

Faith United Methodist Church
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****The Ice Cream Social and the basement sale have been cancelled for 2020.**

October Newsletter Deadline: September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. | E-mail submissions to: fumcza@gmail.com



September 2020



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year each January, I find myself saying to someone at some point that we never know what the next 12 months will bring. The changes we have experienced so far in 2020, in my mind, have been incalculable! The 'normal rhythms' of Summer and Fall are off beat, if not off all together. There is school, but many have felt it necessary to switch to home-school or virtual learning. Baseball is happening! But it's a season of only 60 games. There is marching band and football at the area high schools, but only six games and the band only plays for home games. Each student gets two tickets and stadiums can only be at 20% capacity. (I'm starting to wonder if the trees will require 80% of their leaves to fall early!)

Life is not the same as it was a year ago. Our country is re-awakening to the importance of all lives. While racism and classism have always existed, we are clearly at a pinnacle of tension and awareness over the related evils. We value and need our Law Enforcement Officers, praying for their safety, and struggling with images we see in our highly virtual world. The population of those experiencing homelessness increases across our country while we wrestle with how to help without hurting and struggle to coordinate our efforts with others. As a country and a denomination, we continue to wrestle with issues related to immigration, human trafficking and human sexuality. Is it just that I am paying more attention now than when I was younger or does there seem to be more internal unrest than we have faced for decades?

How thankful I am that our God brings order out of chaos! It has been particularly joyous and refreshing to return to in person wor-

From the Pastors Desk cont.

ship. Yes, things are very different. But I feel safe and have been assured by others that they feel comfortable with the efforts we make to have a meaningful yet secure worship experience for those present *and* online. The changes at first have felt like chaos, yet as God continues to work, there is a different order that emerges.

I am going to include a couple of prayers that I have found to be particularly powerful in recent weeks. I hope they speak to you as well. Chances are that one or more of them will either 'step on your toes' or make you angry. But my prayer is that they would ultimately speak to your heart and be of comfort to you. Whenever the chaos of change or uncertainty seems to threaten you, turn to the One who alone can bring about order and security. Remember the words of Psalm 46:1-2 (*New Living Translation*)

God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Joy Wigal

About Face Masks

O Holy One,

Bless the mask makers, those who create –

from cloth, flannel, elastic, wire, yarn and buttons –

the barriers that allow us to be out among others

yet keep them safe from what we might be silently harboring.

Bless the mask wearers that we may see them as a sign of care and concern for others; that we may see your face beneath each mask.

Bless us all that we may see that by covering our noses and mouths
we have opened our eyes and our hearts to one another. Amen.

~by Rev. Donna Vuilleumier, Pastor at Smith Memorial Church, UCC in Hillsboro, NH

Kyrie During Quarantine

Seeking peace in a broken world,
but also knowing God's peace through God's presence,
we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace in suffering, illness, and pain,
but also feeling God's peace through healing, prayer, and those who help,
we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace through our distress, depression, isolation, and fear,
but also feeling God's peace through the words of loved ones
and the hope we see in the world,
we pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Seeking peace through the pain of worshipping separately,
longing for our holy community to be gathering,
but also feeling peace through God's presence with each of us
as we worship together distantly,
we pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, loving Lord.
We need you now, as we have needed you every day.

We cannot live without you.

Amen.

~ written by Pastor Nissa Peterson, Chatfield & Root Prairie Lutheran Churches. Posted on **MightyNiss** <https://mightykniss.blogspot.com/2020/04/kyrie-for-worship-during-coronavirus.html>

*“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”
Matthew 6:26*

Prayer List

Chris Briggs

Marlene Farley

Homeless Community

Family of Eric Howard

Sgt. Daniel Kelton

Betty Miller

Karen Norman

Bob Osborne

Joanne Peadon

Medical Faith Shut-ins:

Henrietta Hurst

Frances Johnson

Kathleen McCutcheon

*Names will remain on the prayer list
for one month unless otherwise requested.*

***“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:6-7***

Ushers and Greeters

This is just a reminder for those who are scheduled as ushers and greeters for the month of September. If you are listed below to serve and do not feel comfortable or are unable to be here for some reason, please contact the church office by phone or email.

More than ever, we need ushers and greeters to welcome people to worship and assisting those attending with their safety questions or needs.

Thanks for all you do to help the Faith UMC family!

Sept. 6—Floyd & Pat Tolle & Randy & Jeri Schreiber

Sept. 13—Don & Roberta Covert, Jim Tignor & Orlen Bates

Sept. 20—Mark & Thea Crawmer & Chris & Heather DeGarmo

Sept. 27—Beth Dougherty & Teresa Felton

Volunteers are needed to be ushers and greeters for the remainder of 2020. Please contact the church office if you are willing to help with this.



Phone-In Worship Instructions

Between 10:15-10:30 dial: +1-408-418-9388

Access code: 132 203 0362

Password: 7777

If you call in 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the service, your phone will be unmuted. You will be able to talk to others who are also calling in for worship.

Everyone will be muted during the worship service so that you can hear the service uninterrupted. After the benediction, I will unmute the microphones so that we can all say good-bye to one another or greet anyone who joined late.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,
we turn to you in prayer,
confident that you are with us
and with all people in every moment.

We stand before you as people of hope,
trusting in your care and protection.
May your faithful love support us
and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,
fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus
and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.
Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals
caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country
who will continue to work in the days ahead
in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.
Bless them and keep them safe.

O God of creation and life,
we place ourselves in your protection.
May the mantle of your peace
enfold us this day and tomorrow.

~ from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, Ireland. Posted at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/03/16/prayer-resources-for-use-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Birthday's



September 12—Mark Crawmer

September 19—Bernice Osborne

September 19—Bradley Adams

September 22—Jamie Bright

September 22—Heather DeGarmo

September 26—Betty Howard

September 26—Lee Wolfe

September 28—Phil Allen

September 28—Jeremy Hatfield



Anniversary

Happy anniversary to
Marianne and Daniel Maxwell
on September 4th!

