

June 16, 2020

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## Lord, When Did We See You?

By Ken Kovacs

For I was hungry, and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,  
I was naked and you gave me clothing.  
I was sick and you took care of me.  
I was in prison and you visited me.”

Lord, when did we see you?

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these  
who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Mt. 25:40).

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# Lord, When Did We See You?

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So Jesus commands disciples with the work of God's kingdom or kin-dom or realm, even empire – all of these would be correct. God's vision for the world stands in sharp contrast to every other system or ideology in the world. The Spirit turns our attention toward "the least," the marginalized, the forgotten, the rejected, the invisible, those without resources or means or power or dignity or voice. In love, we reach out to those in need and offer compassion, support,

encouragement, hope. This is what we do and who we are as followers of Christ.

In this issue of The Messenger we focus on some of the ways CPC has been engaged in caring for our neighbors during the coronavirus pandemic. The needs are great in our community and around the world. Together, we are making a difference. Thanks be to God!

## Session Meeting Highlights

The coronavirus pandemic has not stopped the work of the church! Your Session has been meeting more frequently lately, and using Zoom to meet online in view of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Following are highlights from the June 3, 2020 Session meeting.

■ Session has set the date for another special Congregational Meeting to elect a church officer for Sunday, June 28, 2020, following worship, via Zoom. Instructions will be sent to congregation members for how to use the Zoom online platform to access the meeting.

■ The Finance Committee reported that online contributions have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to go to online worship, partially offsetting the loss of in-person collections. This leaves us with a manageable deficit in the Operating Budget for year to date.

■ Session received a presentation from the Child Care Council's Co-Chairs regarding resuming partial operation as an Essential Personnel Child Care Site under the state's regulations. Session approved the request, which will allow the Center to resume this vital service to the community.

■ In view of the Governor's move to Stage 2 of the Reopening Plan for the state of Maryland on June 5, 2020, Session considered reopening the church building for worship services. However, in view of the continuing health threat of the COVID-19 coronavirus, it was decided to continue with online worship through the month

of July 2020. The church buildings will remain closed, with the exceptions of the meetings of AI-Anon, AA, Suburban Crossroads Counseling, and the Child Care Center. The church house will be open to office staff only.

■ On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, a meeting was held to ordain and install the new church officers in the positions to which they were elected by the congregation. New Elders installed were Alison Enokian, Keith Glennan, Debbie Davis and Dottie Marshall. New Deacons installed were Donna Bucher, Charre Symms, Kevin Flis, Cindy Gunderson and David Stubbs. Charre Symms, Kevin Flis and David Stubbs were also ordained. New Trustees installed were David Carr, Gary Offutt, Ron Gunderson, Mokube Ewane, and Bob Adams. Thanks to these members for being willing to assume positions of church leadership..

Session recognizes the need to continually communicate with our membership, and we welcome your suggestions for communication exchange. Take a few minutes to send a message to a Session member, the pastors, or the church office, and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you!—David Hutton, Clerk of Session

# Join the LWR Face Mask Challenge

The Mission Committee invites you to assist the LWR (Lutheran World Relief) program to provide face masks for vulnerable communities. This program began soon after the COVID-19 health emergency became a critical worldwide threat. LWR hopes to receive 150,000 face masks and at this time they now need only 50,000 to reach that total number. Volunteers, friends, and church members throughout the country have made masks or pledged to send a specific number for this international project.

Our joint project with LWR to assemble personal care kits again in 2020 had to be cancelled. Vicky Whetstone, Salem Lutheran Church and our LWR contact person, has helped provide information for this project. All of the sewing can be done at home. You can recruit other family members, friends, or neighbors to assist in this challenge.

## Register When Joining the Challenge

If you decide to join the challenge, please take a moment to register your name at the CPC website so we can be in touch directly: [Face Mask Challenge Event](#). Bring your completed bags and containers of masks to church on September 6 or September 13. Mission Committee members will collect all the masks, count them, package them, and deliver them to the LWR-IMA World Health warehouse in New Windsor before the October 1 deadline.

## Challenge Directions

- Directions and information can be found on the LWR website: <https://lwr.org/masks>.
- You do not need to pledge a set number of masks.
- You may use either elastic or the ties for the mask (as shown on the video). Elastic seems to be more available at retailers.
- Adult sized masks are the only size that is needed-no children's masks accepted.
- There are many patterns available for face masks, including: [How to Make a Face Mask](#) and [CDC Face Covering](#).
- If you are making a quantity of masks, package them in containers of ziplock bags 25 masks. Do not put more than 25 masks in one bag or container. Please label the number of masks in your bag and container as well. We welcome however many masks you are able to make!

The masks will be shipped with personal care kits made earlier in the year. Workers, clients, patients in vulnerable sites will all benefit from these international gifts of caring and sharing. Thanks you for your support and willingness to assist in this program with LWR. You may email or call Glenda Johnson at (410) 465-2545 or [gassoc@verizon.net](mailto:gassoc@verizon.net) with any questions.

## 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Presbyterians will not gather for the assembly in person in Baltimore in June, but the assembly will convene on Friday, June 19, 2020 to elect a new moderator, and then there will be a two-day Assembly on June 26 and 27. The proposed agenda seeks to deal with critical business to keep the PC(USA) moving forward, while referring most business items to the 225th General Assembly (2022). Among the items of business to be included this month Moderator Election, Stated Clerk Election, Budget and special events taking place in and around General Assembly. Livestream the event in June on the [General Assembly PC\(USA\) website](#) or on [Facebook](#).

# Mission Giving

## Catonsville Presbyterian Church Mission Extends

Did you know that Catonsville Presbyterian Church provides mission giving outside Board of Deacons collections and Grace Mission Fund interest spending? As a connectional church, our weekly offering supports PCUSA mission nationally through the Presbyterian Mission Agency and at the regional level (the Presbytery of Baltimore). In addition, Special offerings and special mission projects add to our overall church mission giving.

### Approved for this Year Funding

- PCUSA mission (\$750)
- Presbytery mission (\$2,500)
- Lourdes, Ruiz, Inc. Hydroponic Farm, Puerto Rico (\$800) from funds raised for Catonsville

Presbyterian Church Recovery trip

- Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) received a special offering (\$530) when CPC hosted the Presbytery in February.



## Youth Rising Coalition

Tuesday, June 23 at 3 pm on Facebook Live

### About Youth Rising Coalition

The Youth Rising Coalition is an ambitious group of 14 to 24-year-old entrepreneurs with a firm belief in job creation in Baltimore. In the city, employment is scarce. Youth do not wish to work in fruitless jobs earning below a living wage. The solution is youth entrepreneurship and enterprise, allowing the group to create opportunities and be a model for other youth in the city. The support of the community to improve youth lives is needed. So, Youth Coalition is calling upon youth and adults, business owners, community leaders, organizations, and people wanting to put their faith into action, to support and join the movement. The Presbytery of Baltimore is a proud partner and sponsor of the Youth Rising Coalition.

### Become Involved

On Tuesday, June 23 at 3 pm—YRC members and supporters will join the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA (GA 224) online. All are invited to participate as we gather in Baltimore and across the country. Hear the voices and stories of Baltimore area youth who have compelling ideas about creating a more just and opportune environment for young people.

Join with community and faith leaders who stand alongside these young people and the organizations that empower them, to amplify their voices, making their hopes our opportunity for action. Visit <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/youth-rising/> to learn more.

# Mission in Motion

## Local Hunger Response

The Mission Committee is committed to regularly monitoring the donations received and the requests for assistance from our community partners so that we can be sure that the funds are delivered where they are most needed. We are pleased to announce that there are still three ways you can help:

### Catonsville Can

CPC will join other Catonsville area Churches to provide a coordinated collection of non-perishable food and toiletries. Members and friends are invited to drive up and drop off your donations at the Knights of Columbus, 1010 Frederick Rd. from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Saturday from June 13 through August 29. There will be tents and volunteers set up in the parking lot area. Donated food and full-size toiletries will be divided between Catonsville Emergency Assistance and the food pantry at Grace AME Church. Travel size donations will be donated to Healthcare for the Homeless. Catonsville Can will replace our local collection at CPC. Please no clothing or other items.

### Donate Online

[Donate online](#) or write a check to the CPC "Local Hunger Response." The Mission Committee regularly forwards these donations to our local pantries.

### Write a Check

Write a check to CPC marked for either Catonsville Emergency Assistance/CEA or Grace AME Missionary Outreach. As of May 31, donations were sent to CEA food distribution program (\$200) and Grace AME Food Pantry(\$850).



## Latest Sermons

Watch on our Website, Facebook or YouTube

Now, both the text and video recording of the sermon will be up on our website each week. You can read, watch, or download the transcript to read for another time. Listening for God's Word in scripture and in sermon is at the heart of our worship experience each week.

# IMA World Health

## Working to stop Childhood Cancer in Tanzania

Every year 100,000 children in Africa develop cancer, and 90% of these children do not survive. In contrast, children in more developed countries diagnosed with cancer have survival rates of 80% or greater. This enormous disparity in outcomes can be explained by several factors, including lack of awareness of childhood cancer which is often discovered late, the scarcity of anti-cancer medicines and generally inadequate health-care infrastructure.

IMA World Health has been implementing pediatric cancer programs in Tanzania since 2001. It began with the Burkitt's Lymphoma (BL) Treatment Program. BL is an aggressive childhood cancer that most often affects young children. With prompt and proper treatment, BL can be cured almost as quickly as it sets in.

IMA has collaborated for several years with their partners Muhimbili National Hospital (which manages the only dedicated pediatric cancer ward in Tanzania), and Tumaini La Maisha (a Tanzanian based NGO) to diagnose and treat pediatric cancers with little to no cost to families.

In 2018, a CPC Envision Fund grant provided the pediatric cancer ward at Muhimbili National Hospital with a new state of the art bio-safety cabinet which has increased the safety and accuracy of mixing the correct dosage of chemotherapy

medication needed for each patient. Supplying chemotherapy medicines to treat pediatric cancer patients is critical to the successful treatment and recovery of these patients. Due to the recent disruptions in the supply chain worldwide as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, extra support for ensuring and maintaining an adequate supply of chemotherapy medicines as well as other essential medicines is an urgent need. This April, the CPC Mission Committee approved \$2,500 to ensure that children in Tanzania continue their treatment with IMA's purchase of medicines and supplies.

You can go to Youtube to hear first hand from Dr. Trish, a pediatric oncologist at Muhimbili National Hospital about her efforts at the end of March to get the supplies they needed to brace for the impact of COVID-19. [You will also get a virtual tour of the hospital!](#)

Childhood cancers are a devastating illness, but there is hope. IMA was founded on the Christian principle that all people are children of God and thus deserve to lead healthy and productive lives. CPC and IMA believe that this effort to combat pediatric cancer and save even more children is critical to answering God's call.

This article is excerpted from the IMA proposal, written by Jennifer Bentzel, Outreach and Engagement Manager at [jbentzel@imaworldhealth.org](mailto:jbentzel@imaworldhealth.org)

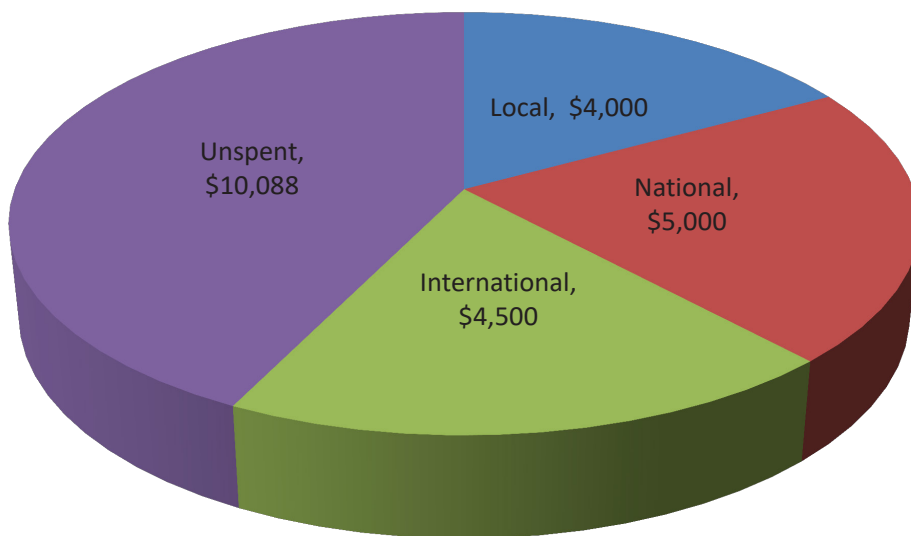


# Behind the Scenes

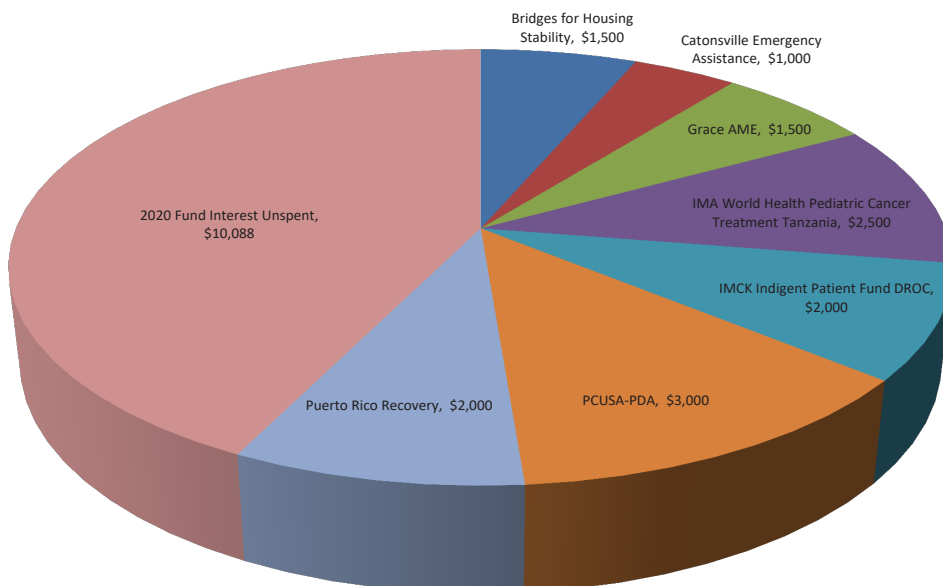
## Grace Mission Giving Continues During COVID-19

The mission committee continues to meet via Zoom to fund grants from Grace Mission Fund Interest. Between January and May 2020, grants were awarded to seven institutions:

- Bridges to Housing Stability \$1,500, including \$500 for the Chili Cookoff cancelled due to Covid-19 and \$1,000 general
- Catonsville Emergency Assistance \$1,000
- Grace AME Church \$1,500
- IMA World Health’s Muhimbili National Hospital pediatric cancer ward in Tanzania \$2,500
- Institut Médical Chrétien du Kasai Indigent Patient Fund in Tshikaji, DRC \$2,000
- PCUSA-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \$3,000; and Puerto Rico Recovery Guacio Camp \$2,000.



2020 January through May Grace Fund Interest Grant Allocation



2020 January through May Grace Mission Fund Interest

# Church News

## Summer Schedule

Throughout the summer on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., we will continue our worship together online via video. We would love to have you join us. In addition we continue to provide the Sunday Order of Worship and latest updates in our eNews mailed out weekly to members and friends.

## Life in Community

It is with deep sadness that we share that Emma Graves Pennington passed away on May 26, 2020 and Sandra Lynne Lord on June 6, 2020. Prayers for their family, friends, and loved ones.

# Words of Gratitude

## Appreciation Extended by Mission Partner

Grace AME coordinators Robin Price and Vivian Watson sent a letter of appreciation to the CPC congregation for its continued support, teamwork, and donations of food and dollars. CPC was informed that because of food shortages at the Maryland Food Bank in April, Grace AME's pantry supplies were almost nonexistent.

*"For several weeks the [food] collected from CPC literally went straight from the donated, directly to the bags we were preparing for our clients." "Truly the contributions of CPC have kept the Grace AME food pantry thriving and able to supplement the food needs of Catonsville and beyond. We so appreciate the dropoff of dry goods by Nancy and Bill Henderson."*

# Our Financial Resources

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends.

## Doing God's Work

- Actual Income as of June 6, 2020: \$ 284,444
- Actual Expense as of June 6, 2020: \$-299,037
- Total: \$ -14,593

# THE Messenger

## Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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