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## WIND AND FIRE

DEVOTIONAL SUBMITTED BY MARCIA BROWN

**P**our your Spirit upon us, O Lord; we are your sons and daughters. Animate us with your gifts to serve your people. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

**1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

This wide diversity that the Spirit breathes into being doesn't mean that we are or should be divided. It is the same Spirit who breathes new life into different ministries, different activities. A hand has different gifts than an eye does. Its purpose, its reason for being is a different one. And yet both the hand and the eye are connected because they are part of the same body. They work together, in different functions, for the good of the whole body. They have the same purpose.



It is the same way with us. God loves our diverse gifts and doesn't seek to erase them or pare them down into only one way of serving. But serving God should be our focus. We who have been animated by the same Spirit are united in purpose. We have the same goal.

**Jordan Haynie Ware**

Surprising God, who delights in distinctiveness and guides diverse gifts to achieve one common goal: bind us together, without competition or boast, that the story of the power of your love may be shared far and wide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of that invisible love. Amen.

Breathe upon us, breath of God, young and old alike. Send us forth, gifted with your power, to serve your people.

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# Please wear a cloth face covering.



**Maintain a distance of 6 feet  
whenever possible.**



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My Friends,

The Estonian composer, Arvo Part, recently suggested that “This tiny coronavirus has shown us in a painful way that humanity is a single organism and human existence is possible only in relation to other living beings. The notion of “relationship” should be understood as a maxim, as the ability to love.”

As Christians these words should resonate with us. We acknowledge almost every week that we are intimately connected through the body and blood of Jesus Christ to every other person that God loves—which is all of them, even the ones we don’t like. We acknowledge that we have become members of God’s family through this gracious act of adoption which none of us could ever earn by virtue of our virtues. We are one body, united in Christ.

We can no longer pretend that what hurts others will not hurt us. We are one body, united in Christ. This is both glorious and wonderful. It is also demanding. The truth is, we don’t always want to be connected, united to others. We sort of want to be free to do our thing and they can do theirs, just don’t bother me. We can get away with this thinking as long as harm, as injury doesn’t hit too close to home. When it does, it changes everything.

It seems to be part of our human condition that it is only through being close to those who are affected by such things that we too, are drawn into them. Until we are close, somehow it just flickers on the screen of our awareness and then we move on. When we are close, it changes everything. If we pay attention, we will realize that even when we are not close, we are still affected. This pandemic has pulled the curtain aside, that we might see how intimately we are connected to the rest of humanity.

In Galatians 3 Paul writes to a community who are in strife. They have gotten caught up in arguments of status and authority, who’s in charge, questions of power. He responds by reminding them of the baptism liturgy which they likely heard upon rising from the waters, “You have clothed yourselves with Christ. You are a child of God through faith, You are no longer Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male or female. We are are one in Christ.” This is glorious and wonderful, and also demanding.

If we truly accept these words of scripture, this ancient liturgy, as true, we must live differently. We can no longer seek only our good or the good of our friends, maybe just our community, but must seek the good of all people as earnestly as we seek our own good. We must mourn with those who grieve, uplift the oppressed, feed the hungry,...you get the idea. We are called to love greatly and without boundaries. We must live differently because suddenly we are close, and in relationship with all the people.

To God be the glory!  
Pastor Cyndi

**Family Order Form**

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See WWW.SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM for a list of ALL vendors. Please CALL & ASK if you have any questions. Most vendors have higher amounts than what is listed. Check out the SPECIALS tab online for short term promotions on higher rates!--Martha 608-220-5592

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.5%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Quality Inn \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Roundys (IL and WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	4%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Sentry \$50.00	3%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	4%		\$	Kwik Trip \$50.00	4%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Comfort Suites \$50.00	4%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	SUBWAY® Restaurants \$50.00	6%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	SuperAmerica \$25.00	4%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Olive Garden® \$25.00	7.5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays® \$25.00	9%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Visa® Five Back™ Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3%		\$
Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$				
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$100.00	3%		\$				
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$				
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$50.00	3%		\$				
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$				
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$				
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$								
Hotels.com \$100.00	6%		\$								

Make Checks Payable To: *Lodi First Presbyterian Church Scrip*

Total Due All Columns:

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## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Spring is here and we are currently looking for volunteers to help mow the church lawn. We own a riding mower and a self propelled walk behind mower so all that is needed is a healthy body to run them. If you have time available to help please call Jeff Leckwee or Ron Nelson to pick your week or weeks to mow.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### WEEKLY OFFERING

It is important to remember as a congregation that we continue the financial support of our church during this challenging time. Even though the church is physically closed for

weekly worship, behind the scenes “business as usual” continues. That means we have salaries to pay our employees, utility bills that need to get paid, missions that we support, and so on. You can continue to make your offering via mail by sending your check to: **First Presbyterian, 258 Lodi St., Lodi, WI 53555**, or, we have our online donation option (below). This option is ideal during these times as there is no potential of passing along any germs which can live on surfaces such as paper, cardboard, etc. We also ask that you do not drop any payments off directly at the church.

### GIVING MADE EASIER!

First Presbyterian now offers online giving. We have an account set up with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Financial so that you have more options to make your church

donations. You can either do this via computer by selecting the ‘Give Now’ button below, or by using the **GivePlus Mobile App** which you can find by searching **GivePlus Church** in your app store. **Click here for a short video on how it works: [Mobile App Demo](#)**. It only takes a few minutes to create an account. This is a great option if you pay your bills online, are frequently away on travel, or you just don’t like writing out checks! (Note: there is a minimal 2% fee per transaction.)

**GIVE NOW!**

(click on the button above if viewing this newsletter from your computer or other mobile electronic device)

**Thank you!**  
**Stewardship Committee**





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday! If your birthday is in June and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

- 6/6 MATTHEW  
AMMANN
- 6/9 BAILEY LECKWEE  
RILEY LECKWEE
- 6/13 MARK DESELLE  
BEN HUGHEY
- 6/19 JARED BAUER  
LINDA DAMSTEEST

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!  
BIRTHDAY!

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Deadline for the **JULY** Newsletter is **WEDNESDAY, June 17th at 9 a.m.** If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at [office@lodifpc.org](mailto:office@lodifpc.org) or leave it on the desk in the church office.

May 2020

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# June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Online Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Online Worship, 9 a.m. Fellowship, 10 a.m.	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline, 9 a.m.	18	19	20
21 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m. Online Worship Fellowship, 10 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Parking Lot Worship, 9 a.m. Online Worship Fellowship, 10 a.m.	29	30				

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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday  
9:00 a.m.  
Nursery Available

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Graphic Design: Jim Salzman

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Diane Lukins  
Jean Spataro  
Ron Nelson

**Class of 2021**

Dudley Mehlretter  
DeAnn Richards  
Jeff Leckwee

**Class of 2022**

Herb Damsteegt

DeAnn Richards, Clerk of Session

**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Class of 2020**

Marcia Brown  
Sandy Deselle  
Dave Heebner

**Class of 2021**

Gale Nelson  
Bobby Hanson  
Laurie Fryman

**Class of 2022**

Patty Seiler



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