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## Announcement

Our search for a Transitional Associate Pastor has been completed, and we are delighted to announce that the Rev. Kelley Jepsen will be joining FPC in mid-July. After a search commencing in September 2019, the Transitional Associate Pastor Nominating Committee selected Kelley as the candidate who most fulfilled the FPC expectations and job responsibilities. Unanimous approval of her call to FPC was obtained from the Committee on Ministry for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and the FPC Session.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Kelley has been living as a Hoosier for the last two years. Kelley graduated from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management with a B.S. in Business, She worked in various supply chain related fields in the Minneapolis area prior to attending Luther Seminary for her Masters of Divinity. In July of 2018, she was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Kelley has been a Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis since August 2018. In this residency program, she worked in various areas including Pastoral Care, Mission, and Engagement.

As part of her Lake Fellow responsibilities, she also served as a Worship and Preaching Pastoral Resident at the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church in Crawfordsville. In her free time, Kelley enjoys cooking, planning trips, reading memoirs, and staying connected with family and friends.

You can view a brief meditation she recently did at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ga0iQHTGvel>

**We are excited to welcome Kelley to FPC.**



## Outreach Committee



The Outreach Committee is thankful to all of the many First Presbyterian Church members who continue to give generously of their time and/or money to help those in need. And, there are so many in need during this pandemic.

*Thank you so much!*

A few of the highlights from our most recent Outreach Committee meeting are:

One Great Hour of Sharing – First Presbyterian Church (FPC) contributions totaled \$2,255 for this Presbyterian Church USA special offering.

Area 10 Agency on Agency – Once each month, approximately 27 FPC members continue to bag groceries and deliver them to those in need – low income elderly who cannot get out to shop even in normal times.

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) – Keeping the food pantry stocked for needy families has been helped by FPC members' recent donations of \$375 in April, and \$250 part-way through May.

Shalom Center – Eight FPC members have continued working onsite, and several have donated funds or purchased string cheese to add protein to guests' sack breakfasts. Contact Ann Schechter 812-339-0306 or earsch@comcast.net for that continuing project.

Wheeler Mission – On May 29, twelve First Presbyterian Church volunteers worked together – while staying apart – to make sack lunches for 120 guests at the Wheeler Mission Men's Center. We hope to continue one day each month. Contact Dan Watts wattbush@gmail.com to help on this group project.

*Thank you for sharing God's love  
through your amazing care for others!*

## Drive Through Coffee, Chocolate & Tea Sale - June 14



We will again have a drive through pick-up in the church parking lot on Sunday, June 14, in the event that we are continuing to worshipping online.

Please mark your calendar and place your order now if you are in need of any of the Equal Exchange fairly-traded items listed below.

1. You must order ahead of time. Email [debbiconkle@gmail.com](mailto:debbiconkle@gmail.com) or call 812-333-1712 & leave a message to call back if no one answers.

2. Please write checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with “Coffee” on memo line, or have exact change.

3. Drive through the church parking lot between 10 – 10:30 am, on Sunday, June 14. There will be no direct hand-to-hand transactions. Money dropped in box; already-bagged order placed in car or trunk.

4. If you prefer to have a delivery to your home at a different time, or if you need to use a credit card, let Debbi know. We are happy to provide those options.

**Coffee \$10:** Breakfast Blend Drip, French Roast Drip, Organic Decaf Drip, Breakfast Blend **BEAN**, Organic Decaf **BEAN**,

**Coffee \$12:** Sisters’ Blend Drip (1 lb.)

**Tea \$4:** English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Chai, Green, Decaf English Breakfast, Ginger Caffeine free, Peppermint Caffeine free, Rooibos *Caffeine free*

**Chocolate \$4:** Panama Extra Dark (80%), Very Dark Chocolate (71%), Dark Chocolate w/ mint crunch (67%), Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch w/ sea salt (55%),

**SALE \$3:** Dark Chocolate w/ almonds (55%)

**Cocoa \$6.50:** Organic Baking Cocoa Mix (8 oz.)

*The profits will go toward FPC’s mission in Posoltega, Nicaragua. Thank you!*

## Posoltega Mission and Mission Trip

Due to Covid-19, we have been forced to cancel our 2020 mission trip to Posoltega. We have rescheduled the trip for 2021, probably in June or early July.

In the meantime, our FPC mission in Posoltega will continue, including our ongoing financial support for the Posoltega church, for the children's music program, and for Nicaraguan students attending college with the help of our scholarship program. Our partner group, the Bloomington-Posoltega Sister Cities Committee, likewise will be continuing its work, providing hot lunches and school uniforms for children in need and continuing to support the women's sewing project that FPC started in 2017.



Covid-19 has reached Nicaragua, including Posoltega. Our friends and mission partners have stayed safe so far, but we fear that the disease could take a heavy toll. Please keep our Posoltegan brothers and sisters in your prayers. We know that they have us in theirs.



## Earth Stewards

### *CO2 in the Atmosphere is Like a Big Pile of Bricks*

*By Allan Edmonds and Norm Holy*

Last month we noted the marked decrease in air pollution during the pandemic. Coal plants are running at much lower levels because of reduced demand and there have been many fewer cars on the road. Those levels could be even lower, except that some coal plants are running at a loss, even though utilities could generate energy more cheaply with wind, because of policies that favor coal.

Lower particulant air pollution has quickly led to a noticeable, immediate, result: clearer skies. More importantly, there are immediate health benefits as well, especially for those respiratory issues. The effect is quick because particulants fall to the ground. But of course the pollution will probably be back to usual as power plants increase their output and cars and trucks return to the road.

Longer term, those of us worried about climate change are most concerned about the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere (as well as in the oceans). We've also had a significant 17% decrease in the addition of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere. Although that shows that a decrease is possible, it is unfortunately not nearly as effective. CO<sub>2</sub> is unseen and unfelt in our everyday existence. Its effect is long term, as emitted CO<sub>2</sub> stays in the atmosphere for around 100 years. Climate scientist Katherine Hayhoe recently described it along these lines: It's like we've been making a big pile of bricks for the last 100 years, adding more and more bricks to the pile every year. In 2020 we started adding slightly smaller bricks to the pile. The pile is still getting bigger!

We will need to make a cut of this magnitude year after year in order to slow global warming.

Can we do it?



