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June Messenger

Hybrids

A “hybrid” is defined as “a thing made by combining two different elements, a mixture.” Hybrids exist in nature – the offspring of two plants or animals of different species. For example, a mule is a hybrid of a horse and donkey; a tangelo is a hybrid of a mandarin orange and tangerine. Apparently, strawberries are hybrids – I didn’t know that, did you?

I used to own a hybrid bicycle – it was a cross between a road bike and mountain bike. And there are many varieties of hybrid cars on the road today – in this case it’s the engine that offers the hybrid quality of gasoline and electric.

So, why all this talk of hybrids? Because I believe COVID-19 is creating hybrid forms of ministry. Worship will be the best example of this as some of you choose to resume in-person worship with us in June; while due to health concerns, medical guidance and risk factors others will choose to stay home. We will continue to offer worship by live stream, even while we have in-person participants back in the building – let’s call it a hybrid. We will need to be aware of both constituent groups as we plan, lead and participate in worship moving forward. For example, how do you facilitate a hybrid greeting time? Or a hybrid prayer time? Those are questions we continue to wrestle with.

But living in hybrid community will extend beyond worship. It has impact on pastoral care, fellowship, faith formation and discipleship. The emerging world, thanks to COVID-19, is one in which at home, tech connect options will companion in-person social distancing gatherings. Community will be formed and lived in a mixture that combines both elements. It’s an adaptive challenge that we will continue to be asked to accommodate in this pre-vaccine reality.

Is there precedent for such ministry? Perhaps we find it, in some form, in the letters of the Apostle Paul which occupy so much of the New Testament. Paul often wrote to communities he was separated from, sometimes due to his imprisonment, addressing them via messengers who carried and read the letters. He found ways to remind these communities that though separated physically, they were united spiritually. He was mindful of the challenges such circumstances presented, yet he didn’t surrender the cause of Christ to those obstacles. He continually “pressed on” adapting as he went, because he knew the power of the Gospel far exceeded any “light and momentary” troubles he could face.

I have been drawn to Paul’s letters during this time we have been physically apart. They remind me that when we are “in Christ” we are never really apart. I offer that word to you as we continue to move forward in new ways and forms of life together.

Pastor Dan



Around The Church

Priorities

A question has consistently popped into my head as we've contemplated what returning to in-person worship will look like: "How does worship differ from a regular social gathering?" Of course, we know the answer - in worship we're intentionally meeting with God rather than just other people. However, what has this time revealed to us about the priorities of our spiritual fellowship?

I sat and pondered this question for a while, considering the breadth of the Body of Christ all over the world. It can only be described as a miracle that, despite all of our factions denominationally and even within the walls of the same building, the Holy Spirit still holds us together in His Body through those spiritual sinews of grace, forgiveness, hope, and love. That got me thinking - that's what makes worship different from social gatherings.

In life, we meet and greet and eat together, getting to know the intimate details of each other's lives, but we also compete for survival through status and our search for comfort and peace, sometimes at the expense of those around us. Bluntly, we're frequently selfish even if we don't intend to be and end up bringing each other down rather than lifting each other up. We end up in the same place - the dirt, where we greet each other again in confused and fearful isolation.

In worship, we're met and greeted in the dirt. More than that, we're called out of it, picked up, and brushed off. We're given the Gospel - the finished work of Him who died for sinners when we wouldn't die for even a good person. Our building itself reminds us of the gift it is to walk into God's presence: through a narrow and low doorway, we're reminded that because of Jesus, who is the door, who is the narrow way, we are graciously brought into the presence of God in the revelation of what He has done for us. We know there isn't a magic word that brings God to us, and we know that God is everywhere, yet, in our humbled and tired state, a state which logically shouldn't be allowed in the presence of a Holy God, we're welcomed. So, what if we thought about worship in reverse? It's not a gift we give to Him, but the gift that He's given us to which we respond. He says the magic word: It is finished.

Time and again, God's work in Scripture is accomplished through the gracious act of revealing His will to those He loves. He calls. He tells. He sends. Worship is different from our everyday because we're called together, bandaged by the gracious will of the Father who, through His Son, provided the relief we futilely search for, and are sent out by the power of this Great Physician with the assurance that either He's coming back immediately, or we'll get another communal dosage of medicinal grace in a week.

As we come from the same place: the mire, the dirt, the ashes of our lives, remember that it is He who calls us because, in His infinite love and wisdom, He bestows blessings on us in mutual consolation. He reveals the depth of the Son's sacrifice and receives our response for His glory and our sanctification when we taste and see that the Lord is good.

I don't know when we'll be back for good. I don't know what social gatherings are going to look like - but we can be assured in this: The grace and presence of Him who calls us is not limited by governmental stipulations and when our priority is to hear again and again the Good News for which we hunger and thirst we will be renewed in His Spirit day by day.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Daniel



Around The Church

Our Plan for Resuming In-Person Worship Gatherings

- The first in-person worship service will be held on June 7.
- Mindful of CDC and Indiana's "Back on Track" guidelines, persons age 65 and over, and those with compromised health situations are encouraged to continue to worship via Live Stream.
- Please enter and exit the building by the main entrances (circle drive or kitchen door) to help us maintain traffic flow and continue to keep surfaces clean and sanitized. Upon entry, please proceed to a worship seating area (sanctuary, chapel or fellowship hall) to avoid congregating with others.
- All present will be asked to wear a mask or face covering. (Masks will be made available to those who do not have one.)
- Persons will be seated by ushers, safely distanced, in the Sanctuary, Chapel or Fellowship Hall. Household groups may sit together. A live feed of the service will be broadcast in the Chapel and Fellowship Hall. Ushers will dismiss seating areas to avoid congregating.
- Families are asked to keep children with them in worship. There will be no nursery, children's programming or second hour classes.
- Coffee bar, Coffee Fellowship, candy dishes and food receptions will be suspended at present.
- Worship spaces will be thoroughly cleaned each week before the next weekend's services. Mid-week Bible study will continue to meet online, not in person.
- The following modifications to worship will be implemented for now:
 - o Offering stations available at entrances
 - o No choir at present
 - o No handshakes or hugs (Waves are acceptable)
 - o No communion at present
 - o Hum along with Daniel's singing, or just sing in your head.

A task force will monitor our process, to recommend modifications needed.

Mission Work Day with New Song Mission

Our Work Day at New Song is planned for Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with lunch beginning at 12.30. We will be following social distancing guidelines including allocation of tasks by family unit, use of facilities and sensible distancing during lunch. Bring your own lunch and a lawn chair so that we can sit out under the trees for a time of fellowship together. Projects include some storage space organization, grounds keeping and house cleaning.

If you and/or any of your friends would welcome spending a few hours helping out this worthwhile ministry in beautiful Brown County, please contact Cliff Putterill at Putterillcliff@gmail.com or (812) 603-5728.

Around The Church

Wednesday Bible Study to Continue Meeting Online

We will continue to offer a mid-week, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Bible study via Zoom through June. By offering the study online we do not present an additional need for cleaning and disinfecting the church building between Sundays. Plans for June include a follow up discussion and study from the prior Sunday's worship message.

Please join us for this time of faith and community formation. You will find a link to the Zoom meeting on our church website: firstbaptistcolumbus.org

Birth Announcement:

Jason and Breanne Vogelpohl (and big sister Evie) welcomed Everett (Rhett) George Vogelpohl into their family on May 14. Congratulations!

Church Office:

The Church Office will begin resuming normal office hours on June 1. Visitors are asked to wear a mask and continue observing social distancing protocols for the protection of all.

Thank
you

THANK YOU!

Once again we have been blessed by the caring of our FBC family. Bob is very appreciative of the prayers, cards, E-mails, texts and phone calls following his recent hospitalization and recuperation at home. Although visits aren't possible during this time of "sheltering in place," we have felt your presence with us.

Gratefully,
Judy and Bob Rhude

Thank you for the warm words of comfort on the passing of KM. I truly appreciate all the cards and book, and all your kind words.

Molly George

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

June 7 - Ron & Peggy Lane
June 14 - Dortha Anderson & Mandy Reed
June 21 - Daryl & Dot McMath
June 28 - Kerry & Alice Richmond

Children's Sunday School

As we resume in-person worship in June there will be no children's Sunday School or Kids Connection. This is in keeping with recommendations made by local, denominational and national health recommendations concerning COVID-19.

Emergency Responders

June 7 - Forest Daugherty	July 5 - Kim Hamon
June 14 - Mike Compton	July 12 - Forest Daugherty
June 21 - Terri Ketterling	July 19 - Mike Compton
June 28 - Judy Rhude	July 26 - Terri Ketterling



The Coffee Bar & Coffee Fellowship are cancelled at this time.

Serving in the Nursery:

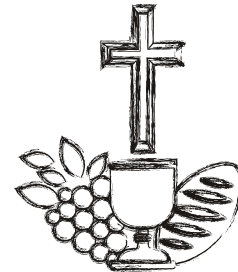
As we resume in-person worship in June there will be no Nursery. This is in keeping with recommendations made by local, denominational and national health recommendations concerning COVID-19.

The nursery will be available for parents who may need to use it for changing an infant, or as a cry room.

Communion

We will not be sharing communion during June per the health guidelines regarding the spread of COVID-19.

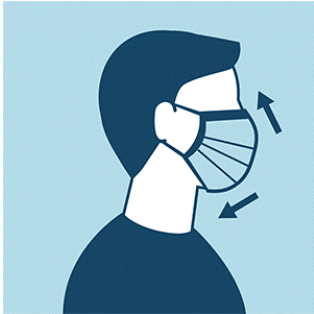
We will continue to monitor guidelines moving forward and make adjustments as able.



Healthy Living Tips

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering



Cloth face coverings should —

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



Healthy Living Tips

Why You Shouldn't Wear Gloves to the Grocery Store

Wearing gloves doesn't give you perfect protection against COVID-19.

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread, so do tips and advice on how you can protect yourself. Plus, with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) now recommending face masks during essential trips (like going to the grocery store or pharmacy), you might be wondering if wearing gloves is a logical precaution. "We're seeing a lot of people out in public wearing gloves, which isn't wrong so to say," says infectious disease specialist Patricia Dandache, MD. "But unfortunately, most people aren't wearing or disposing of their gloves correctly, which defeats the whole purpose."

There are many factors that play into why gloves aren't always an effective protection measure outside of direct patient care. There could be a tear or rip in the gloves, you could put them on or take them off incorrectly, but most importantly, the gloves could give you a false sense of security – and you end up touching everything you please, including your face, leading to self-contamination.

The glove itself is only good protection if the person wearing it follows good protective measures, but unfortunately most people will not. Instead, Dr. Dandache recommends that your best bet is to go to the store without gloves and follow these steps:

- Do not touch your face.
- Do not touch your phone.
- Practice social distancing while in the store. (Stay at least six feet away from others at all times.)
- Limit the items or surfaces that you need to touch. (Now isn't the time to scavenge through the entire apple pile.)
- Wear a face mask – and do not touch the mask once it's on your face.
- Sanitize your hands (if possible) when you transition to your car and immediately wash your hands when you get home after unloading.

"Social distancing, not touching your face, sanitizing your hands after you're done shopping, followed by washing your hands is a reasonable approach to avoid acquiring the virus in the store," explains Dr. Dandache. Gloves do not give you immunity nor permission to touch everything within reach either. Any germs that might be on your gloves can be transferred to all other surfaces and items you touch. This is why it's counterproductive to wear gloves yet continue to rummage through your purse or text on your phone while in the store.

The coronavirus can enter your body through mucous membranes, like in your nose and mouth. It does not enter your body through your hands, but the hands can transport the viral particles to the mucus membranes. There's even the possibility that the virus could stick to the latex in gloves better than it could adhere to your own skin.

Still, for those who swear by gloves, it's important to avoid cross-contamination when wearing them, otherwise they offer you no protection. It's also critical to follow the CDC's recommendation on how to correctly remove them. "Many people don't take off their gloves the right way, further contaminating themselves and others around them," says Dr. Dandache. "And you should never, ever reuse gloves."

In case you're unfamiliar, here's a quick recap of how to safely remove your gloves:

- Grasp the outside of one glove at the wrist, but be careful not to touch your skin.
- Peel the glove away from your body, pulling it inside out.
- Hold the glove you just removed in your other gloved hand.
- Peel off the second glove by putting your fingers inside the glove at the top of your wrist.
- Turn the second glove inside out while pulling it away from your body, leaving the first glove inside the second.
- Throw the gloves into the trash immediately. (Don't leave them in the store parking lot outside of your vehicle or try to reuse them later.)
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer directly after you've removed the gloves.

June Birthdays



4. ~ Lindsay McIntosh
5. ~ Larry Sims
6. ~ Troy Cheek
8. ~ Michelle Emmert
9. ~ Tim Pickup
10. ~ Dennis Orwin
12. ~ Ted Burton
14. ~ Ramona Harlow, Josh Fields, Beth Aldenhagen
16. ~ Donna Emmert

20. ~ Julia Casey
21. ~ Frank Tull
22. ~ Keith Arbuckle, Margaret Hatter
23. ~ Jon Carlstrom
24. ~ Adrienne Hatton, Lance Alexander
25. ~ Roberta Walls, Eric Olson, Emma Patrick
27. ~ Jessica Arbuckle, Julie Bowling, Catherine Fields, Ben Slaton
29. ~ Dennis Steele

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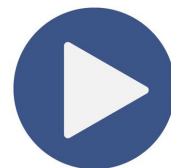
- Betty Euler, Cecil & Linda Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Alvin Arbuckle, Marilyn Estell, Heidi Putterill, Don & Nancy Hughes, Randy Wheeler, Margaret Nelson.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, June 11 - Property Committee (6:30 pm)
Saturday, June 13 - Mission Work Day with New Song Mission (9:00 am - 1:00 pm)
Monday, June 15 - Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, June 16 - Church Council (7:00 pm)
Saturday, June 20 - Jan Ross Memorial Service (2:00 pm)
Saturday, July 18 - Howard McVey Memorial Service
Saturday, August 1 - Wedding of Joyce Fonner & Herb Sutton

All other activities pending...

Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am (In person beginning June 7)
2nd Hour Learning (will not meet at this time)



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