

The Link October 2020

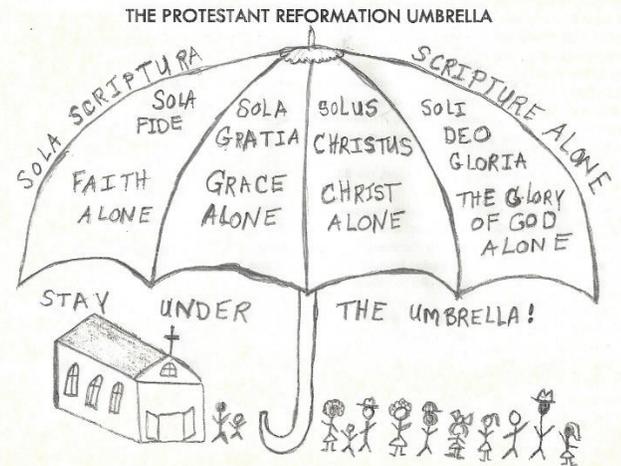
Keeping you connected with your church family at Stanford Presbyterian Church

You, then, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will teach others also.
II Timothy 2:1

We are really good at thinking about what is going on in our lives right now in the present. And we are pretty good at keeping in touch with our Bible, with the people and events that shape and inform our faith. How about in-between? Maybe you are a church historian and have all that good stuff at your fingertips, and maybe, like me, you need to remind yourself now and again of the heroes of the faith down through the centuries. These faithful sisters and brothers fought the good fight so that the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ, the Scripture that reveals God's salvation, the Church that is the true community of the people of God, and the Gospel of grace was transmitted from soul to soul, from heart to heart, through years and years. There is an unbroken chain of believers from the time of Jesus Christ to today, populated with teachers and preachers and scholars and translators and evangelists and apostles and pastors and missionaries who kept sharing Jesus with others, and they then kept sharing Jesus, until finally someone shared Jesus with me. . . and with you. So for the next few Sundays we will talk about some of the Reformers who passed on the faith – sometimes at the cost of their very lives. They inspire us to continue the share, so that to salvation in Christ will be shared again and again until He returns. It is the best pyramid scheme in all of history, where the people who sign on last get as much reward as those who signed up first: eternal life! (check out Jesus' parable in Matthew 20:1-16).

Praying for you daily,

Pastor Beth Stone



The rallying cry of the Reformation was *Sola Scriptura* or: Scripture alone. People like Tyndale, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Manz, and Latimer did not want to split the church, but wanted the church to return to the Bible. The only way to know faith, grace, Christ, and God's glory was to know the Bible. So we'll take each of these week by week:

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| 10/4 | <i>Sola Scriptura</i> – Scripture Alone John 17 |
| 10/11 | <i>Sola Fide</i> – Faith Alone Romans 3:21-26 |
| 10/18 | <i>Sola Gratia</i> – Grace Alone Romans 5:12-21 |
| 10/25 | <i>Solus Christus</i> – Christ Alone John 14:1-7 |
| 11/1 | <i>Soli Deo Gloria</i> – The Glory of God Alone I Chronicles 29:10-13; John 17:1-5 |

Church News: Operation Christmas Child is requesting yo-yos and playing cards this month.

Fort Logan Ministries is hosting a Christmas event Friday December 4th and Saturday the 5th at the Christian Living Center to provide gifts for needy families in our community. We have been asked to buy gifts for girls and boys aged 3 to 11. These will be on display at the center, and parents can pick out gifts for their children. There will be a wrapping station, too, so presents are ready to put under the tree. Volunteers will be needed for setup and breakdown, as well as escorting parents and manning the tables. Families wishing to participate will need to sign up by October 31st.

Session has voted to support our local veterans with donations of socks, disposable razors, and shaving cream. There will be a basket in the narthex for the donations.

Barley Basket continues with monthly distributions of groceries. Cans of peas, corn, green beans, chicken, tuna, fruit, boxes of instant potatoes, noodles, mac & cheese, spaghetti, ramen noodles are our staples for the bags.

Be the Bridge book study continues on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 3 p.m.

Mary and Martha circles are back to meeting monthly.

Final repairs to the organ and the HVAC system are being completed. A camera to broadcast our services is being installed in the sanctuary (replacing the pastor's computer!).

Please take and read a copy of our new Manual of Operations that will be voted on in our November congregational meeting. In line with the Book of Order, it simply confirms many of our best practices that we already do, as well as gives us policies to protect our church as a non-profit.

On October 18th, Stephan Kern will present his mission work in Africa with Ethnos 360° during worship. After church he be available to answer any questions and you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the work he is doing.

Stanford Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. – online

Worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

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Fall Calendar 2020

Tuesdays: AA

Wednesdays: Sr. High Revive – 6 p.m.
Choir – 7 p.m.

October

- 11 – Deacons meet at noon
Be the Bridge book study
- 18 – Stephan Kern presents his mission work with Ethnos 360 during our worship.
- 18 – Barley Basket 5 p.m.
- 25 – Session meets at noon
Be the Bridge book study

November

- 1 – All Saints' Day
Daylight Savings Time Ends – fall back!
Food Offering
- 3 – Election Day! Pray for our nation and vote!
Mary Circle at church, 11:30 a.m.
- 8 – Deacons meet at noon
Be the Bridge book study
- 11 – Veteran's Day
- 12 – Martha Circle at church 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – Congregational Meeting after worship
- 22 – Session meets at noon
Be the Bridge book study
Barley Basket 5 pm
- 26 – Thanksgiving Day
- 28 – Hanging of the Greens
- 29 – First Sunday of Advent; Communion

December

- 4,5 – Fort Logan Ministries Christmas event
- 6 – Be the Bridge book study
- 7 – Mary Circle
- 10 – Martha Circle
- 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight service with communion.

Please note that due to covid-19 many changes have been made to our calendar. The picnic has been cancelled, and the community Christmas cantata is also on hold. The ministerial is hoping to have carol singing on the square, but more information at this printing is not available.

Our local high school has had over a hundred positive tests for the virus. Please pray for our teachers, students, administration and staff. Fall break has been extended to three weeks.