Opportunity Knocks



It has been more than a month since we have been able to gather and see one another. It will likely be another month before that will change. So, what do we spend our time focused on? Well, I'm reminded of some great words from Colossians that I think in the current circumstances take on new meaning.

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Col 4:5-6

So what opportunities have you been able to make the most of?

I know a few of you who sew have been making masks for people. What a great way to bless and love others. I know some of you have been sending cards and ecards of encouragement to others. We have gotten a few in the office and thank you for the encouraging words. Some are calling to check in on others. Helping get groceries or other needed supplies or driving people to get care for medical needs. Some of you have been recording music for worship, for which I am so grateful. We are learning and growing in our live web worship and we couldn't do it without you.

Some of you are at home with family. What opportunities are you making the most of? I've seen some cool posts of family time. Posts of disrupted work—still a blessing at times. I've heard people are video chatting dinners with family that can't gather. We hooked up our TV and webcam to the laptop so we could all see everyone better when we've done it. Some look to be doing a few projects around the home or just doing some long overdue clean up. Some are still learning and growing. Some have become teachers for the first time. And some are getting to sleep in instead of having a long commute to work.

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All really great things. But could there be more? How could we make the most of the opportunity to share the gospel with people? How can we show the love of Jesus to others? How can we do the good works prepared for us in advance to be our way of life? How do we love our neighbors as ourselves? How can we invite people to taste and see that the Lord is good?

I'm not going to answer those questions. Instead, I'm inviting you to sit and dwell on them. To ponder and listen to God through the Holy Spirit to inspire you. I don't want my limited ideas to keep anyone else from feeling the prompting of God to create something new or do something in a new and wonderful way. I just want to encourage you to wait upon the Lord who gives gifts to all to lead and direct and inspire something new. And I am looking forward to seeing all that He has and will do in the weeks and months ahead as we seek to reach up to God and reach out to others.



Pastor Leighton

YOUTH & Family

As with many things, plans for summer ministry opportunities for families at Ferry are in a “holding pattern”, waiting for restrictions to lift. Together, we are figuring out what it means to be the body of Christ when we cannot physically gather. How can we continue to help each other? Support each other? Serve each other in the name of Christ?

First, focus on your relationship with Christ. What a unique time to pause, seek God and how He is shaping you through this season of life. Is God encouraging you to talk with Him in prayer? Read His Word? Spend time in silence with Him? Generously give? See Him in the world around you?

Second, what is one thing you can do to serve or encourage others? Handwrite a card, send a small package or book, call a friend. Or text an acquaintance or friend and tell them one thing you appreciate about them. Pray for someone. Weed

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someone’s garden (with their permission!), or drop off flowers on their front step. Pick up at the beach or bike trail.

Be gentle with yourself, friends! Trust God to take care of you!

Pastor Amy

FINANCIAL INFORMATION 01/01 – 04/30/2020

	<u>ACTUAL OFFERINGS</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>
GENERAL FUND		
Jan 1 – Mar 31	<u>\$91,891.02</u>	<u>\$86,489.43</u>
April	<u>\$28,599.00</u>	<u>\$28,829.81</u>
MISSIONS		
Jan 1 – Mar 31	<u>\$ 4,562.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,612.50</u>
April	<u>\$ 1,885.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,204.17</u>

Financial Snapshot

We had a very good first quarter with giving exceeding budget in both the General Fund and Missions Fund. We are looking financial healthy starting out the second quarter also, due in part to a generous grant from the RCA to assist in the hardship of COVID-19.

We continue to look for other avenues of financial resources that are being made through government assistance and charitable grants. The Deacons along with the full Consistory continue to pray for guidance so we may faithfully lead the church through these times of challenges we are all facing.

Finally, I would like to thank the Congregation for maintaining your faithful giving and generosity. You are the church, and without you we would not be able to continue serving the community as we do. Please continue to pray and have faith in our Father. He will see us through.

In loving prayer,

Ken, Treasurer