



Brothers and Sisters,

As I have spoken with some of you on the phone, I am inspired by all the ways you are reaching out to one another and staying connected. I believe that staying connected to each other, and especially to God are crucial in this time. In *Saint John 13:34-35* we find these words: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." I am seeing a great deal of love for God and others in our community – may God be praised!

On another note, I have been in conversation with our District Superintendent and our Bishop’s office. We are working hard such that all of our United Methodist Churches speak into this pandemic and the Nashville Area with one consistent voice. Therefore, we will extend the suspension of all services and activities through Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 at least. We continue to monitor and evaluate next steps.

Above all, be safe, help where you can, and let’s stay connected – to God and others: God is just a prayer away and my number is: 931.222.0314.

-God bless, Pastor Rick



First United Methodist Church

FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministries

Children’s Ministry of FUMC Tullahoma

If you are not on Facebook and would like some help setting up a page, we would be happy to assist you with that. You may contact Jeff Harrison at 931-434-2373 or Kris Roberts at 931-581-2310

We are in the process of contacting every church member by phone. If you have not heard from us within the next week or so, please give us a call as we may not have correct information in our database.

We are working on matching people who can run errands for others with those who need things and can’t get out themselves. If you can help or are in need of help, please let us know.

Until we get back to normal, we will have this very basic order of worship for our Sunday morning Facebook service. We will have the service ready and it will post at 9:30am on Sunday morning.



Order of Worship

Gathering

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Homily

Response

Closing

Church Office Hours

We will have the church office open only on **Mondays & Thursdays from 8am-4pm.**

If you have business with the church and need to come in, we will be happy to help you on those days. If you have business that can be handled by phone or email, please do so.

Church Office: 931-455-5434

fumc@lighttube.net

Finance Office: 931-455-7127

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Online Giving

At FUMC there are many ways to give:

Electronic: visit our website, www.fumctullahoma.com, and click the online giving link.

Bank drafts & automatic payments can be set up with the finance office.

Text: to use your phone to give, simply text Give2fumc to 732-56 and follow the prompts.

For more information, please contact Katrina Walton in the Finance Office. Thank you for giving!



To receive text messages & emails from the church to keep you in the loop

about everything that is going on, just text the word **church** to **931-452-4747** and click on the response. You may also sign up to receive texts from specific areas of ministry. For our Youth Ministry, text **youth**; for our Children’s Ministry, text **children**; for our Senior Adults ministry, text **fumcsam**. Once your form is filled out, we will begin sending you all the info you'll need.

Please note: We will not be sending out a monthly newsletter for April.

We will however continue to send out news and updates like this document on a weekly basis.



Church Family – I will be keeping in touch with you thru our Children’s Facebook page: *Children’s Ministry of FUMC Tullahoma* and by Text in Church (text CHILDREN to 931-452-4747). Be on the lookout

for ways to connect, ways to spiritually engage your children and some fun activities. Many of you had devotion books made available to you a few months ago. If you do not have one and would like a copy, please reach out to me and I will get a book to you.

These times are uncertain for all of us but please know your church staff is here, I am here, but most importantly, Christ is here with us all. Do not hesitate to reach out with any need you have.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declare the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

-Be Blessed! Julie 931- 581-8320

All Senior Adult Ministry activities are postponed until further notice. This includes April’s

Mystery Trip and The Ark Encounter Trip in May. Please stay safe and let us know how we can help you. We want you to know that you are important and loved by Tullahoma First UMC Staff.



“The Table” will not be serving meals this month due to the Coronavirus situation.



Show some LOVE! Send a card or make a phone call to our April Birthday people and those who are homebound, whether at home or in one of our assisted living facilities. If you need an address or phone number, just give me a call at 931-455-5434. *-Esther*

April Birthdays

Jerry Coleman, April 1	Jim Mitchell, April 7
Bertha Bates, April 3	John Roberson, April 11
Bobbie Ray, April 6	Dean Coleman, April 20

Inia Cruise, April 30

Please note: We will be sending out our Prayer List in a separate attachment



FUMC students – I know this is a difficult time for you all. School and event postponements and cancellations lead to a lot of frustration and disappointment. What you are going through is not lost on me. But in the midst of this season, there is some great opportunities to stretch ourselves and learn new things, work on our relationships (at a distance of course), and work on our faith development. So let me offer a few tips for the coming days:



Devo before devices. Take a few minutes to pick up the Bible or a devotional book. Today, I read some passages from *The Purpose Driven Life* which talked about how to reestablish good relationships with others.

Pray. Specifically for our most vulnerable people. Our older adults, healthcare professionals and those who cannot stay home. Pray for safety and healing.

Social Distance is VITAL. Not a theory. You all know I'm a hugger...but not right now. Don't go out to just go out. Listen to your parents. Dig in. Be ok with being a little uncomfortable.

This season WILL require sacrifice. We determine how much and what kind of sacrifice. We can choose sacrifice now or it will be demanded of us later.

So...GET OUTSIDE. Walk. Play in the yard. Breathe air. Facetime. I'm going to be hanging out with some students tonight via Zoom. Need someone to talk to? FaceTime me! I would love to talk. You are not alone. We will get through this together. BE KIND. Learn patience. Show love. *-Kris 931-581-2310*

Note: We will send out instructions on how to join our Zoom Live Hangout for this Sunday night! Stay tuned!

Henry Center

The **Food Pantry** and **Financial Assistance** portions of the Henry Center will remain open. They will serv the community on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12-2pm. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we have modified our procedures a bit. Instead of having people wait in the waiting room, we have created a sort of “pick-up window” at the front doors. *The Clothes Closet will not be open during this time.*



Dossett Chapel

During this time, we will not have the regular weekly activities. However, we will be handing out food packages from 3:30-4:30pm. These will include a snack meal with a blessing and a prayer.