Good Tidings Tuesday!

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Note from Rev. Becki Curry

Dear friends,

We bring you tidings of great joy! We will use our Tuesday *eNews* to share how our congregation is staying connected, caring for one another and caring for our community. We know so many of you, both individually and collectively, are checking on friends and neighbors, sending cards and letters and having virtual play dates. If you know of stories we should share, please email our Communications Staff. We look forward to bringing you GOOD news each Tuesday.

I also want to <u>share a message from Bishop Fairley</u> that was sent on Sunday in which he requested, "...that we continue to follow all the guidelines outlined by our national and state health care and government officials around large gatherings including worship, funerals and other church activities." Your Servant Leadership Team met via Zoom call last night and has affirmed that we at Christ Church will continue to follow the recommendation of public health officials about when we can resume in-person gatherings.

Our Worship Planning team is giving their all to ensure that our virtual times of worship in the coming weeks, and especially Holy Week, will be meaningful for all of us. I just want to thank all of our ministry staff who have been so creative and responded so quickly to this new circumstance in which we find ourselves.

I pray that you are staying safe and connected. Remember, though we are physically distanced, the Holy Spirit is with us always. (Don't forget to scroll down for Tuesday's Tidings of joy!)

Blessings, Becki

Link to Church Service and Sunday School Recordings

Pass it on Kids' Sale

Our sales total for the Spring Pass It On Kids' Sale was just over \$19,000. This is roughly \$5000 less than usual, but it's extraordinary considering what was happening during those three days. The committee will be donating \$8,000 total to Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Red Bird Mission and UMCOR. Each agency will be receiving \$2667. We also raised \$330 for the REFIT ministry by selling donated workout clothing. This money will be used to buy additional workout equipment and clothing for those who need it.



In addition, we donated hundreds of items to the following agencies:

Norton Commons Elementary KY Refugee Ministries Breckinridge Franklin Elementary Red Bird Mission The Portland Promise Center KY UM Children's Homes St. MAM Golden Arrow Volunteers of America

For the FULL story behind this spring's Pass it on Kids' Sale, click here.

Virtual Gatherings

Folks of all ages in the last week have been connecting to each other through technology...scroll down for the evidence. ;)

Happening this week:



Just For Men | A Virtual Gathering with Brandon Wednesday morning 7:30 am or Thursday evening 7 pm

1) Wednesday Morning 7:30 am ZOOM link or dial in by phone: 1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 597 711 697

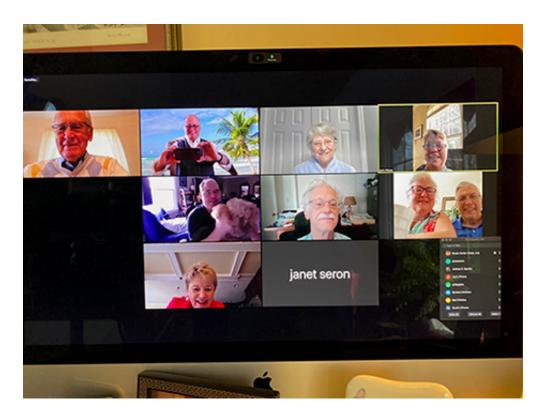
2) Thursday Evening 7 pm ZOOM link or dial-in by phone: 1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 858 978 044

Click here for more details.

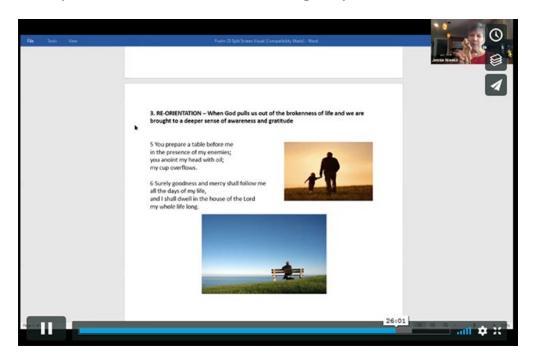
PSALM Kids will meet virtually on Wednesday evening.

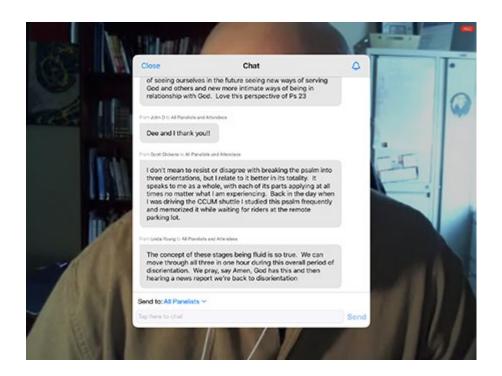
Check your email from Erika for details!

The Mulligan SS Class meets via ZOOM Sunday at 9 am

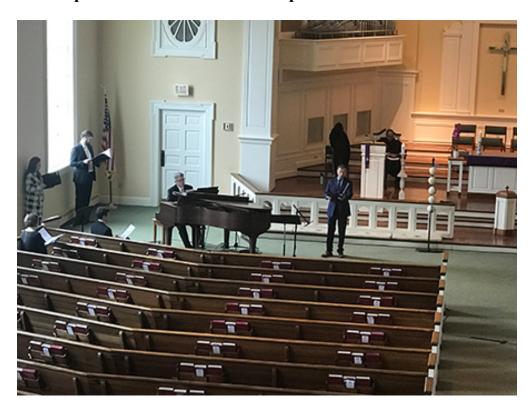


Nearly 200 Attend SS via ZOOM taught by Jennie & Brandon

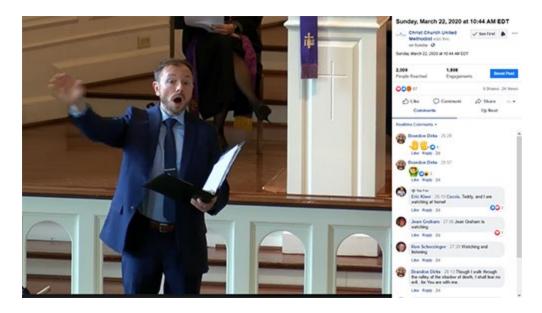




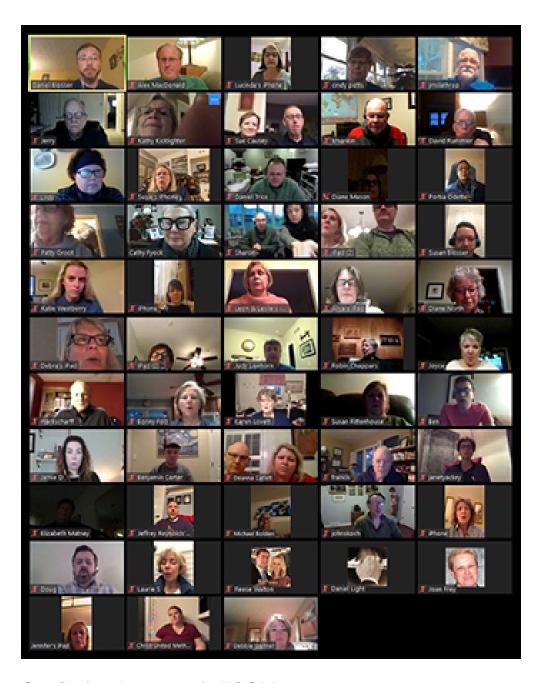
Worship looked like this in the Chapel...



But like this on Facebook!



Chancel Choir had 69 singers join a virtual rehearsal



Our Seniors hung out via ZOOM



And the Youth Group had a pet party



Youth choirs are sticking to their normal rehearsal schedule



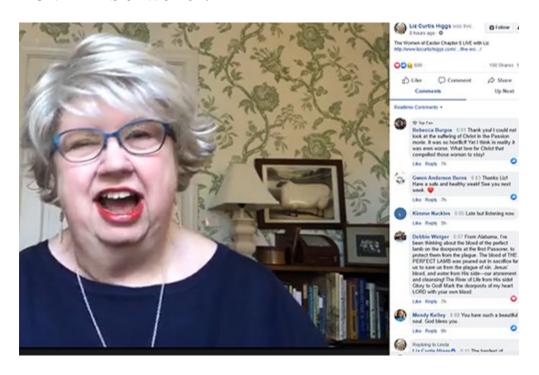
26 Families participated in Family Worship Sunday night



Leanne is doing Bible time each morning - with over 100 kids!



Liz Curtis Higgs doing Bible Study on Facebook Live with HUNDREDS of Women!



Serving our Community

Church on Wheels

We helped feed neighborhood children at Grace Kids



We consecrated communion elements for shut-ins



We delivered 60 meals to Russell Neighborhood Residents



Said one recipient, "This is the best thing that's happened to me all week!

Prayer Resources

We have been praying the Examen as a congregation this Lent. Click <u>here</u> if you don't have an Examen card at home.

Scripture

I Peter 5: 5b-11 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal

glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Links

Church Website
Church Calendar
COVID-19 Updates
Christ Church School
Sunday Scripture
Sunday 11 am Livestream Link
Beyond the Pulpit Podcast