

Stanford Presbyterian Church

The Link February/March 2021 ♥♥♥

If you have ever changed the parament on the pulpit, you know that underneath the top is a wonderful pulpit dedication. It tells us not only when our pulpit was given, but who made it and gave it, and there is a wonderful tribute to the maker:

1836-1906

Mack Huffman

This Stand, to be used in the Prayer Meeting and Sunday School service, and made from his own “cunning hands” from odds and ends of an ancient walnut, gathered from varied sources, in and about the town, was presented to the Presbyterian Church, Stanford, Kentucky, April 7<sup>th</sup> 1906 – Saturday. Rev. Gilbert Glass, pastor; a Gentleman of the Old School, loveable, sympathetic, and Cordial, a man of ability, of unusual good humor, and prudent judgment, free from affectation or any straining for effort. His motto is: “What thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.” [Ecclesiastes 9:10].

What a thing Old Age is, surrounded with care, attention, and respect. But what a pity that it lasts so short a time! May it be “writ” of Mack Huffman, the maker and donor of this Gift, like the Wandering Jew, that he had no age. If not this, then in verity say:  
An age that melts in unperceived decay,  
And glides in modest innocence away;  
Whose Nights congratulating Conscience cheers;  
The general favorite, the general friend:  
Such age there is, and who would wish its end?

This pulpit, this stand, waits in our sanctuary for our return. Over a hundred years old; how many have heard the good news preached from it? It waits to stand and support more sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our faith is characterized by waiting. The Israelites waited over 400 years to be delivered from Egypt, we waited thousands of years for Christ to come, and now that He is gone to glory, we are waiting for His return. **II Peter 3:8,9 “But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but**

**is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should reach repentance.”**

**James 5: 7,8 “Be patient, therefore brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You, also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.” And Habakkuk 2:3 “For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.”** All of these verses guarantee that God will always come through on His promises; as He delivered the Israelites, as the Holy Spirit sent Jesus at just the right time to save us, there is, with this holy waiting, the sure knowledge that God is always, always, always faithful. So how do we wait? **II Peter 3: 11 “What sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and Godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God. . . ?”**

Active waiting. We wait for everything: the end of the pandemic, the end of winter, the end of Lent, actively. Not anxiously, not idly, but actively. We wait with preparation, with an eye to how God is opening up new opportunities for us. That’s the sort of people we should be. We should be people who strive for holiness, strive for Godliness, and spend our time sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible, because our God doesn’t want anyone to perish. We wait with anticipation – joyful anticipation – not just for our immediate future but for Christ’s longed-for return.

Let’s take the Gospel with us everywhere, bringing the hope and truth of Christ’s grace to our hurting world. Our mission is to live Christ’s love and grace out in our lives, and to speak it out generously as the Spirit guides us. Resurrection is the power of our faith; new life always comes in Christ. Active waiting is the mission of our faith, for our God always keeps His promises.

In the bond of Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Beth Stone

## Church News:

**Van Team:** our van fund has been growing slowly but surely and the deacons are organizing a team to spearhead the project. If you would like to join the discussion, please plan to be at the first meeting after church on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate to this project, simply earmark your donation, by check, or online, for the van fund.

As the covid numbers continue to decrease, the **Lincoln County Ministerial** is hoping to have a sunrise service on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Watch for details!

**Vaccines** for covid-19 are available in Kentucky from the health department, UK (<https://vaccine.ukhc.org/>), KY state organized clinics ([www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov)), and Baptist Health. You can sign up online to make your appointment. A regional center is available in Danville. As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, folks in 1a (Long-term health care and assisted living facilities, all healthcare workers) & 1b (70+ years, first responders, teachers and child care workers) are eligible to receive the vaccine. Phase 1c (60+, essential workers, and young people with health concerns) will be able to be vaccinated starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Phases 2 (40+), 3 (16+), 4 (children with verified safety approval) have not been scheduled yet in KY.

**Church Officer Training** was a big success, and a recorded version will be posted on Facebook. Also, Pastor Stone is doing a podcast with **Sandra White** on her **Stay Fitt** program in Charlotte, NC. It will be live on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm, but you can catch it online at [www.WYTV&.org](http://www.WYTV&.org). All links to our worship, our events, and our donation page are on our website as well. Stay connected, and stay current!

## Winter/Spring Calendar 2021

**As the session plans for the safe expression of our faith in community, all of these events may be virtual, postponed, or cancelled. Please watch for current news on our Facebook page and through One Call. If you have questions, call the pastor or one of the elders.**

**Sundays:** Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**Tuesdays:** AA

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

### February

28 – Session meets at noon

### March

1 – Fort Logan Cooperative Ministries 4 p.m.

2 – Mary Circle

7 – Food offering

Van Team meets after worship

11 – Martha Circle

14 – Deacons meet at noon

16 – Presbytery meets at 5 p.m.

21 – Barley Basket 5 pm

28 – Palm Sunday

Session meets at noon

### April

1 – Maundy Thursday 7 p.m. Communion

4 – Resurrection Sunday! Communion.

Community Sunrise Service

OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing offering); food offering

6 – Mary Circle

8 – Martha Circle

## Stanford Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. – online

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

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