



**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
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*To make disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation  
of the world.*

April 2020

The Coronavirus has our lives seemingly turned upside down. It is true that many things are different and changing rapidly, however, God has not changed and I doubt God is wringing God's hands wondering what to do next. We serve a Risen Savior who loves us and seeks to guide us into a life that is meaningful and fulfilling. There are lots of fears and anxiety in our society now, hoarding grocery items is one example. As Christians, we have reason to face the future with confidence and unafraid. **1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."** It is awesome that the creator of the universe cares about each one of us!! In order to slow the spread of the virus, many steps have been taken. Large group meeting like worship have been put on hold and we are looking into ways to facilitate worship in our homes. We have called off church worship for the rest of March. It is not known at this time if that will be sufficient or not. The lack of Sunday Worship in the sanctuary could, but not necessarily, create a strain on our church budget. True, nearly all of our expenses will continue. However, there are ways you can help. You could mail your offerings to the church office, or if you have been thinking about direct depositing, this might be a good time to go ahead and do that. I encourage you to take advantage of the lack of many recreational events to cultivate your devotional life. You might want to try something different, like journaling your thoughts during this crisis, increasing your quiet time, or digging a little deeper into God's Word. Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote these powerful words, *"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."* *Please continue praying for our church, our world, and solutions for the crisis before us.*

Peace & Blessings,

Pastor John

Sermon.....

We just finished recording Pastor John's sermon for this weekend. We will be putting it on our Facebook page as well as on Youtube. I will give you the link to the Youtube download as soon as I get that done and I will also let you know when the Facebook video has been posted. It will probably be by 5:30 on Saturday. In a week or two, we may be live streaming it on Facebook.

## A MESSAGE FROM NICK SALMON, CHAIR OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:

Colette and I send thoughts and prayers to all of our Trinity Family in these uncertain times. As you may know we've suspended all church services and meetings of 10 or more. Also we are following the current recommendations from Gov. Reynolds in her State Public Health Disaster Emergency issued today, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will have to cancel our Wednesday morning Coffee, the UMW gathering and the Administrative Council meeting scheduled on March 24<sup>th</sup>. We recommend for smaller groups, like committees, of 5 to 8 be certain of the need for the meeting and consider using email or phone. If you must have a face-to-face meeting please follow the recommendations of a minimum of six feet of social distance, hand washing and use of hand sanitizer when appropriate.

We Methodists are a "tough lot" and this just goes against our nature to not gather, share food and hug one another. But, we must take into consideration the community at large and now is the time in which we have to do our part to tamp down the "community spread" of the Coronavirus.

In difficult times mental health can be an issue. I'm sure many prayers are being offered and we thank Pastor John and the staff for their leadership and thoughts. We will make it through this. I encourage you to call and check on your friends, neighbors and church family. I personally have found that a prayer with a small dish of chocolate ice cream helps. Praise the Lord.

Nick Salmon, Chair, Administrative Council  
515-570-6799

**For those of you who do not have an email, and won't be getting our email updates, please call the church number for any questions. 515-573-3519**

Information.....

Things seem strangely quiet around here today. Can't say I really like it but it looks like that is our reality for the time being.

That being said, as of Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, our office and church building will be closing until further notice. If you need to speak to someone from the church, you can call the church phone- 515-573-3519, The number will transfer to a staff member's phone who will assist you.

For our seniors during this time, if you are unable or don't feel comfortable venturing out to get groceries or other errands, let us know. I'm sure there are those willing to run those errands for you. Your safety and health are important to us.

**ALL MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS AT THE CHURCH ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** This not only means committee meetings, but also circles, coffees, outside groups, etc. During this time we are closed, the church will be completely disinfected. We prefer that, if you have a key, you not use it to enter the building until further notice.

## Happy Birthday to...

Eli Johnson-3	Jeff Nelson-14
Ella Johnson-3	Skip Campney-15
Ernest Jones-4	Sam Pingel-Kuhn-17
Zelda Farmer-5	Richard Nelson-20
Mykenzie Stuhrenberg-6	Bill Messerly-22
Mykaela Stuhrenberg-6	Carla Filloon-22
Jane Harbaugh-6	Jodi Chada-24
Spencer Barber-9	Dee Murman-24
JoAnn Becker-10	Mary Larson-25
Cathy Jones-10	Ashlynn Thompson-27
Jared Feddersen-11	Dixie Amelio-29
Scott Lundgren-11	Gary Winkler-29
Avery Thompson-12	Kay Lomicka-30



Gladys Long  
Ilene Smith  
Linda Pingel  
Ramona Weins  
Amy (Perkins) Smith  
Miriam Hoskins  
Family of Betty Linder  
Elaine Cassady  
Amy Pederson  
Dennis Bellingtier  
Deb Harvey  
Richard Nelson  
Judy Noble  
Linda Sessler  
Family of Rowena Bastian  
Family of Eloise Klaessey  
Glen Thompson  
Dick & Betty Lind  
Josh Rauhauser  
Jim Olson  
Family of Jim Stuart

Prayers requests are updated on a regular basis. Please let us know if there is anyone you would like added.

**Give a call**  
**Show you care!**

## Happy Anniversary to...

Dan & Mary Larson-4/2  
Cliff & Sharon Perkins-4/2  
Ernest & Cathy Jones-4/18  
Chris & Julie Ulrich-4/22  
David & Theresa Doster-4/25  
Daryl & Bana Starrett-4/27  
Ralph & Donna Bryan-4/29

Hopefully, things will return to normal....



The United Methodist Women will be having their spring rummage and bake sale on May 7th & 8th.

As most of us are spending more time inside our homes, it might be a good time to do some extra spring cleaning. Please save things for our rummage sale here at church.



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