

April - June 2020

THE CHURCH CRIER

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Pastor's Message

COVID-19 Statement

Effective immediately, Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers and services have been suspended. Pastor Allan will be here Sunday mornings. We request that no more than 10 people (as per government guidelines) gather at one time at our facility for private prayer. All other events at our facility have been postponed. Desert Congregational Church will keep in touch with you via email, Facebook and our website. Office hours will be kept so you may contact us if we can help you in any way. (760-361-0086).

In This Together

Pastor Allan may be reached at any time at on his cell phone at 760-391-3717.

We are publishing a weekly bulletin for home worship, including printed sermons, and are working on uploading the message to face book and our website (desertcongregationalchurch.org). We are looking to encourage one another. How are you passing the time? Are you doing something creative? Something that is of use to the community? How are you sharing the faith? Are you remembering a turning point in your own life that you can write down and share with us? If you have any ideas, please send them to the office or post them on face book. Remember God is at work in and through this season of our life. Viruses may frighten and isolate us, but our God is bigger than all that. We love you and look forward to gathering again.

Pastor Allan



Upcoming Events

April

- 5 Deacon's Meeting
- 11 Praise & Worship
- 12 Trustee Meeting
- 13 Women's Fellowship
- 14 DCC Lunch Bunch
- 19 Christian Ed Meeting
- 25 Men's Breakfast
- 26-30 – Rummage Sale Setup

May

- 1-2 Rummage Sale
- 3 Trustee Meeting
- 9 Praise & Worship
- 10 Mother's Day**
- 11 Women's Fellowship
- 17 Christian Ed Meeting
- 30 Men's Breakfast

June

- 7 Deacon's Meeting
- 8 Women's Fellowship
- 9 DCC Lunch Bunch
- 13 Praise & Worship
- 21 Christian Ed Meeting
- 27 Men's Breakfast

DCC "LUNCH BUNCH"

Everyone is welcome so come and join us as we travel to a different restaurant every month and enjoy great fellowship.

Board Briefs

Trustees – Nancy Lake, Chairman

Welcome to the new year as our church rolls on. As I write this most of us are staying home as this virus is going around. I pray that you are all safe and healthy and you stay that way.

I would like to welcome the members to the board of Trustees back: Nancy Lake Chairperson, April Kuhlmeier Vice Chairperson, Jeanette Roberson-Carson, Secretary (who decided to stay on for one more year) Laura Hudson, Fred Robertson, and Eric Ross and our new members, Lorrie Conway, Kenny Hill.

The locks have been changed and the electric locks have been installed. The cost was less than we budgeted for. A kit has been ordered for the new offices and it is going up now. We are excited for this to be happening and hopefully, it will be finished soon. We have fixed the propane issue and everything is working fine now. We have also paid our Fair Share to National for the year for each active member in our church.

A new computer was bought for the church office - the other one went down and to fix it would've been the cost of a new one.

We have discussed having the craft, yard, and bake sale again this year. If you have any ideas for fundraising, please let us know. There are a few in the works. We will keep you posted on those.

May the Lord keep you safe and well. My prayers are with each and every one of you. Blessings to all = Nancy

Christian Ed – Cindy Ross, Chairman

The Christian Ed committee is back in session, and we have big plans for our youth! We are in the process of finalizing curriculum and dates for Vacation Bible School 2020, and scheduling Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in teaching a Sunday School lesson (once church resumes) or assisting with Vacation Bible School (most likely in July), please let Cindy Ross, Laurel Morrow, or any Christian Ed Committee member know. (See page 6 for a list of the Christian Ed committee members.)

Music – Rew Hennessy, Director

I hope this note finds you all in good health and good spirits. It is strange though, not to be meeting together as we usually do.

A dear friend gave me an old old hymnal, and I have been sifting through it. It has a lot of gems that, while they were written long ago, are brand new to me. "Trusting Is Believing" is one that I found. Hopefully we will be able to share a few more of them with you. The choir has been working on an Easter program, and I hope we will be able to do that soon. There are also some ideas for new music that I believe you will hear soon. As always, your feedback and ideas are welcome. I really enjoy hearing all of you sing together as a church and I miss that when we do not meet. So I hope and pray that the hysteria will end soon and we will meet again. Let me leave you with a little encouragement from Psalm 31:1 – 3;

(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.) In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

God bless you. See you soon Rew

Women’s Fellowship – Laurel Hamilton, Chairman

Hello everyone! Women's fellowship had a great March meeting. Thank you to Becky Patterson for going and getting the new microwave oven for the kitchen. She got a great deal! Unfortunately our next meeting will have to be cancelled due to the coronavirus. We might have to do some rescheduling of the rummage sale but we'll have to discuss that at the next meeting. The tea was awesome and thank you to the men that helped serve and all that participated in making that event happen. Stay safe and God bless everybody. Laurel

Men’s Fellowship – Rew Hennessy, Chairman

It is always good to meet together with the men for a time of fellowship and good food. We might skip this March meeting, but I think we will pick it back up in April. Some of the the things that we enjoy are; potatoes with hot sauce and/or gravy, bacon, sausage patties, oatmeal, coffee, and orange juice. In a recent meeting, we had a lively discussion on Ephesians 2. We also discuss church matters and upcoming plans. We are happy to have helped out with another women's tea, and are pleased that the new office pod is now in place. If the apocalypse doesn't come, we will meet again on Saturday, April 25th at 8am. Take Care. see you soon, Rew Rev 4:11

Nominating Committee – Lorri Conway, Chairman

The slate of officers for the year 2020 is attached. New officers are in bold lettering. (See Page 6)

Hymn Sing Sunday

Every third Sunday at Desert Congregational, we sing your favorite songs. Thumb through the hymnal and let us know the song(s) you really like to sing. Fill out the form that’s on the information table in the Narthex and put it in the offering plate any Sunday. That’s all you have to do – we’ll do the rest.

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Got a suggestion for the Deacons to consider and discuss? There’s a suggestion box on the wall in the Foyer. All suggestions must be signed in order to be considered.
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Do you participate in SCRIP?

SCRIP is a great way to support your church. How often do you shop at Stater’s? Walmart? How often do you buy gas for your car at AM/PM? Did you know that you can purchase SCRIP cards for each of these stores and they give a percentage back to the church. See Jean Hill for information on how you can support Desert Congregational Church

Miss a Sunday?

Did you know that all sermons recorded are put on the website (www.desertcongregationchurch.org) on the Archives page? If you ever miss a Sunday, get on the internet, type in the address above and click on the Archives page. Scroll to the date you missed. Those dates listed in black were not recorded because the recorder was sick and at home.

APRIL

Birthdays

2 – Avalee Sandoval; 23 – April Kuhlmeier; 24 – Jessi David & Marie Lafond

Anniversaries

9 - Eric & Cindy Ross;

MAY

Birthdays

3 – Allan Morrow; 4 – Darlene Subriar; 8 – Jerry Williford; 20 – Howard Snowden

Anniversaries

11 – Louie & Barbara Kisner

JUNE

Birthdays

4 – Fred Robertson; 7 – Karen Kluge; 10 – Annette Faudel; 23 - Laura Hudson & Dee Robertson

Anniversaries

7 – Howard & Rachael Snowden; 16 – Blaine & Peggy King

If we have your birthday on the wrong date, or if we've missed your birthday, please let us know. It isn't our intent, nor desire, to leave someone off this list.

Did You Know?

There's a hand sanitizer on the wall across from the bathrooms.

There's a DCC Lunch Bunch that goes to a different restaurant once a month. Join us – we're great company.

There are two Adult Bible studies that are held each week. On Sunday, at 9 AM, led by Pastor Allan and on Thursday evening at 6 PM, led by Wayne Mackey. At either of these studies, you'll be welcome.

On Sunday evening, at 6 PM, there's a place for your children. Pioneer Club (Grades K-5) and Youth Club (Grades 6-12)

Meeting Dates to Remember:

- Adult Bible Study = Sunday @ 9 AM
- Youth Group = Sunday @ 6 PM
- Pioneer Club = Sunday @ 6 PM
- Adult Bible Study = Thursday @ 6 PM
- Worship Team Practice = Thursday @ 6 PM
- Choir Practice = Thursday @ 6:30 PM
- Deacons = 1st Sunday of every other month
- Trustees = 2nd Sunday of every other month
- Christian Ed = 3rd Sunday of each month
- Men's Fellowship = Last Saturday of each month
- Women's Fellowship Ministry = 2nd Monday of each month

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

Bible Wordsearch

THE GOOD SAMARITAN Luke 10:30-37

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AWAY	MAN
BANDAGED	NEXT
BEAT	OIL
CAME	OTHER
CARE	OUT
CLOTHES	OWN
COINS	PASSED
DAY	PITY
DEAD	PLACE
DONKEY	POURING
DOWN	PRIEST
EXPENSE	PUT
EXTRA	REIMBURSE
FELL	REPLY
GAVE	RETURN
GOING	ROAD
HALF	ROBBERS
HANDS	SAMARITAN
HAPPENED	SAW
HAVE	SIDE
HIM	SILVER
INN	STRIPPED
INTO	TOOK
JERICO	TRAVELED
JERUSALEM	WENT
JESUS	WHERE
LEAVING	WINE
LEVITE	WOUNDS

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

_____ Psalm 31

MORE PUZZLES AT:
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Wordsearch No.170

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The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."

SLATE OF OFFICERS – 2020

MODERATOR

Lorri Conway

HISTORIAN

Karen Kluge

VICE MODERATOR

Gale Yawn

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Allan Morrow, ex-officio

Gale Yawn, Vice Moderator – (Chairman)

Sharyn Bishop

Barbara Hinderliter

Robert Wallace

DEACON / ELDERS

Allan Morrow, ex-officio

Patrick McCollum '20

Becky Patterson '21

Jeanne Bussell '21

Don Keller '22 (Chairman)

Sharyn Bishop '22

Marie Lafond '22

TRUSTEES

Allan Morrow, ex-officio

Laura Hudson '20

April Kuhlmeier '20

Nancy Lake '20 (Chairman)

Jeanette Rogerson-Carson '21

Fred Robertson '21

Eric Ross '21

Kenny Hill '22

Lorri Conway '22

CHRISTIAN ED

Allan Morrow, ex-officio

Laurel Hamilton '20

Sandy Smith '20

Wendy McCollum '21

Mary Sanford '21

Cindy Ross '22 (Chairman)

Jenny Bussell '22

Vickie Keller '22

Laurel Morrow '22