



# The Trumpet

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, who thought this social distancing and isolation would go on this long? I did not.

Here we are, though.

The question is: what will be our legacy from this time? What stories will we tell? What lessons will we have learned? What opportunities did we take? This last question is the one that is creeping closer and closer to the center of my attention these days.

In Philippians, Paul wrote to his friends giving thanks for their support and concern for him. He was in the midst of an extended period of enforced social distancing and isolation. Another way of saying that would be: Paul was in prison. Paul's description and perception of his imprisonment has caused me to wonder how we might think about our own times in a new light:

**Phil. 1:12** I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel,<sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ;<sup>14</sup> and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Could we dare to think of these days as times God has given us for the purpose of spreading the gospel within this community? What is my attitude towards the time – am I grateful for the blessing of each morning or do I resent the disruption to my normal pattern of life? Do I see God's hand at work or am I focusing on the weight of all the things I cannot do? Am I filling myself with things of the kingdom of God or am I devouring the things of the world that are angry, spiteful, and destructive?

I am asking these questions because I realize that how I tell the story *then* (at some undefined point in the future) will be shaped by how I perceive and direct my attention *now*. I am sure that not every day was delightful for Paul as he was in his confinement, yet consider how purposefully he approached his circumstances.

It does not look like we are going to be free of restrictions any time soon. We can choose to focus on whether our circumstances are just or unjust, or we can focus on our circumstances in order to discern where and how God is opening doors for different kinds opportunities to share his love with others. One quick example for me is this: I had no intention or desire to ever get involved in electronic, video, online kinds of ministry. Hah! Look at where we are now.

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Now, my hope is to lay the foundation for the next generation by utilizing the tools of the day to help spread the gospel. We are doing an online series with Family Ministries in which people are invited to create an origami Noah's ark – with animals, a boat, and a rainbow. Some of you may already be involved. Did you see that coming?

We hope to empower our younger generation to pick up the production of the worship video and streaming. We have a series of projects that we are developing that will help them learn skills and the richness of the faith simultaneously. The only reason we are even thinking this way is because our circumstances changed and we suddenly found ourselves in a new kind of environment.

Just as travel changed after 9/11, so now we are looking at changes in how we understand the Great Commission to “go, make disciples of all nations.” Everything we do – mission, fellowship, discipleship, worship, evangelism, discipleship – is going to look (at least a little) different as we go forward from here. We can lament the loss of how things have been, but we also have to be intentional about taking stock of our circumstances to navigate the way forward.

May it be said of us that the pandemic “has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole community that we went through this time for Christ.” May we be used to encourage others to “speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.”

That would be a great response to the question, “What did you do during the pandemic?”

Your brother in Christ,

**Bob Davis**



### **UPCOMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION**

We are moving toward being able to gather together again for worship!  
Here's where things stand at this time:

#### **August 2**

A few video and sound “bugs” still need to be worked out with the new video system so we will continue with our current online-only format for Aug. 2nd – no in-person worship, only pre-recorded as we have been doing.

#### **August 9**

As of this writing, August 9 is the targeted start date for starting in-person worship services again. Assuming we take this step, we will abide by the following:

**The maximum of 50 people in the sanctuary, including presenters, remains in place.**

**MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY**

**TEMPERATURES WILL BE TAKEN**

**USHERS WILL SEAT YOU**

Worship will begin at 10:00 am so please arrive early to be seated. Once the maximum of 50 people is reached, no further seating will be allowed.

Video stream of the service will be made available Sunday afternoon. Links will be sent out in the same way we have been doing to this point.

September 6 is the targeted date for our first communion – depending of course on what criteria are in place at the time and how our services have worked out through August.

**STAY TUNED!**



# Family Ministries

## Teacher Spotlight: Karen Klug

Having raised two sons, and working as a paraprofessional in Carson City schools, Karen is a natural fit as our elementary Sunday school teacher. We are blessed to have her leading our children through the application of God's love in their lives.

What did you want to be when you were a child? *An outdoor educator, working either in an environmental education camp setting or a park ranger (which I did for many years) in 1993, switched teaching environments, and have been working with students with special needs, primarily students with autism.*

What is one of your favorite books? *Children's book: my favourite children's books were the Mary Poppins books (there are 7), Adult book: Into the Wilderness and Outlander*

What do you like best about teaching Sunday school? *I love interacting with children as they discover, explore and learn about the world around them, including culture, religion, social and natural environments. I try to facilitate their learning by providing a frame work for them to ask questions and discover their own answers.*

What would you like to ask God? *Each and every day I thank God for letting me be a part of the day and to show me what it is he has planned for me to do that day.*



Pictured: Karen and Mike Klug



## Movie Night And Washoe Lake Day

Summer  
2020

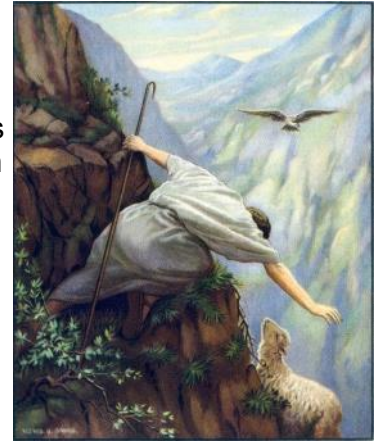
Finding creative ways to  
gather, enjoy fellowship, and  
worship



## Keeping His Wisdom -

Sometimes it feels like we are wandering in the wilderness. Especially right now with the difficulty of the pandemic affecting so many people. But GOD. He knows our thoughts and our hearts. He knows that we are concerned about being ill with this virus and He understands our questions and fears.

There's a song that the Praise Team will be doing this month called "Reckless Love". The lyric begins with a reference to Psalm 139 - "Before I spoke a word You were singing over me. Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me" God knows us intimately, He sees the wilderness we wander. He will guide us on our journey every day. The chorus describes how God will track us down when we are veering from His path. "O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God, O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine." And the second verse talks about how we were/are God's foes until we accept His gift of Salvation. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." God is so good to us. Can we not wait for His direction?



Friends, God knows the predicament we are in. He calls us to trust Him in the working out of our lives, both individually and corporately as His body of believers. He calls us to listen for His voice as we move toward reopening our church. We will overcome only through focusing directly on His will and His way of doing things. Help us, Lord, to keep Your wisdom on our hearts and in our minds.

Gratefully His,

*Karen*

P.S. — Some have been asking about choir for the fall. Until we can figure out how best to keep everyone healthy while singing, there will be some delays. The largest issue is how to sing and speak without spreading "aerosol." When you sing, the aerosol comes out of your mouth in much more forceful ways, and you, as a singer, breathe more deeply while singing. It is prudent to wait until we can all safely rehearse and sing in service again. Please pray for discernment for our church leaders.

Many thanks to everyone who has blessed me with phone calls, notes, etc. as I prepare to move. I will miss you all so very much and you will be in my heart..

Love, Norma Summey



Thank you once again for your wonderful cards, prayers and donations made in Tom's name. You are all so kind and thoughtful! God bless you!

Sincerely,  
Deana Ercanbrack

**TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR  
SEPTEMBER IS AUGUST 14**

Send your  
info/articles/submissions to  
margo@fpccarsoncity.org

### Congregational Giving – GENERAL BUDGET

2020 Projected Budget Need		Given	Difference
July 20, 2020			
Yr to date		\$ 284,198	- \$ 14,173
Current	Income	Expense	Difference
	\$ 284,198	\$ 244,801	+ \$ 50,397
TO DATE			
Cameras	Income	Expense	Still Needed
	\$ 6,595	\$ 4,710	\$ 3,405



All calendar items are subject to change...



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Here's a fun Family Ministries summer project you can participate in: Noah's Ark done in origami!






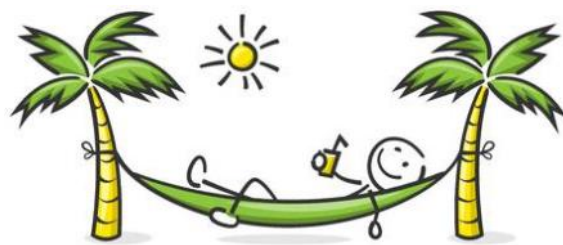
Check out the first video at [https://youtu.be/n\\_gsC5KtBV4](https://youtu.be/n_gsC5KtBV4)

**Bonus Info**  
**JULY 31st**  
**10:00-Noon**  
 Rummage Sale PRESALE for FPC "Congregants Only" - beat tomorrow's crowds!

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8 am-3 pm  
Rummage Sale!

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p><b>ON LINE WORSHIP ONLY</b></p>			<p><b>8:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study - Mallard's restaurant <b>9:15 am</b> Grace Notes</p>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship - Mallard's restaurant</p>	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>9:30 am Sanctuary opens for seating</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 50 people total in sanctuary</p>	<p><b>7:00 pm</b> Praise Team</p>	<p><b>5:30 &amp; 7:00 pm</b> Committee Meetings</p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> Men's Bible Study - Mallard's restaurant <b>9:15 am</b> Grace Notes</p>	<p><b>7:00 am</b> Wilson Men's Fellowship - Mallard's restaurant</p>	<p><b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</b></p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER TRUMPET DEADLINE</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	 <p>VJ Day</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	30	31				
<p>9:30 am Sanctuary opens for seating</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 50 people total in sanctuary</p>		 <p>Toasted Marshmallow Day</p>				



Names and dates removed for privacy

**ON OUR PRAYER & PRAISES LIST**  
**NAMRS REMOVED FOR PRIVACY**

Requested as of July 23, 2020



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**ZEPHYR POINT WORK WEEKEND**

Currently scheduled for September 11-12-13

Come for the weekend or just for Saturday. Lunch will be provided!!

If we are back to holding church, signups will begin August 2;  
 otherwise please call the Speichers.— *VIA THE CHURCH OFFICE 775-882-1032*

Plans for the weekend :

Friday: check-in 4:00 pm—Pot luck dinner with game night

Saturday: workday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm or whenever you are exhausted!! After dinner, movie night

Sunday: morning worship service

Cabins will be provided by Zephyr Point Conference Center

Costs for meals:	2 breakfasts @ \$12	\$24.00
	<u>1 dinner</u>	<u>16.50</u>
	<b>Total per person</b>	<b>\$40.50</b>



**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**



**8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**NEEDED:** Volunteers to help at the rummage sale starting at 7:00am on 8/1.

- ☞ Volunteers to move furniture out onto the grass area at 7:00 am
- ☞ Volunteers to work all or part of the sale between 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
- ☞ Volunteers to clean up post-sale starting at 2:00 pm

**Contact Grace Speicher to let her know you can help at 406-431-9073**

***Come see what treasures there are that you can't live without!***

We have a big variety of items for sale:

Tools, furniture, clothing, dishes, kitchen appliances, sports equipment, toys, pictures, books,  
***and more!***

Thanks to all who so generously donated quality items and to those who have volunteered to help organize the many goodies!

### ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE A DEACON OR ELDER?

God's mission requires ordered leadership. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all members of the body of Christ to participate in the work of building one another up in Christ and be deployed for His work in the world.

The Nominations Commission is asking you to prayerfully consider whether God is raising you up to affirmatively respond to a call to serve. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?



ELDERS are given authority and responsibility to oversee the spiritual health of the congregation. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment.

DEACONS lead ministries that nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation. A deacon is a person of compassion, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ.

Please consider accepting one of these positions. The 2020 Nomination Commission will begin selection of Elders and Deacons in September and early October. If you feel that you are being called or would like to nominate someone (the commission will speak with them personally), contact one of the commission members **VIA THE CHURCH OFFICE 775-882-1032.**

Dawn Berger  
Nina Sattely

Billy Brown  
Grace Speicher

Candi Euler  
Jamie Wheeler

Caren Kipler

### Helping those in need in our community

THANK YOU to the many who answered the call for food and brown paper bags which were given to the Northern Nevada Dream Center for their Blue Barrel program. Shown here are Susan Sorenson of NNDC and Keith Macdonald loading one small sampling of the many food items received and distributed to those in need in Carson City. Susan tells us that FPC is contributing the most grocery bags and this helps them from having to order and pay for bags! **The need continues so feel free to bring more food items and paper bags.** Thank you for your ongoing support!



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**This Month's Sermons**

<b>August 2</b> Anointing and Ointment	Mark 14: 1-11
<b>August 9</b> Betrayal and Denial	Mark 14: 12-21, 26-31
<b>August 16</b> Command and Obedient	Mark 14: 22-25, 32-42
<b>August 23</b> Power versus Power	Mark 14: 43-52
<b>August 30</b> Are You the Messiah?	Mark 14: 53-72

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