

eNews UPDATE 3/27/20

Note from Rev. Becki Curry

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

Our daily lives have dramatically changed for most of us over the last two weeks, but our great God is unchanging. The way we go about connecting as a church congregation has changed significantly, but our commitment to God and each other is unchanging.

I'm full of gratitude today for you and our staff and how you are becoming living proof of God's love during this crisis. Please watch [this video message](#) from me with updates on our congregation.

I look forward to our online worship together on Sunday at 11 am. You continue to be in my prayers.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

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.

Care

We are blessed to have a **Pastoral Counselor on staff** who is still able to see individuals for counseling sessions. How is she doing this? She is working from home and using Face-time, Google Duo, Zoom, or just regular phone calls. She works with each person individually to set up the meeting. If you have never used one of these apps before, no problem. Jane will help you get set up and started. If you are struggling in any way, please don't hesitate to contact [Jane Myers](#) for an appointment.

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

Outreach

Collection for Breckinridge-Franklin

Help the families of Breckinridge-Family by creating snack packs (inside a ziplock, paper, or plastic grocery bag) with a variety of the following items:

- Cereal bar
- Cheese/PB crackers
- Lunch tuna/chicken salad kits or pouches
- Fruit cup/applesauce
- “treat” item
- 1-2 books for kids to read (easy to read selections)

You can drop off your donations in our Church on Wheels which will be parked under our Portico Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please be sure to practice safe physical/social distancing of 6 feet from any other donors.

There will be hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray inside the Church on Wheels. For your safety and that of others, please spray the handrail after use.

Donate Blood

Donate blood with the American Red Cross. Because many drives have been canceled, **there is a great need for blood throughout the country**. You can schedule an individual appointment to give blood at [here](#) (enter your zip code in the box in the middle of the screen).

Adults

Online Sunday School LIVE! 10-10:30 am

Jennie Weeks and Jeanette Nunnelly will host a Sunday School lesson this week titled, **“Laughter and Joy in Uncertain Times.”** Please join us as we 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

Just For Men | A Virtual Gathering with Brandon Wednesday mornings 7:30 am or Thursday evenings 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.

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 Scavenger Hunt!

Join us for a scavenger hunt on our Zoom call [here](#) on **Sunday, March 29, 6-7 pm.**

Online Youth Gaming Ministry!

On **Wednesdays, from 6 to 7:30 pm**, our gaming ministry is now online. Join our Zoom call [here](#).

Children

Sunday Evening Online Family Worship Time!

This interactive time for families to worship together is each **Sunday 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.** Join us online [here](#).

PSALM Kids Praise Party

Check you email for all the details for the PSALM Kids Spring Break Praise Party Blowout! Wednesday, April 1 at 6 pm via this [Zoom link](#), meeting ID 273 275 329.

Parents

The Importance of Staying In

Leanne recorded [this video](#) for older kids to talk to them about the importance of social distancing during the COVID-19 crisis.

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! Join us here every [week](#).

Music

All of our vocal choirs are meeting weekly via Zoom video call. Check your group emails for details. Music ministry had its first virtual choir rehearsal Wednesday night with the Chancel Choir.

Financial Update

Your church leadership continues to keep a close eye on our finances. We thank you for last week's contributions of \$43,473. Our year to date contributions are \$638,775. We ask those that can, to stay faithful with your giving during this unprecedented time. If you are checking your online account, please note that you may see a delay of several days for your gift to be posted. We are processing contributions a couple of times a week.

Ways to Give

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

5th Sunday Offering

This Sunday is our 5th Sunday offering for the Kentucky United Methodist Home for Children. To learn more about the wonderful work done KYUMH, click [here](#). You may contribute by sending a check to our accounting office with KYUMH in the memo or donate direction to [KYUMH](#).



March 29, 2020

5TH SUNDAY

— Offering of Hope —

1115 Ashgrove Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356

kyumh.org/donate

Text "5thsunday" to
(855) 735-2437

 Kentucky
United Methodist
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Bringing Hope to Children Since 1871

The graphic features a smiling woman on the left and three icons (envelope, laptop, smartphone) representing different donation methods. The background is a solid green color.

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 1 Peter 5:5-7

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. 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.

The Serenity Prayer

God, give me grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.

Amen.

Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is extended to family and friends of Mona Catherine (M.C.) Ussery who passed away on March 19; Suzanne Blythe and family on the death of Suzanne's mother, Sue Justice, who died on March 23.

Links

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