

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Scriptures for Sunday, July 26

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b

or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Nancy Ziegler

Betty Murphy

Shirley Weigel

Ruth Roeber

The McDermott family

Johanna Willis

Nita Kleier

Joanna Bailey

Jean Jennings' family

Emille Walden

Kelly Montana

Margaret Meyer

Lynda Jaeger

Sandi Brown

Kittie Dupps

A "Trifecta" of Giving Opportunities

In this unprecedented time of the Coronavirus pandemic, requests for donations come at us from every side. Your Mission team suggests that we concentrate our giving on a "Trifecta" of known causes and non-profit organizations, with which we have had strong ties for many years. We invite you to contribute to one, two, or all three of this Trifecta of causes.

The opportunities for giving include:

- Pentecost offering (one of the 4 "special" annual offerings to the PCUSA), with 40% staying with COF for local causes for at-risk children, such as CLASP)
- BeConcerned, a food bank, serving Covington and Kenton County
- Nicaragua, helping our mission partner, CEPAD, to survive in order to serve rural communities struggling to cope with the COVID crisis.

Donate by sending your checks, with the selected cause(s) on the memo line to the church at 1400 Highland Pike, Covington, KY 41011. Or, give online by Control-clicking on the GIVE NOW button, on the COF web page. Choose the "Other" giving category, online, and indicate which of the cause(s) you've selected, or all three, in a note.

Outdoor Plants

COF session voted to allow congregation members to remove any plants from the outside of the church that are wanted. There are many daffodil and crocus bulbs, red calla lilies, a yucca plant, lamb's ear, and other things both in front of and behind the church building. First come first served until July 31.

Packing Up the Church Project

As we continue to prepare to move out of the COF building, all of the rooms will need to be sorted and the items we want to take with us need to be packed. Jim & Erika Berry have prepared an inventory of each room, and the session is asking for teams of people to select a room to sort and pack. Session will be evaluating the list for items that we want to keep and will also be providing packing materials. Look for the lists soon of items to be kept, sold/ donated, or discarded. Deadline for this packing is July 31.

Next Steps Survey and Continued Discernment

To facilitate the decisions about moving, we will be doing some further discernment as a congregation. Part one of that will be a short survey prepared by Rev. Sharon about our congregational life both in the present and in the future - evaluating our worship, mission, fellowship, and bible study and imagining what they will look like in the future. Part two will include some discussions either in person or on a zoom call to begin to flesh out how we imagine our congregational life being lived in a new location, and where that new location might need to be. The survey will be on the internet via Doodle and will also be available on paper. Thank you all for your support and participation in this project!