

### Manse Cat Monthly: Musings from Pastor Leia / her cat

As many of you may know, I moved to Washington, D.C. after I graduated college and returned to intern at Church of the Pilgrims there under the supervision of the late Rev. Dr. Jeff Krehbiel. Although I haven't been able to visit in person since 2019, otherwise known as The Before Times, I have been joining my church for "zoomtails" most Tuesdays (the inspiration for Peoples' Thursday gatherings over zoom). Last week, as I read coverage of the violence in our nation's capital, my first thoughts were concern for my friends and fellow Pilgrims who work in various government buildings. It was a threat to the ideals of our democratic system, but also a threat to people and places I love.

It's hard enough to share the good news of the word of God in the midst of any kind of violence, but even more complicated when that violence is inherently political. On top of politics being divisive enough to begin with, churches and nonprofits walk a fine line between encouraging moral codes and ways of life and endorsing specific policies or candidates. I hope that your personal politics are in favor of systems that do right by the people whom Jesus loves and calls us all to love, but I can't tell you how that translates to a ballot.

If you are anxious about the new administration that will begin this month, whether that anxiety is rooted in excitement or apprehension, I invite you to join us for Wednesday evening prayer on the day of the inauguration. While prayer alone without action is not enough to resolve the deep and growing tensions in our country, it's a good place to start.

To that end, I'd like to share a prayer written last week by Glen Bell for The Presbyterian Outlook and reprinted by permission of the publisher:

Gracious and eternal

God, in these moments of strife and discord, we pray for our country.
Call us to our better selves, that we may release all anger rooted in self-centeredness.
Remind us of our mutual

Remind us of our mutual responsibilities to live as a republic, as one people together, grounded on the freedoms and traditions of our constitution.

Free us from any desire

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to be first or foremost – or to get our own way, no matter the cost. Instead, grant us strength and courage to listen wholeheartedly to voices long silenced, work together for justice and peace and govern collaboratively as one nation with others far different from ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.







## Happening This Week

Tuesday, January 19, 8pm: Bible study on Facebook Live; 1 John 2

Wednesday, January 20, 8pm: evening prayer service on Facebook Live

Thursday, January 21, 1-3pm: virtual knitting group on zoom

https://peoplespresbyterian.org/events/hats-for-cancer-2021-01-21/

Thursday, January 21, 5pm: virtual fellowship on zoom

https://peoplespresbyterian.org/events/virtual-cocktail-hour-2021-01-21/

Sunday, January 24, 10am: worship on Facebook Live followed by virtual fellowship on zoom

https://peoplespresbyterian.org/events/virtual-coffee-hour-2021-01-24/

#### \*IMPORTANT RESOURCES REGARDING THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINE IN MICHIGAN\*

The link below will take you the Washtenaw county Health Department website. The first paragraph gives you a link that will take you to another site where you have to answer a few questions and provide your email address and phone number.

They do not have a supply of vaccines right now. Completing this registration gives them an idea of the numbers of people requesting the vaccine. We will be notified when supplies are available and they will get us scheduled (predicted to be weeks from now).

U of M and SJ hospital are supposed to notify their patient population when they are able to schedule appointments.

-Diane London

https://www.washtenaw.org/3269/COVID-19-Vaccination

#### **MICHIGAN COVID-19 PRIORITIZATION GUIDE:**

The link below will take you to a pdf outline of the State of Michigan's COVID-19 rollout.

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/ MI COVID-

19 Vaccination Prioritization Guidance 710349 7.pdf

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# Family Fold

#### PEANUT BRITTLE

Recipe from Mildred Brown - Richard's mom

2 c. white sugar

1 c. white Karo Syrup

1 c. water

Cook to soft ball (medium heat) (240° F) Add: 2 c. raw peanuts (approx. 1#) 1 t. salt 1 T. butter Cook to hard crack (300° F) Remove from heat Add: 2 t. soda Stir vigorously – mixture will foam. Pour into buttered pans – 12x14 sheets with "lips" (as Mom Brown would say)

Note: I only make this in the winter. I set the pans on the cold cement for about 15 minutes. This seems to make the candy "brittle" and not sticky. Works everytime!



#### PPC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 31, 2021

11:00 a.m. via Zoom

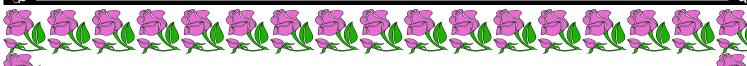
BE ADVISED: The zoom link is the same one used for coffee hour. You can join the conversation by clicking https://zoom.us/j/146874134?pwd=K1krZkFrTnJMTHFoV2JwdTk1QWdXUT09. If you don't have the set-up to join a video conference, you could also join by telephone by dialing (312) 626-6799 and entering the meeting code 146 874 134, followed by the password 075003.

An Agenda and the usual Reports documents will be emailed to everyone on the PPC Google Groups email list during the week prior to the meeting. All the usual orders of business will be conducted including reports, election of Elders, Deacons, and the 2021 Nominating Committee, and the Pastor's Call for 2021 will be presented and voted on.

The Annual Meeting is ordinarily held in conjunction with a potluck lunch. Since that won't be happening this year, we encourage you to provide your own coffee and snacks

If you are not currently on the PPC Google Groups email list, please contact Alayna at the PPC office so she can add your name and email address.

-Nancy Kuzniar, Clerk of Session



## Rose London Scholarship 2021

Reminder: If we have any members graduating high school this year you are invited to email or call the Peoples Presbyterian church office to request the scholarship application.

Also, if you are a current college or trade school student who received a Rose London scholarship previously, you are eligible to reapply IF your total scholarship was less than \$1,000 AND if no high school senior applies.

-Diane London

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#### Worship:

Streamed Weekly on Facebook Live at 10:00 am every Sunday

#### **Prayer Service:**

Streamed Live each Wednesday on Facebook Live at 8:00 pm