

# Eastminster Eagle

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## *DRIVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION*

*JULY 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*

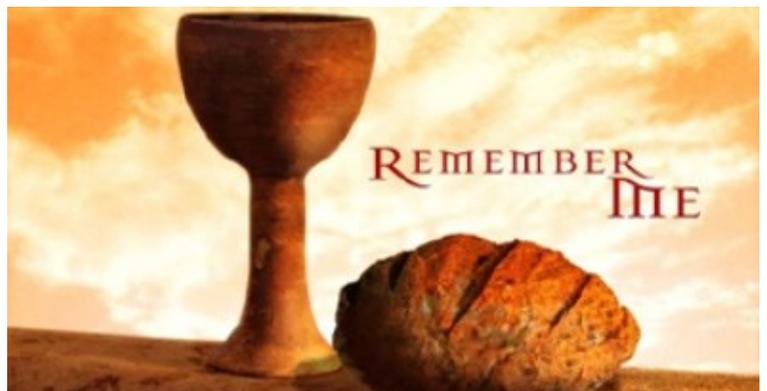
The Session voted to move the service of Holy Communion from the usual first Sunday of the month to the Sunday of July 12th, as well as provide different ways to observe and participate.

You are encouraged to worship via social media on the Sunday of July 12, then join others by driving through the front parking lot facing Gallion Boulevard. Elders, wearing masks and gloves, will provide each person in the automobile pre-packaged communion elements that will have been blessed in the worship service. You will be sent out into the world with God's blessing.

We are missing one another, and while our greatest desire is to be gathered together again, we continue to trust that, through the guiding of the Holy Spirit, we are providing the safest means of offering a wave, a hello or a virtual hug through social media and opportunities like this **DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION**.

The service of Holy Communion, placed within the order of worship for July 12, will continue to invite those worshiping from home the opportunity to share bread and cup with family. As always, the elements will be blessed during the service.

This is a holy meal; indeed, it is also a joyful feast. Whether you share bread and cup at home or join us in the parking lot, together we remember the saving grace of our Lord and look forward to his coming again.



*From Lamentations 3: 23-25, bear these words: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases the Lord's mercies never come to an end they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him.*

Dear family and friends,

The Session met via Zoom on Sunday afternoon, June 28th, to continue praying about, and planning for, the work and ministry of our congregation. That work included a revised recommendation from the Re-Entry Task Force (Task Force) regarding a step-by-step Stage 1 Plan for in-person worship. The Plan is comprehensive and will offer guidance for safety measures prior to gathering for worship, entering the building, worship in the sanctuary, and exiting the building. The health and safety of all who worship with us continues to be the guiding priority for decisions. A copy of that Plan is attached; however, as this virus continues to be fluid, so too, will be our guidelines to ensure the safest environment upon re-entry to in-person worship.

In the May 28th correspondence to the congregation, the Session voted for a "target" date of July 5th to resume in-person worship, but, also approved was a review of that date based on new information, guidelines and policies concerning the pandemic.

Committed to the safety and well-being of all who enter our building, that review has continued. The Task Force daily monitors the health data pertinent to gatherings, particularly as it relates to Dallas County. The measuring stick for our return to in-person worship was, and is, the evidence of a recorded 14-day steady downward trend in the county. The data watched includes statistics regarding: 1) the number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations and 2) the percentage of positive cases reported (as compared to total tested).

Based on the current upward trend in positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths, the Task Force presented a revised plan to the Session at its June meeting with the following information: the church will plan to re-open our doors to those who wish to attend in-person worship at a time to be announced following evidence of the downtrend. We will also be continuing our virtual on-line worship experience via our Website, Facebook, and Instagram.

The Task Force will continue to provide regular updates to the Session and the congregation. In the

meantime, it is normal and healthy to grieve the fact that the spread of COVID-19 continues making it unsafe to reopen our facilities. The Task Force, session members and your staff are grieving with you. We find comfort and peace, though, knowing that the work of the Lord reaches out and continues beyond our four walls. It is our prayer that, as we lament together, we also remember together: Every single waking morning, the Lord is faithful to us. The Lord's love never runs out. Through the mercy of our Lord, we get a new start each day. In this promise, may we continue to lift up the hope of the Lord to one another, and in that, find reason to offer thanksgiving to our Triune God.

The peace of Christ be with us all,

The Re-Entry Task Force

Paul McLin, Chair

Vicki Cook

Kathy Kreger

Denise Bennett

Sherry Holloman

Michele Pappas

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122: 1

***Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
Re-Entry to In-Person Worship  
Stage 1***

When confronted by COVID-19, a highly contagious airborne virus which posed a significant threat to the health and safety of the members and friends of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, the Session suspended the gathering for public worship, initiating virtual worship services exclusively, beginning March 15, 2020.

With a continued concern for the health and welfare of our church family, seeking to maintain virtual worship, while also providing the safe opportunity for those who wish to again gather in God's house for praise and prayer, the Session appointed a Task Force on the Re-Entry to In-Person Worship on April 20, 2020.

Moving toward opening the doors of God's house once again for services of in-person worship, the Task Force has met almost weekly for prayerful research and reflection on two vital questions:

1) *What criteria should be used for allowing the return to public worship?*

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## 2) *What will public worship look like as we first return?*

On June 28, 2020, the Session met for discussion on the Task Force recommendations and adopted the following Plan for Re-Entry to In-Person Worship (Stage 1):

Guided by Dallas County statistics on the efforts to combat the COVID-19 virus, as evidenced in a 14-day downward trend in 1) the number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations and 2) in the percentage of positive cases reported (as compared to total tested), the church will plan to re-open our doors to those who wish to attend in-person worship at a time to be announced following evidence of the downtrend mentioned above. We will also be continuing our virtual on-line worship experience via our Website, Facebook, and Instagram.

As we return to in-person worship in our church facility, following a thorough sanitizing and cleaning of the areas in use, we will implement the following measures to provide for the health and safety of our sisters and brothers in Christ.

The Re-Entry Task Force and Session will continue to monitor the progression of the COVID-19 virus in our community and make modifications as needed and provide directions for future stages of re-entry.

### **ENTERING THE BUILDING**

Our worship schedule will include one (1) Sunday worship service in our sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

Out of concern and care for all who gather for worship, all worshipers ages three and older will be required to wear a face covering (covering mouth and nose) entering, remaining inside the sanctuary, and leaving the building.

Out of concern and care for all who gather for worship, handshakes, hugs or any other form of touching are prohibited. This is a wonderful opportunity for new and creative ways of greeting one another. In this Stage 1, we will seek imaginative ways to allow worshipers to participate.

All persons will enter through the front door (Gallion Street) leading to the sanctuary. If

handicap accessibility is needed, the church office should be contacted, and provisions will be made for entry at the back door (Samuell Boulevard) with all the protocols used for front door entry.

All persons waiting to enter the building will be asked to maintain the standard six (6) feet social distancing guidelines. Once inside, provisions will be made to follow this same distancing guideline.

Two persons, wearing masks and gloves, will be stationed outside the front door. They will be responsible for checking the temperatures of those entering the building. Should any person register a temperature of 100.4° or above, they will be lovingly and compassionately restricted from entering for the health and safety of all. A return invitation to worship with us, when symptom-free, will be extended.

One person, masked and gloved, will record the names of all entering the building for attendance records as well as tracing purposes, if needed.

The sanctuary doors will be left open when possible to minimize contamination of the doorknob. Should the doors need to be closed, a person, masked and gloved, will be responsible for cleaning the doorknobs. Hand sanitation stations will be available outside the sanctuary doors, as well as several located in the narthex and narthex restroom.

In this beginning phase of Stage 1, the sanctuary (including the narthex, balcony, and narthex restroom) will be the only portion of the building available for in-person activities. Virtual Sunday School classes or small group gatherings will continue. Any other planned church-sanctioned activities will be held outside the church walls until it is deemed safe to return to the full use of the facility.

### **ENTERING AND WORSHIPING IN THE SANCTUARY**

Once inside the narthex two ushers, masked, will lead worshipers to designated pews in compliance with social distancing guidelines. The ushers will lead persons down each of the side aisles, leaving the middle aisle free. Ushers will seat persons front to back to minimize contact in passing.

The sanctuary will be marked with a few “worship sites for family units” which include space for a couple or family grouping. All

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## NOTES FROM FRED

Probably, if we took a poll in our congregation, the song *Glory to God, Whose*

*Goodness Shines on Me* GTG 582 would currently be at the top of the list as the favorite among the whole congregation in every age group of the *Glory To God* hymnal.

We were one of the trial congregations for the *Glory To God* Hymnal Committee for almost three years. They would send us hymns, songs, and responses. We would learn them and sing them in worship. Some of you, as asked, responded, and gave me feed-back for the Hymnal committee to help make their decisions. This song received more comments than any of the other hymns and songs they sent us. Whether or not they put it in *Glory To God* we were going to be singing it on a regular basis and have ever since.

The lyrics to this inclusive, Gospel-style song is an adaptation of the *Gloria Patri*, which we usually sing in some form following the Assurance of Pardon. Many churches only use the *Gloria Patri* with either the Henry Greatorex tune (Greatorex) or with the Charles Meineke tune (Meineke) and that has been the case for over a hundred and fifty plus years in most Protestant Churches. The *Gloria Patri* has been prayed from the beginnings of Christianity. In this one-sentence prayer, time and eternity are combined in a compressed expression of doxology, (praising God).

In case you do not have the *Gloria Patri* (Glory to the Father) memorized here are the lyrics:

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen,  
Amen.

Compare those with the lyrics to *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* and notice how the author expanded the lyrics:

<sup>1</sup>Glory to God,  
whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit,  
whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

<sup>2</sup>World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.

It is an inclusive, Gospel-style adaptation of the *Gloria Patri*. It can serve in the liturgy as a song of praise or as a Doxology. We have sung it regularly as a response to the Affirmation of Faith and as a praise song. We haven't used it as a response to the Offering but we will. The lyrics were adapted by Paul M. Vasile in 2008 from the *Gloria Patri* and he wrote the tune. He is the Minister of Music at Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City.

From the first use we have had combinations of piano, drums, and bass using the talents of Melody, Bill, Bruce, Sean, and Tim over the last several years and of course the Sanctuary Choir in their role leading in our congregational singing.

It is as much a part of our congregation today as the Meineke or Greatorex versions of the mid 19th century to now is in some other Protestant congregations.

P.S. its ok to sing or hum it anytime any place as your expression of praise to God!

## *The Desert Shall Blossom*

Where there is need, God is always bringing new life, often working through the church but sometimes using Christians and others in the secular realm.

At England's University of Sheffield, scientists have learned to grow gardens from discarded mattresses in refugee camps. In Jordan and other dry regions, the foam "soil" soaked with a nutrient solution lets vegetables, fruits and herbs grow with far less water than usual. Syrian refugees who were already farmers "have made the project their own, growing things we never thought ... possible in the desert," says professor Tony Ryan.

But more than plants are flourishing! The greenery amid a barren landscape boosts mental health. The work experience will help people land jobs. Families learn new skills and eat more healthfully. And the gains go both ways, as scientists learn to apply research in the real world.

As God promises, "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert ... shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing" (Isaiah 35:1-2, ESV).

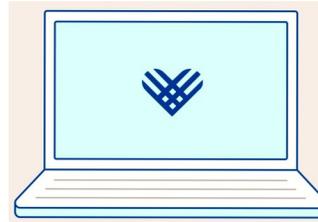


"Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have. What you are will show in what you do."  
—Thomas Davidson

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life."  
—Author unknown

Fluency [in prayer] is a questionable endowment, especially when it is not accompanied with the weight of thought and depth of feeling. Some [people] pray by the yard, but true prayer is measured by weight, not by length. A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer in it than a fine oration of great length.  
—Charles Spurgeon

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## *Fleeting and Forever*

After conversing and eating with two followers heading to Emmaus (Luke 24), Jesus disappears from their midst. According to theologian Ronald Goetz, that vanishing has special meaning for followers of the resurrected Lord. “Human love ... is spontaneous, fragile and fleeting,” he writes in *The Christian Century*. “Like the heavenly manna of the Exodus, love cannot be preserved and stored. We cannot manage it. We can only hope that it will be there for us when we most need it.” Those aren’t “melancholy thoughts,” though, “any more than the two disciples should have lamented the vanishing of the risen Christ.”

Goetz continues, “We know that Christ’s vanishing and the vanishing of every human moment ... serve to underscore the utter preciousness of life.” This, in turn, makes it a glorious mystery that the life we experience as fragile is, in fact, eternal.

## *The Weight of Hate*

Word lovers, delight! The lexicon has tongue-twisting terms that describe hatred for just about anything.

According to Mental Floss, if you’re a misodotakleidist, for example, you hate practicing the piano. Misogelasts hate laughter, while misopogonists hate beards and misophonists hate certain irritating sounds. There’s even a word for someone who hates hatred (in the form of war or strife): a misopolemist.

Some of these words may make us smile, yet hate is deadly serious. No matter the target, hatred weighs us down and distracts us from Godly living.

That’s why Paul instructs followers of Jesus to “put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice” (Ephesians 4:31, NRSV). Once that hateful weight is gone, we’ll be freed up to “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (verse 32).

## ZOOM HAPPY HOUR!

Good morning friends! I so hope you are enjoying worship as we continue to seek the best of health for everyone. The session will be addressing issues surrounding in-person worship at our meeting at the end of the month, and we will address the congregation following that decision.

In the meantime, it's time to have a fun check-in!

\*If you have a Zoom account, even a free one, would you be willing to host a...

"HELLO, HOW ARE? HALF-HOUR HAPPY HOUR" (Why a half-hour, you ask? Free Zoom accounts allow 40 minute time slots only.)

\*If you are willing to host a Zoom happy hour, but don't have an account, we can make that work too!

WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP A ZOOM CHECK-IN TO ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE SO ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO INTERACT.

\*Don't have a Zoom account? What about Face-timing on your phone?

\*Don't have an iPhone with FT capabilities? What about an old-fashioned telephone call?

SO...HERE'S HOW I NEED YOU TO RESPOND TO ME EITHER BY EMAIL OR TEXT: 214-463-9037 OR [holloman.sherry@gmail.com](mailto:holloman.sherry@gmail.com)

YES, I have a Zoom account and would be willing to host a small group Hello, How Are?

NO, I do not have a personal Zoom account, but have Zoom capabilities, and I would like to host a Hello, How Are?

YES, I can Facetime on my phone and would like to host a Hello, How Are?

NO, I do not have Facetime capabilities on my phone, but would like to make phone calls to others without Zoom or FT capabilities for a Hello, How Are?

Hello, how are you? I am doing well, and missing you all!

Pastor Sherry

### Pleasant Grove Food Pantry Report: May-June 2020

Date	#Families	#Persons	#Pounds
5/5	212	1012	14,369
5/12	217	1069	15,338
5/19	253	1215	21,136
5/26	239	1053	10,286
6/2	187	867	10615
6/9	205	1012	13313
6/16	219	1098	12943
<b>Total</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>7326</b>	<b>98,000</b>





What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug

Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)



## Scripture Readings for July

1 Pss. 65; 147:1-11	12 Pss. 103; 150	23 Pss. 36; 147:12-20
2 Pss. 143; 147:12-20	13 Pss. 5; 145	24 Pss. 130; 148
3 Pss. 88; 148	14 Pss. 42; 146	25 Pss. 56; 149
4 Pss. 122; 149	15 Pss. 89:1-18; 147:1-11	26 Pss. 67; 150
5 Pss. 108; 150	16 Pss. 97; 147:12-20	27 Pss. 57; 145
6 Pss. 62; 145	17 Pss. 51; 148	28 Pss. 54; 146
7 Pss. 12; 146	18 Pss. 104; 149	29 Pss. 65; 147:1-11
8 Pss. 96; 147:1-11	19 Pss. 19; 150	30 Pss. 143; 147:12-20
9 Pss. 116; 147:12-20	20 Pss. 135; 145	31 Pss. 88; 148
10 Pss. 84; 148	21 Pss. 123; 146	
11 Pss. 63; 149	22 Pss. 15; 147:1-11	

## Eastminster's Mailing Address Has Changed

The mailbox for Eastminster's physical address was vandalized, so to avoid this in the future, Eastminster's Session voted to begin using a P.O. Box at the Medrano Post Office effective immediately.

Please start using Eastminster's new address:

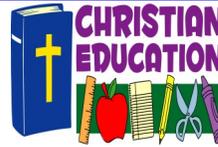
**P.O. Box 571188  
Dallas, TX 75357**



### Greetings from Maine,

We made the trip fine, and I am enjoying my girls and the lovely weather. I want to thank you again for the drive-by parade and farewell wishes. You will always be an important part of my life. You are caring, compassionate Christians, and I'll miss you.

Alice Brooks



## Sunday School is Meeting Again!

We are venturing out via Zoom and a small group gathering to resume our Sunday School classes. If you are interested in joining any of these classes, please email Sherry at [holloman.sherry@gmail.com](mailto:holloman.sherry@gmail.com) and you will be added to the distribution lists.

The Searcher's are meeting in person with social distancing at Tom & Michele's home. Join the class at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. The class is currently studying *Heaven and Hell* by Bart Ehrman.

The Gleaners Class meets virtually on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. using The Present Word curriculum. The Summer 2020 quarterly study is titled Many Faces of Wisdom. Lesson books have been mailed to the current active class roll. However, if you wish to receive a book, let Sherry know.

Blair Garrett's class will also meet via Zoom on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. With fellowship and lesson discussion, class is expected to meet approximately 75 minutes. The class will continue studying the book of Mark. If you are new to the class or need a refresher, you are invited to read the first 14 chapters.

We also invite you to visit our website at [www.eastminsterdallas.org](http://www.eastminsterdallas.org) or go to our Facebook page to find information about these offerings. As other activities and events can resume, we will post them. Always remember, though, that even while we are apart one from another, the Lord is between us, blessing and keeping us.

*All dates and events are subject to  
cancellation and/or change.*

### *July*

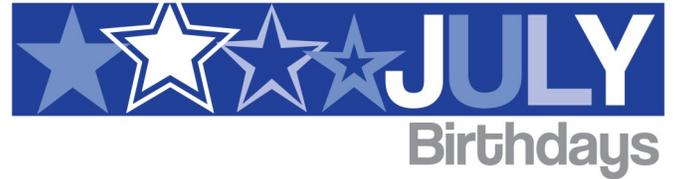
- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday (4, 11, 18, 25 )  
3 Office Closed  
5 Communion – Intinction  
13-18 Virtual SYNOD Youth Workshop  
20 Newsletter Deadline

### *August*

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday (1, 8, 15, 22, 29)  
Choir practice on Wednesdays  
2 Communion; Committee Meeting: Outreach & CCC  
12:30 p.m.  
9 Committee Meeting: Stewardship, H&P 5 p.m.,  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
16 Stated Session Meeting; (2021 Budget figures due to  
Treasurer within 5 days)  
17 Newsletter Deadline  
18 PCHAS Book Review  
26 Choir Dinner and practice resumes  
30 Rally Day; pot luck; choir is back

### *September*

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday (5, 12, 19, 26 )  
Choir Practice Wednesdays  
1 EPW 7pm  
6 Communion Sunday; Committee Meetings:  
Outreach & CCC 12:30 p.m.; Pulpit Supply  
7 Office Closed – Labor Day  
13 Committee Meeting: Stewardship, H&P 5 p.m.,  
Worship 8:30 a.m.  
20 Stated Session Meeting  
21 Newsletter Deadline  
26 Stated Presbytery Meeting – Austin College



Blair Garrett	7-5
Caston West	7-5
Emma Wallis	7-5
Steve O'Neil	7-5
Ginny Beatty	7-13
Joseph Bacon	7-13
Tim Kreger	7-16
Darlene West	7-20
Bonnie Lucas	7-21
Roy Ridley	7-24



Beverly & Roy Ridley	4/22
Vicki & David Gibbs	4/29



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children are asked to worship with their families as no childcare will be provided.

Worship will be modified by restricting congregational singing and choral offerings, in accordance with best practices, to reduce the threat of airborne virus spread. The Director of Music, Organist, Sound Technician, a soloist or small ensemble may offer music from the balcony as long as all social distancing measures are observed. The front row of the balcony must remain empty minimizing the possible airborne spread of the virus from above.

Pastor Sherry and the liturgist will observe the six (6) feet social distancing guidelines. Pastor Sherry will speak from the pulpit, while the liturgist will speak from the lectern. While speaking, they will not be required to wear masks, but at any other time, away from the chancel, masks will be required.

A set of guidelines for cleaning the narthex bathroom, including both practice and product, will be posted. Cleanings will follow each use of the restroom.

#### **EXITING THE SANCTUARY AND BUILDING**

Following worship, ushers will dismiss the congregation starting at the back of the sanctuary and proceeding to the front.

The sanctuary doors will be opened for exiting or, if needed, one person, masked and gloved, will be responsible for opening and closing the door to minimize contamination of the doorknob.

The pastor and liturgist will remain in the chancel until all persons have cleared the building, then exit.

Once outside the sanctuary, worshipers can feel free to visit one another, observing all the social distancing measures in place, including masks and six (6) feet intervals.

The Re-Entry Task Force and the Session will continue monitoring and adjusting guidelines necessary to comply with Dallas County mandates, as well as making decisions on the resumption of other in-person activities here in our church facilities.

We are the body of Christ, in this place and in all places. May our worship, service, and thanksgiving never be confined to a building, even the house of the Lord!

## Those Who Will Serve in July



### **Eastminster Session**

Janice Bell  
Denise Bennett  
Tony Bennett  
Kayla Dixon  
Ronnie Dixon  
Kathy Kreger  
Paul McLin  
Janet Muller  
Michele Pappas  
Helen Randolph  
Vicki Thiebaud  
Bruce Turner



## Church Staff

<b>Pastor</b>	Sherry Holloman
<b>Director of Music</b>	Fred P. Watkins
<b>Organist</b>	Melody S. Davis
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Chandra Anderson
<b>Hostess/Housekeeper</b>	Minerva Hernandez
<b>Child Care Provider</b>	Betty Crabtree

## HIGHLIGHTS from the STATED SESSION MEETING

May 18, 2020

- ◆ TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion made, seconded and approved to spread in summary form the Treasurer's Report for May 2020. Prayer of thanksgiving was given for the gifts to the church and the faithfulness of the congregation.

Total Revenues, Year To Date April 2020:	\$111,722.89
Total Expenses, Year To Date April 2020:	\$102,215.07
Total Current Assets, Year To Date April 2020:	\$157,702.67
- ◆ CLERK OF SESSION REPORT (approved in the Consent Agenda)
  - Membership May 18, 2020: 175
  - No physical attendance reported since March - County-wide Covid-19 Shelter in Place Order compliance
  - Report of Video Viewership for the period March 22 through May 8: Visitors to the website: 1,000: Total number of hours viewed: 179.7: Number of subscribers: 22
- ◆ STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Meetings
- ◆ OTHER BUSINESS
  - Motion made, seconded and approved, that with thanksgiving for her life, Estelle Scheibel be removed from the Member Roll as she joins the Church Triumphant.
  - Motion made, seconded and approved to subscribe EPC for a USPS Post Office Box at the Medrano Post Office on Ferguson Road, Dallas TX - Size 3-M (5.5 x 11) at \$288 per year. This will allow for review of other options in the future.
  - Report from Re-Entry Task Force: meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, at 5 p.m. via Zoom. A request by the Choir will be considered to begin choir practice.
  - Report from Nursery Advisory Group: demolition has begun, ceiling tiles installed, with other projects to be approached soon.
  - Report from ADA Task Force: met with architect and engineer to evaluate worthiness of existing facility for changes that are being considered.
  - Report from Task Force for Video Equipment: beginning to make contacts; evaluating the needs and reasons for acquiring video equipment.
- ◆ REPORTS
  - Care of Member Reports: a blanket of bagged "care" gifts has covered the congregation. Thanks given for the team who assembled and distributed to the doors of members. Vicki Cook has retired. Bobbe Brown has reported continuing recovery from her Covid-19 illness. Sherry asked for continued prayers for her sister.
  - Discussion regarding a social connection idea was brought forward from Tom Pappas. It was proposed that we poll the congregation as to their interest and availability. Vicki Thiebaud is interested in a book club. A prayer group is another idea.
  - Sherry Holloman's sabbatical for 2020 has been cancelled. The Session will work with her to reschedule for the future.