

GILBERT COMMUNITY CHURCH – UNITED METHODIST

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PASTOR'S CORNER

I don't know about you, but I am excited about being back in church with in person services again on Sunday, March 7th. We are able to start with in person services as we continue to wear our masks, social distancing, not singing and not having coffee an' afterwards, but I know the time will come when all that will be happening again. By the way, I will continue with thinking of treats for the pews to surprise everyone. We have learned that when it gets too cold or the roads are too bad we can now Zoom services. I am praying that we won't have to use that option again this year. We will continue placing a worship service on the website every week, but still working on exactly how or what form there will not be a break of having one.

As I talk with people more and more people are getting their first and some the second vaccine shots which is wonderful. I truly believe that the vaccine will be the way to get back to normal and hopefully put an end to the pandemic. We need to pray that enough vaccine will be produced that all who wish to be vaccinated will be able to not only in our area, but in our country and around the world.

I hope everyone is enjoying their Lenden Devotionals and are finding time each day to read them. Just like Advent, I feel we need to spend a little more time one to one with God and the devotionals are one way to do it. Some people celebrate Lent by giving up something, a favorite food or activity. Some years I have looked each day at what I have and donated something which I realized I did really need so many of them or even the item itself, but someone else may need it. This year I came across another idea which I find is even easier for it has more variety in fact it can be different each day. Each day I try to do something extra to share God's Love with someone else. It can be calling someone I feel may be lonely or I haven't contacted for a long time, make some cookies to share with neighbors or others in

the community, even taking the time to clean out my closet and donate the extra clothes I find, picking up some extras while grocery shopping for the food shelf or small pantry, sending a thinking of you note to someone who would appreciate receiving mail (don't forget both young and old enjoying receiving mail other than junk mail or bills) and who knows what other things you could come up with each day, don't forget we are still in winter and shoveling or clearing a sidewalk or driveway may make someone else's day. All I know by doing so we can share God's Love.

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

Pastor Mary Lou

QUAD CITY FOOD SHELF

March is the month that we collect food/monies for the Quad City Food Shelf in Mt. Iron. In March the food and monies are matched dollar for dollar and pound for pound from the state of Minnesota. Since we will be meeting in person at church starting in March, we can bring food items to the church. Money is always a great – the food shelf can buy four times as much as we can dollar for dollar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

When our church opens the doors again – our Sunday School will be back in business. 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

Our next Ad Council meeting will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 1:00 p.m. Please join us.

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, paper goods and snacks for children 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. For 2020 we were collecting to help Foster Children for extra expenses through the Social Services. No new mission has been chosen for 2021.

Arrowhead Senior Nutrition Services - Senior Dining AEOA is offered at senior housing, community or senior centers and some restaurants or at the Eveleth IGA can be had for \$4.00 for anyone over 60 years old. Just call (218) 735-6899 or 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899 to get on their list.

COFFEE AN' will be cancelled for now...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

11th Jack Makela
13th John Malevich
14th Carter Fish

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

7 th	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 (UMH 750) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	14 th	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830) Ephesians 2:1-10
21 st	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785) Hebrews 5:5-10	28 th	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764) Philippians 2:5-11

LITURGIST FOR MARCH

7th Deborah Ross-Jagunich
14th Jack Makela
21st Sue Malevich
28th Warren Ross

USHERS FOR MARCH

7th DeEtta Annala
14th Mary Thesing and Linda Thesing-
Hall
21st John Malevich
28th Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

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

YARD WORK FOR MARCH (week runs Monday-Sunday)

March 1st-7th Peterson
March 8th-14th Kerzie/Hafdahl
March 15th-21st Kern
March 22nd-28th Peterson
March 29th-April 4th John and Norma

*We have another option this year concerning the Winter Yard Work Schedule for the church during 2121. I have hired John Jamnick, who lives across the alley in back of the church for the times it snows very hard. He will plow along the alley side of the church and do the sidewalks in front of the church. We would still have to do the front and back steps. If he doesn't plow whomever is assigned would be responsible to do the shoveling. If you are unable to shovel during your assigned week, you should try to find a sub. If that doesn't work, we have been approached by the Eveleth-Gilbert National Honor Society. If you contact Addison:

aljohnson1@arrps.org or phone 218-410-4097, she will have a NHS student(s) come and do the shoveling. It will cost \$20.00 for all of it (you are responsible for that amount and tips are optional). If you are unable to meet the student(s) at the church to pay them, please mail your payment to: Addison Johnson

c/o Eveleth-Gilbert National
Honor Society
801 Jones Street
Eveleth MN 55734

Thank you for helping OUR church whichever way you choose.

God Bless,

John Malevich