

# Busti Federated Church

**Summer 2020**

**A Church for the Community**

Nineteen weeks, that is how long it has been since we have worshiped together at the church. When we made the decision to close back in March I never imagined that we would be apart this long. We live in an ever changing world and have been made to adapt or to be left behind. We are now left with the challenge of reopening the church so that we can once again worship together.

On Sunday, August 2nd the church will once again be open for in person worship. As we reopen our number one priority is to provide the safest environment possible. The Resource Team has met on several occasions to discuss and prayerfully consider the steps that we needed to take. We have reviewed the information provided by the county and state health departments and worked to form those to our unique needs.

Included with this newsletter is the guidelines we are asking everyone to follow if you intend on returning to church. It seems like everywhere you look there is a different opinion on what precautions we need to take to prevent the spread of the virus. We understand that not everyone will agree with these guidelines or think they are necessary but please take into consideration that out of respect for each other we need to do everything that we can. We would rather be accused of doing too much than not enough and have someone become ill.

We also understand that not everyone is ready to return to church, for whatever reason, and we want to make sure we meet your needs. We are now streaming the service live starting at 10:30am. If you aren't able to watch it live the service will be available on Youtube once the service has finished. We will also be providing communion by drive-up the first Sunday of the month from 11:30 - Noon.

The most important thing we can do is to continue to pray for and support each other. It doesn't matter if we worship at home or in a building the mission of the church remains unchanged. It is up to all of us to live and to spread God's love to a hurting world. We can follow the example that Jesus set for us by placing all others ahead of ourselves. If we make Jesus our focus He will continue to bless His church. We look forward to the day that we can all be back together again.

God Bless,

CJ Kelley

# Around the Church

## Church News

**Drive-up Communion** will be offered the 1st Sunday of the month from 11:30 - Noon. You will be able to pull up in your vehicle and be served using individually packaged communion elements.

**Submitting Prayer Requests** - One of the things over the last several months that has seemed to fall by the wayside is the submission of prayer requests. There have been a few urgent requests that have been shared but the weekly list as well as updates has slowly dwindled. For those that choose to return to church there will be prayer cards available. You can also submit them by email or by visiting our website. This is an important part of worship wherever it is done at and if anyone has any suggestions to make this easier to streamline please let me know.

**Weekly Bulletin** - To help keep the spread of germs to a minimum we will not be handing out a weekly bulletin on Sundays. However, one will be provided by email and on our website Saturday Evening. It will include any announcements as well as updated prayer requests.

**Helping Our Community** - Busti Federated Church was able to help the Hazeltine Library by donating two new cornhole games. The library is focusing on outdoor activities to help with social distancing while still encouraging kids to visit. Sometime within the next couple of weeks we will begin collecting items for UCAN Ministries as well as Love Inc. These groups as well as many others have continued to provide services throughout the pandemic and it's important for us to continue to support them.

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## August

### Birthdays

Tom Bergstue	1st
Jim Shantz	2nd
Barb Shantz	3rd
Colleen Anderson	12th
Boyd Matteson	13th
Bill Lucas	18th
Jim Fried	25th
Paul Hazzard	29th

### Anniversaries

Joel & Helen Davis	11th
Tom & Caryl Bergstue	14th
Lee & Carol O'Brien	21st
Todd & Barb Hanson	24th

## September

### Birthdays

David Crandall	8th
Becky Hohman	9th
Sue Allshouse	16th
Joanne Lucas	20th
Nancy Jordan	28th
Dee Gould	28th

### Anniversaries

John & Karen Putnam	2nd
John & Deb Siggins	23rd

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# **The Following is a List of Guidelines**

## **We are Asking Everyone to Follow**

- ⇒ **Please wear a mask as you enter and exit the building and if you choose to sing. If you are unable to wear a mask an usher will escort you to the sanctuary to help maintain appropriate social distancing.**
- ⇒ **Disposable masks will be available as you enter the church**
- ⇒ **Please arrive at church no more than 10 minutes before the start of the service**
- ⇒ **Pews have been spaced 6 ft apart, please sit on either end of the pew to maintain social distancing.**
- ⇒ **Please use the hand sanitizer located throughout the building when necessary**
- ⇒ **An Usher will dismiss by rows and we ask that people exit the building right away. Please remember to place your mask back on.**
- ⇒ **Please do not gather in small groups**
- ⇒ **We have closed off the Fellowship Hall, Downstairs Bathrooms and Hallway to the Library so that we can focus the cleaning and disinfecting the space we are using.**
- ⇒ **Offering will be collected in a box on the table outside the sanctuary**
- ⇒ **Prayer Cards are available on an individual basis and include a pencil. Please place the prayer card in the offering box and leave the baggie and pencil on the pew to be collected later.**
- ⇒ **Bibles are available on as needed basis. Please see an usher and we will get one that has been sanitized for you to use.**

**Please remember that these guidelines have been put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible and allow us to continue to worship together. Out of respect for each other please help us by supporting these guidelines**

# Proper Way to Wear A Face Covering

- ◆ Wash or Sanitize your hands before putting on your face covering
- ◆ Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- ◆ Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- ◆ Don't put the face covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- ◆ Don't touch the face covering, and if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.
- ◆ Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- ◆ Handle only by ear loops or ties
- ◆ Fold outside corners together
- ◆ Seal mask inside plastic bag until it can be washed or disposed of
- ◆ Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth when removing and wash hands or sanitize immediately after removing

## Church Cleaning

Keeping the church clean and disinfected is one of the most important things we can do to keep a safe environment. To help with this task it has been decided that we will close off the downstairs and the hall leading to the library and pastor's office. The less space we have to focus on the easier it will be.

We are in the process of installing a touchless soap and paper towel dispenser in the upstairs restroom. We are also installing or placing several touchless hand sanitizer dispenser throughout the foyer. We will also be using disinfecting spray and wipes on all items and surfaces that may have been touched.

Eventually we will be looking for additional help from within the church to help clean as well as any deep cleaning or outside work that is needed.

## Do I Have to Wear a Mask?

The easy answer to that question is no, but what we need to ask ourselves is should we wear a mask? This has become a difficult topic for some people because they either have a difficulty wearing one or they are too stubborn to. As we have learned there is no quick fix in stopping the spread of this virus.

It is up to us as part of a church community as well as the community you live in to do all we can to help stop the spread of this virus and keep each other safe. We can do this by trying to place other's needs before ours.

So, should we wear a mask? The only person that can answer that question is you.

## Treasurer's Report

This year has been anything but normal and has provided a few challenges with our finances but thank you to everyone that has stepped up and continued to send in your tithes and offerings. In some ways a few of our expenses have decreased due to the lack of using the building but we have had to incur additional costs to purchase cleaning supplies, adding sanitizer and masks, upgrading audio visual equipment and other miscellaneous items that have popped up.

Our current YTD expenses include any additional costs and we are only looking at a small shortfall through the first half of the year. I am working on several grant applications that are designed to help churches and non-profits absorb some of the expenses in reopening. Eventually we will need to upgrade the dispensers in the downstairs restrooms. I have also been purchasing items that we will need as they become available because sometimes it is difficult to find certain supplies.

CJ Kelley

## Do You Need .....?

I'm sure that all of us have had a difficult time finding certain items to help clean or disinfect. The church has been able to purchase certain items in a larger quantity so we are here to help. We have:

Single Use Hand Sanitizer

Gallons of Sanitizer for Refills

Cloth Masks

Disposable Masks

Spray Cleaner & Disinfectant

If you need any of these items we have a supply at the church and all that we ask for is a donation. Also, if you are having a difficult time finding other items please let us know and we may be able to help.

## EXPENSES & INCOME COMPARISON

**January – June 2020  
(26 WEEKS)**

YTD PER WEEK EXPENSES	\$1,513.76
YTD EXPENSE	\$39,357.93
AVERAGE WEEKLY INCOME	\$1,464.20
YTD INCOME	\$38,069.30
<b>YTD SHORTFALL</b>	<b>- \$1,288.63</b>