



The Peoples Weekly Mini Mouse



Manse Cat Monthly: Musings from Pastor Leia / her cat

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Well. These are interesting times, aren't they?

When I decided that I wanted to be a pastor, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Zoom (etc., etc., etc.) didn't even exist, so I had no reason not to assume that any ministry I did would take place in a physical building with other humans physically present. It was comforting to me to think that my background in theater, public speaking, and stage light design might come in handy as I created engaging services for a future church.

When I started seminary in 2012, we didn't talk about church websites or social media presence or audio files or copyright law. We practiced baptizing baby

dolls, and memorized liturgies, and got comfortable using microphones, and went on field trips (to other denominations' churches, to a cemetery, to a courthouse). I learned a lot from seminary and I will be forever grateful to the pastors, musicians, professors, and fellow students who taught me countless things...but it's funny how many new things I've scrambled to learn over the past two weeks that never once came up in seminary.

In the past two weeks, I've learned how to host video conferences on Zoom, how to live stream a worship service on Facebook, how to add entirely new pages to the menu on our website, and how to set up lighting in my craft room to avoid looking like a shadow demon on

camera (the struggle is real). I've learned that the internal microphone in my laptop is not ideal for live streaming; that copyright licenses often cover music that is sung in a live church service but not music that is recorded and uploaded to the internet; that according to our national church's rules, I cannot personally cancel in-person worship but need the majority vote of our Session; and that the external microphone I bought offers significantly better audio quality (even if it also picks up on a wider range of sounds, including the cat on the other side of the door).

Needless to say, I know that I've certainly learned a lot of new things during these past two weeks...and I bet you have, too. I'd love to

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Pastor Leia Continued

hear about your unexpected lessons and new skills!

I hope that many of you will join me Sunday as I live stream worship on Facebook at 10am. You can follow along with the prayers, readings, and hymns, which will be published on our website under the heading "Worship" in the main menu. After worship, you are invited to a virtual coffee hour on Zoom! There will be a link to join posted on our Facebook page, but if you don't have the set-up to join a video conference, you could also join by telephone by dialing (312) 626-679 and entering the meeting code 113 977 353. On Wednesday at 8pm, I will be live streaming an evening prayer service on Facebook.

In light of our governor's guidelines, and by the decision of our Session, we will continue to worship in our own homes until at least April 13. This is disappointing to all of

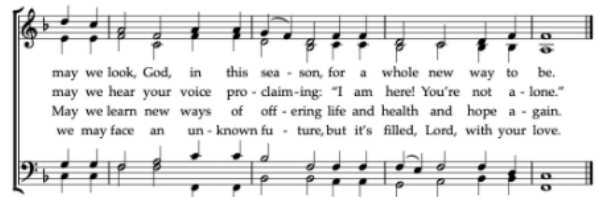
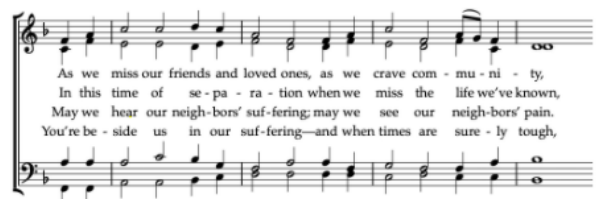
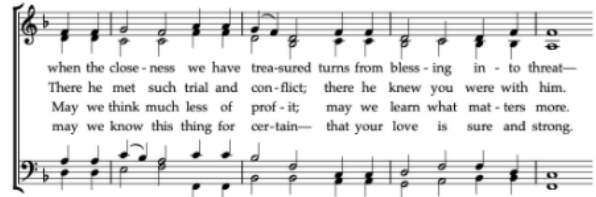
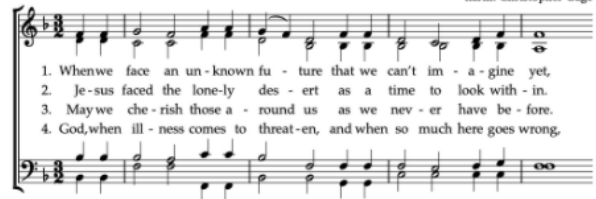
us, and not a decision that was made lightly. As I begin to put together alternative services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter, I ask that you pray for me, just as I am praying for each and every one of



When We Face an Unknown Future

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage



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CE Happenings

Vacation Bible School

We had our second joint Vacation Bible School meeting with the fine people of Marble United Methodist Church this week. The original dates for VBS were June 28 to July 2nd. With the world in such uncertain times, we decided to attempt to move the dates out, and beyond, the end of this coronavirus situation. So, now our new dates for VBS are . . . August 2, Sunday to August 6, Thursday. We will be planning accordingly with full knowledge that these dates might not work either . . .but we wanted to give it a try.

If you are interested in joining the excitement of VBS in any of the following categories teacher, teacher assistant, worship, music, crafts, snacks, recreation, decorations, publicity, registration . . . just let Carole know and you are in . . . no application fee . . . just a quick background check to keep all our little ones safe.

Come join the fun!!!!

CE Packets

Packets were sent out to all the younger kids with a letter to the parents and explanation of our current lessons of the Beatitudes. There were a couple of coloring pages included. Bee Attitudes show us how our "Attitudes" should "Bee" . . . couldn't have come at a better time in our daily lives as we all battle against the coronavirus. There will be a few more mailings with fun activities and crafts that will help us understand how a positive, but humble, attitude can make us a better person.

There are some great life lessons hidden in the Beatitudes for *all* of us to learn . . . and practice.

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

COLLECT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
IN A BAG OR BASKET. CHECK THE BOXES
AS YOU FIND EACH ONE.

- ☐ 5 LEAVES THAT LOOK DIFFERENT
- ☐ A STICK THAT IS LONGER THAN YOUR HAND
- ☐ A ROCK WITH SPOTS ON IT
- ☐ A FLOWER
- ☐ A FLAT ROCK
- ☐ 10 BLADES OF GRASS
- ☐ SOMETHING YOU LOVE TO PLAY WITH
- ☐ A PIECE OF TRASH YOU CAN RECYCLE
- ☐ SOMETHING THAT IS BROWN
- ☐ SOMETHING THAT IS HEAVY
- ☐ SOMETHING THAT IS VERY LIGHT
- ☐ SOMETHING THAT NEEDS SUN TO LIVE
- ☐ AN ITEM SMALLER THAN YOUR THUMB
- ☐ SOMETHING THAT STARTS WITH "M"
- ☐ SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD

Ready for snack? Make sure everything
gets put back where it belongs!



Carole's Caring Corner

Hi Friends

Just watched a video on cleaning your groceries when you get home from the store.

First clean part of your counter to put the food once they are clean, put the bags of groceries on part that has not been cleaned.

Use a spray (Lysol or disinfectant) and spray the bags, boxes, plastic containers, etc. and then put your fruit and vegetables in some warm soapy water then rinse off.

Dry everything or let air dry. throw away all the bags then clean the "dirty" part of counter. Wash hands and put the groceries away.

He even said that if you can leave all your groceries in your car/garage for 3 days, that would be a sure way to avoid any virus contamination.

Another thing to be careful about is pumping gas - use gloves or a napkin to touch the hand pump, remember germs can stay on steel for 3 days.

one more thing - encourage people to order food on line to local grocers and pick them up (staff will out them in your trunk) if they do not know how, ask some one they can help or order for them.

Who really knows what precautions are really necessary . . . but it certainly would not hurt to follow them.

Be care, be safe and stay healthy!!

Let's stay in touch!

Carole

My niece, Becky, is a midwife in Midland and she reached out to me to provide some homemade masks for St. Joes Hospital in Ann Arbor, where she used to work.

Becky said that she was to deliver a c-section today and the mother had a cough but they had no masks available in her unit . . . unbelievable!!

I ended up making 19 adult sized masks and 17 children sized masks before I ran out of elastic. Becky said this was good for them.

Now I just heard that employees at grocery stores and Hospice workers need them too.

I just got some more elastic from my neighbor so I will continue to make some more.

They are certainly nothing fancy but hopefully they will do some good.

Carole



CE Cont'd: The Family Fold

(Due to PPC's Worship & Coffee Hour Hiatus, we asked the families of our congregation to send any updates they might want to share with us. We will continue to do this while we practice social distancing. If there is anything you would like to share, please send to ppcoffice@peoplespresbyterian.org)

The Barneys:

On the first day of Liam's homeschooling, the Barneys added community service to their curriculum.

The three of them packed up all the food at church that had been donated to the Milan Area School's

weekend meal program and delivered it to Aid in Milan. It was much needed to start their ongoing

project of offering food for all the families in need during this awful virus situation.



Mary Huber:

I am finally getting the T shirts prepped to make a quilt of my husband's shirts from over 20 years of competing in the National Veteran's Wheelchair Games. I'm just getting started. These are among the first of them.

Molly is helping the best way she can, by not being under my feet!

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Live at 8:00 pm

