

GILBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Well, the big question from the last newsletter was when we are going to have the church open for services again. The answer is we returned to the building for the first time on Father's Day, June 21st.

But the services are required to be different still, such as we can't sing hymns, we are suppose to wear masks and we must maintain "social distancing." The good news is we are able to see each other and talk to each other at a safe distance. We are one of the few United Methodist churches holding services inside their building; this is one of the benefits of being a small congregation. I would like to thank everyone who worked hard to clean and prepare the building for services. Even though we are now having services, home services and daily devotions will continue to be sent out, so those who are not comfortable attending or unable to attend will be able to continue to worship in their homes. The home service and the devotions are also posted on the website. www.gilbertcommunityumc.org

DeEtta and I had the privilege of taking the following to Duluth for Mission Pick Up in the church's name:

120 hygiene kits

35 school bags

61 adult fleece hats

37 childrens fleece hats

9 Love Blankets (2 blankets and 7 quilts)

AND a check for \$240.00

All this besides the 1244 masks that were donated by members of our congregation to various hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and those in need of them, by May 22nd. I have no idea how many have been made and donated since that date. I feel and think as a church we should feel proud of what our small church is able to do for others when needed.

As we enter summer, we find even the Fourth of July will be different, no July 3rd parade, no class reunions or get-togethers. The news is telling that some states are experiencing increases in those having the virus in deaths from it. The protests and riots are not helping the situation, but how much damage is being done on that front is unknown. With all that is going on in our country, this is a time that we need to pray for everyone involved, pray for our country and its leaders, pray that Christ can be seen in our action and in our voices along with other Christians. It is not a time for anger, but a time for understanding and peace, which can only happen one person at a time with God's help. May we pray that it starts with each of us and spreads to others. Let the light of Christ's love shine through us so others will see.

During this strange and sometimes difficult times, turn to God for patience and strength. Be open to thinking of ways you can serve others from a safe distance. Reach out to neighbors, friends and family by means of the phone or yelling from a safe distance. When you are finding yourself feeling isolated or lonely, remember prayer, but also remember people God has put into your life that would welcome a phone call as much as you would, so pick up the phone and call. May you find time to enjoy the presence of God in your daily devotions.

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

Pastor Mary Lou

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When our church begins and it is safe to be together as a group of children, 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 Sunday, August 9th at 1:30 p.m.

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 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 now...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 st	John Zupancich
2 nd	Mary Ann Matteson
4 th	Jean Johnson
9 th	Pastor Mary Lou Sixberry
17 th	Debbie Fish
22 nd	Carolyn Egger
25 th	Sydney Dugal

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY

5 th Psalm 45:10-17 or 72 (UMH 795) Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Romans 7:15-25a	12 th Psalm 119:105-112 or 25 (UMH 756) Genesis 25:19-34 Romans 8:1-11
19 th Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (UMH 854)	26 th Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (UMH 828)

Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25

Genesis 29:15-28
Romans 8:26-39

JULY LITURGIST

5th Taya Kwiatkowski
12th Linda Thesing-Hall
19th Don Peterson
26th Norma Purkat

JULY USHER

5th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl
12th DeEtta Annala
19th Deborah Ross-Jagunich and Warren
Ross
26th Jack and Gerri Makela

Neither Liturgists or Ushers are needed at this time...

YARD WORK FOR JULY (week runs Monday-Sunday)

June 29th-July 5th Makela
July 6th-12th Peterson
July 13th-19th Jagunich
July 20th-26th Kern
July 27th-Aug 2nd Malevich