

GILBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST

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PASTOR'S CORNER

It has been a very strange spring with schools closed for home schooling, restaurants closed and church buildings closed. Going places and seeing people wearing masks or maybe we might think it strange that people aren't wearing masks. Doctor appointments being done over the internet or on the phone instead of in person. "Stay in Place" is something that is common now, but is something we never heard of a few months ago. All this is being done with the hopes that we can keep more people from catching the coronavirus and saving lives. By the way, I was able to report to the MN Annual Conference that the Gilbert Community Church – United Methodist was responsible for making 1244 masks for others. These went to a wide variety of places – such as hospitals, medical providers, nursing homes, local police and we even teamed up with the Gilbert Post Office to hand out masks there when people have asked where to find a mask.

We are experiencing a time when our faith is being tested and our faith is ever so important. It is a time to remember that the church is not the building, but the people who are the "church family." We are worshipping in new ways such as the home services, home communion and some watching services on the internet or television. We are trying and I think sometimes doing a better a better job of staying connected through weekly phone calls from the Shepherding Committee: Bubs, DeEtta and Deborah who I need to thank for all their efforts. I hope the daily devotionals six days a week are helpful to everyone. They are delivered by email, text and USPS. If you don't receive it let me know so I can correct the situation. I know the big question on everyone's mind is when can we return to regular church services. That is a question for me too, so I emailed the USPS mailed the Bishop's last statement about moving forward safely to everyone. Right now we are to limit people in the building to a max of 10 people, so it doesn't make sense yet, but know the situation is being reviewed constantly and when we know

something, the word will be sent out. We will need to have an Ad Council to meet before the actual opening of the building. Right now, Aurora, Virginia and Hibbing have stated they will not be opening until the Bishop gives the go ahead.

I ask that you reach out to each other to provide moral support for each other and feel free to call if there is something I can do.

Keep our Country, our State, our County and our Cities in our prayers as we proceed through this time in your prayers. Also, remember the medical staff and the families that are personally dealing with this virus and its sometimes deadly effects.

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones. God Bless each of you. Remember He is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Mary Lou

Just to add my two cents: the Drive By Communion was awesome. It was so nice to see and chat with the congregation came by the church to pick up the Communion elements that Pastor Mary Lou had already blessed. I miss so many of my “family members” and this was a great way to visit a little and let them know we are thinking of each other. When talking to the members of the congregation as they drove up, it was gathered that we all miss each other, but we are not quite ready to move into the building for our church services yet.

DeEtta

UMCOR MISSION/Midwest Mission

Our Mission giving is still going on – we can now bring our Hygiene kits, hats, school bags to the Hope UMC on Monday, June 22nd from 11:00 a.m. till noon. The Midwest Mission group is also looking for homemade face masks, so if anyone is interested in making some face masks please do so and Pastor Mary Lou and DeEtta will deliver to the Hope UMC.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When our church begins remember that all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for 45 minutes of Bible stories, music and crafts!

Sue Malevich

AD COUNCIL/EVA KIEREN CIRCLE

Next meeting will be decided at a later date.

SALVATION ARMY SUPPER CLUB

Right now the Salvation Army asks that all volunteers NOT serve until further notice – they are handing out bag lunches and hot meals.

Remember our church helps to serve the Salvation Army Supper Club the third Thursday of the month. Serving starts at 3:30 p.m. and only takes a couple of hours. We need more volunteers to sign up. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

SMALL PANTRY

Our church is always collecting non perishable food items for the Small Food +Pantry which is right outside our church doors. Either put food right into the pantry or leave on the back pew of the church. Paper items (toilet paper and paper towels) are also greatly needed. Cereal and paper goods seem to go the fastest.

The last Sunday of each month we will be holding a Noisy Offering.... In this offering we will pass a can and everyone will bring pocketfuls of change to put in the can and make lots of noise. This year we are collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants (Grandma's and Memory Lane to name a couple) and can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

COFFEE AN' will be cancelled for June...

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 7 th	Tom Hafdahl
June 9 th	Gerri Makela
June 10 th	DeEtta Annala
June 14 th	Terri Peterson
June 24 th	Joe Heitzman

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 12, 1993	Penny and Joe Calger
June 13, 1986	Barb and Bob Kern

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

7th ... Psalm 8 (UMH 743)

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

21st ... Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (UMH 749)

Genesis 21:8-21

Romans 6:1b-11

14th ... Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)

Genesis 18:1-15

Romans 5:1-8

28th ... Psalm 13 (UMH 746)

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

JUNE LITURGIST

7th DeEtta Annala

14th Deborah Ross-Jagunich

21st Warren Ross

28th Jack Makela

JUNE USHER

7th Jack and Gerri Makela

14th Don and Terri Peterson

21st Mary Thesing and Linda Hall-Thesing

28th John Malevich

YARD WORK FOR JUNE (week runs Monday-Sunday)

June 1st-7th Peterson

June 8th-14th Kern

June 15th-21st Malevich

June 22nd-28th Kerzie/Hafdahl

June 29th-July 5th Makela