



Presbytery of
Southeastern Illinois

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Address Change Reminder:
Effective on April 15, 2020, the mailing address for
the Presbytery of Southeastern changed to:
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60 Hawthorn Hollow
Carbondale, IL 62903



Palm Sunday Hits the Road for Mt. Zion
Presbyterian Church



Palm Sunday faith journey hits the road in Mount Zion

MOUNT ZION - Riding cars instead of donkeys, the faithful of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church managed to defy the coronavirus to share one fierce hour and sweet as they celebrated Palm Sunday with a holy convoy. The Rev. Michael Wakeland had first...

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Let It Ring!

In addition to church services on Zoom, a volunteer at First Presbyterian Church in Golconda had the idea to go to the church each Sunday morning and ring the church bell.

People in the community (not just church members) have mentioned that hearing the bell was a sign of hope for them. Ring out, people of God!



A Gathering of Friends

To help reduce isolation and maintain connections as we follow these recommendations, the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois is offering a time to gather and have open discussion via Zoom. The presbytery will have a 60 minute gathering on Tuesdays and Fridays at 2:00pm CDT via Zoom.



These are not meetings and there is no docket or agenda. This is a time to gather, connect, and talk. Please feel free to come to every gathering or just stop by for a few minutes. Everyone is welcome!

The links to these ongoing calls are available by calling the Presbytery office.



List of PSEI Online Worship Opportunities

With people sheltering in place and public health recommendations that gatherings be limited to less than 10 people, the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois has compiled a list of online worship opportunities being offered by our congregations.



We hope you will join us on Sunday morning as we celebrate through worship the love and grace of God that surrounds us. There are also other opportunities (such as prayer groups, daily devotions, etc) for gathering in community online included on the list.

[CLICK HERE - Online worship Opportunities](#)



Financial Assistance Opportunities for PC(USA) Congregations

Realizing there are many unknowns that congregations are addressing during these challenging times of stay at home and physically distancing, we wanted to make you and your congregations aware of some financial assistance opportunities that are available for PC(USA) congregations. Follow the link below to read our special mid-April notification about this opportunities.

[CLICK HERE - Financial Assistance Opportunities](#)



Session Records Review Dates Revised

All Session Records must be read prior to the November 19, 2020 Presbytery meeting. The events are held in regional locations, but you may attend one in another region if that date is better for you. **Please note changes in the Salt Fork and Bridge Regions.**

[Click HERE to download the Records Review flyer](#)

[Click HERE to download the Worksheet](#)

[Register Online HERE](#)

Session Records Review

All events are on Sundays and all times are 3pm – 5pm

FIRST CAPITAL REGION
May 17 – LITCHFIELD, FIRST – 1908 N. State

EAST CENTRAL REGION
May 31 – NEWTON, FIRST – 309 S. Van Buren

SALT FORK REGION
September 13 – URBANA, FIRST – 602 W. Green

THE BRIDGE REGION
September 20 – NEW HAVEN, UNITED – Vine St.

RIVER TO RIVER REGION
October 11 – PINCKNEYVILLE, FIRST – 3811 State Rt. 13/127

GREATER DECATUR REGION
October 18 – DECATUR, FIRST – 204 W. Prairie Av.

EAST CENTRAL REGION
October 25 – EFFINGHAM, FIRST – 600 W. Temple

Please complete form PRIOR to attending!

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CLERKS - If none of these dates work for you, then send your moderator to the reading with the records or another member of session or a previous clerk.



May Bible Study

For use at Presbytery gatherings/meetings. Authored



Romans 7:7-13 - New Revised Standard Version
(NRSV)

What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

- If knowing the law makes sin alive, are we better not knowing the law?
- How do we move from a philosophical discussion to a practical theology for how we should live and act as Christians in 2020?
- How might the Presbytery/congregation/committee be guided by this Scripture?

