

# eNews UPDATE Friday, 3/20/20

## Note from Rev. Becki Curry

Dear friends,

While many things may have changed about our daily lives in the last week, the church is still being the church! Your staff has done an outstanding job figuring out ways to keep us connected and continuing to do ministry. While this edition of *eNews* is long, I hope you will read it all, as there are many opportunities for our church in the coming week. There is also much to celebrate as we find ways to serve our community during this crisis.

Please watch this [short video message](#) from me for important information about our **online worship time together this Sunday at 11 am**. And let's not forget. God is not and cannot be quarantined!

Blessings,

Becki

## Church Service

**Join us online for church on Sunday at 11 am. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!** You can tune in on our website, on Facebook, or on WBNA Channel 21.3 (Spectrum Channel 285). A recording of the service will be available Sunday afternoon and we will email you the link. To follow along with the service, including the text of the prayers and lyrics for the hymns, please open and print the attached bulletin.

**We suggest you try creating a worshipful environment in your home when you tune in.** Some ideas:

- Light a candle to represent the Holy Spirit or the presence of Christ.
- Gather pictures of those you wish were with you or those for whom you will pray.
- Have something purple to remind you of Lent.
- Have a cross with you.

If you have other ideas, please let us know!

## Adults

### **Online Sunday School LIVE! 10-10:30 am**

Jennie Weeks and Rev. Brandon Dirks will host a weekly live Sunday School with up to 500 of your church friends! Please join us as we learn together how to use this new platform, study scripture, have interesting discussions, and help each other deepen our faith and trust in Jesus. Don't worry if you can't join us, we will record and send you a link to the class later. So grab a cup of coffee, your Bible, and connect to the class each Sunday in one of the following ways:

1. By computer, tablet or smart phone, click [here](#).
2. By telephone, dial (312) 626-6799

This Sunday, Jennie and Brandon tackle the Coronavirus by exploring Psalm 23. Could it be that we have become so familiar with this psalm that it has lost its power and relevancy? It is not just a psalm to provide comfort, but teaches a radical God-centered, God-dependent way of living! We need this teaching now more than ever. For details on good online practices and how to get help connecting, click [here](#).

If you have been part of the **Women of Easter Bible Study with Liz Curtis Higgs**, it has gone online via [Liz's Facebook](#) on Tuesdays at noon. All are welcome to tune in!

## Youth

### **Online Youth Pet Party!**

All youth can bring their pets to Youth Group...online! Join us on our Zoom call [here](#) on **Sunday, March 22, 6-7 pm**.

### **Online Youth Gaming Ministry!**

On **Wednesday, March 25 from 6 to 7:30 pm**, our gaming ministry is going online. Check your email or contact [Chris Hughes](#) for details.

## Children

### **Sunday Evening Online Family Worship Time!**

This interactive time for families to worship together begins this **Sunday, March 22 at 5 pm**. Relax, have fun and connect to other families through a Bible Story! Join us online [here](#).

### **Online Bible Playtime with Leanne**

Take a break and spend 15 minutes with Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley as we play together and hear a Bible story! This is a full body fun for kids of all ages (preschool – 5th grade). **Monday through Friday at 10 am**. Click [here](#) for the daily links.

## Parents

### **Suggestions for Parents and Grandparents**

Leanne has some video COVID-19 suggestions for [parents](#) and [grandparents](#). Watch for some good information.

## **Pen-Pal Program**

Families, all of us are craving connection in this season, and we are looking to help make that connection across generations. Would your family like to become “pen pals” with one of our senior adult families? Contact information would be shared and you could then mail letters or send emails and share about likes, hopes, fun activities, and generally encourage and pray for one another. To participate, email [Lisa Watkins](#).

## **Whine at 9**

**On Thursday evenings at 9 pm**, put the kids to bed and join other moms for a non-judgmental space to share and laugh together! Bring your own drink and snacks! ;-)  
Invite friends! The more the merrier! Check [here](#) for each week’s link.

On Sunday in this space, we will share some parent resources put together by our staff.

Parents, watch your email on Wednesdays for weekly information for all that is being planned for our children and youth.

## **Music**

Music ministry had its first virtual choir rehearsal Wednesday night with the Chancel Choir. We will be having virtual rehearsals with One Voice and Laudate on Sunday evening during their regular rehearsal times (5pm and 4 pm, respectively) via ZOOM (check your email for details). PSALM Kids leadership is meeting to develop a plan for their ministry as well. More information soon!

## **Care**

We have been reaching out to all in our church family who are age 60+. We would love to:

- Deliver food
- Pick-up prescriptions
- Call, email or video chat with staff
- Receive prayer requests
- Teach technology skills
- Set you up with an intergenerational pen pal (contact [Lisa Watkins](#))

Congregational Care Ministers are checking on those who live alone and are sending cards to folks hospitalized and homebound. Families are not allowed to visit loved ones in hospitals or nursing homes. You are encouraged to send cards to people in hospitals and nursing homes, but also to families who cannot visit their loved ones. It is difficult to be forced to stay away.

**If you are aware of a care need, please email or call [Rev. Melissa Head](#), (502) 435-5749.**

## Outreach

Our Church on Wheels has been out and about all week bringing food and hope to our community! We'll share details in this space in our Sunday edition.

### **Non Perishable Food and Supply Drive for Portland Promise Center and Maryhurst**

**If you are comfortable, you may drop any of the items listed below to our Church on Wheels which will be parked under our Portico on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from 9:30 am to noon.**

- Pasta and canned tomato sauce/diced tomatoes

- Rice and beans
- Canned meals (chili, soups, Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- Whole grain cereals
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meat and fish
- Velveeta mac-n-cheese (this eliminates the need for milk and butter)
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Toilet paper – if you have a few rolls to spare
- Health Supplies: hand sanitizer, medical masks, disinfectant wipes, Lysol spray
- Store-bought Snacks: individual (small) bags of chips, gummies, cookies, popcorn, sports drinks, flavored water (no sodas or canned drinks)
- Household Essentials: laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues
- Meal Relief for Staff at Maryhurst: Gift cards to restaurants that remain open for takeout (McAllister's Deli, Jason's Deli, etc.)—Gift cards can be mailed directly to Maryhurst c/o Development, 1015 Dorsey Lane, Louisville KY 40223

Thank you for remembering these vulnerable neighbors, children, and families. Thank you for keeping them in prayer and giving in a sacrificial way this Lenten season.

## Financial Update

Your church leadership is keeping a close eye on our finances. We are working hard to reduce expenses related to energy costs, supplies and operational services as the building is used less.

We thank you for last week's contributions of \$39,030. We will provide prior week and year to date giving updates in next Tuesday's email. We ask those that can, to stay faithful with your giving during this unprecedented time.

## Ways to Give

1. Give online [ccum.net/give](http://ccum.net/give)
2. Text a gift, send the dollar amount (i.e. \$500) and code CCUMGeneral to 30131
3. Mail a check to CCUM, 4614 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40207, Att: accounting office
4. Schedule a payment from your bank's automatic web-pay
5. Set up an ACH, email [Jim Stewart](mailto:Jim.Stewart@ccum.net) CCUM controller for assistance

## Prayer Resources

### The Examen

We have been praying the Examen as a congregation this Lent. Click [here](#) if you don't have an Examen card at home.

### Scripture Ecclesiastes 3

#### Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

### **The God-Given Task**

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

**etc.**

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church scheduled for May 5-15 has had to be postponed due to COVID-19. For details, click [here](#).

## **Sympathy**

Christian Sympathy is extended to Linda Jones on the death of her husband, Wayne Jones, who died March 7; Mark and Terry Smith and Stephanie Altobellis and families on the death of Mark and Stephanie's father, Dr. Charles Smith, Jr., who died March 8; Marie Johnson on the death of her husband, Dick Johnson, who died March 14; Sharon and Chet Yates on the death of Chet's mother, Frances, who died March 15; family and friends of Frank Heller who died on March 17; family and friends of Mona (M.C.) Ussery who died on March 19.

# Links

[Church Website](#)

[Church Calendar](#)

[COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Christ Church School](#)

[Sunday Scripture](#)

[Sunday 11 am Livestream Link](#)

[Beyond the Pulpit Podcast](#)