

PASTORAL MESSAGE

For 4/18/20

We look forward to the time when we are able to once again gather together! But we haven't been idle, in this crazy time. In the midst of these difficult times, connections have been maintained. Our faith community has continued to worship together, and study together.

We are always looking for new or well-used ways to be the church together. One tool many of us grew up with is the church pictorial directory. The family would get gussied up, pile in the car (or walk), and come to the church for the appointment time to get our picture taken. Then each family would get a directory of persons and families connected with the church.

It has been years since we have updated a pictorial directory. We can't bring in a photography company to perform the picture taking role. But we now have the ability to create a directory ourselves.

As part of the preparations to welcome a new incoming pastor, we are developing an updated pictorial church directory.

Please look through your computer, cell phone, or photo album, and find a picture that represents you now (or somewhat recently). Then send the photo by email or U.S. Postal Service mail to the church office. If you don't have a current photo, but you have a cell phone, send us a "selfie" of you and your household.

A directory is a ministry tool routinely used by our mission and ministry teams. It is helpful to update the list each year, and to update the pictorial directory every 3-4 years. It is a real blessing for an incoming pastor and family to have a directory of pictures to look at. It would be a gift for Judy and I to have a directory of pictures to take with us.

Remember the ditty, "Here's the church, here's the steeple. Open the doors, and see all the people?" Church is the people. A directory is a church's most important net worth list of assets. You MATTER! Whether you have "officially" joined our congregation, or not, you are part of our family!

Please be part of our effort to make our connections visible. Smile, say cheese, and send us the result!

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Chris