



First United Methodist Church

BROWNSVILLE

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Trouble with Time

Are you having difficulty with time? I cannot remember a period in my life being so consistently confused as to what day of the week it is. We are now in the month of September and it feels to me no different than the month of May. My kids have started a new grade and I have no idea where the Summer went as Fall quickly approaches. My family and I have tried to stay in and away from public places to keep us and others safe and our routine has not changed. Apparently, half a year in quarantine can mess with your sense of time! Can you relate with this? Are you having trouble with time too?

There is one thing that has kept me somewhat sane and centered when it comes to at least knowing the days of the week. Our morning prayer time every weekday on our YouTube channel. At the very beginning I will say the day of the week and date out loud before we begin. I am surprised to say it out loud because it often doesn't feel right! It's Thursday? Where did Wednesday go?!? But the daily routine of prayer puts me back on track and equips me for my day.

I came across a scripture that has helped ease the trouble of time that I would like to share with you. 2 Corinthians 6:2 reads, "For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." Do you hear this? **No matter what day it is, we can hold on to the promise that it is a day of God's favor, it is a day of salvation!** When we are having trouble with time, we can always be assured that it is a day that the Lord has made, let's remember to rejoice and be glad in it!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Phillip Hoeflinger



FUMC Sound and Video Upgrade!

We have some exciting news! After several months of prayer and discernment, the Trustee and Church councils have approved a bid to overhaul the audio and visual equipment in our Sanctuary!

This equipment will significantly enhance our Sanctuary's sound quality and allow us to stream our worship services over YouTube once we start meeting in person again. We are needing your help to make this dream a reality.

The total cost of the sound and video upgrade is \$33,000 and our prayer is you help contribute to the future of worship at FUMC Brownsville.

You can give through checks mailed to the church office addressed to FUMC with "sound and video upgrade" in the memo. You can also give on-line by going to our website and donating with a card.

This is a big investment for our congregation, but one that is needed. It will allow people to worship the Lord with us when they are not physically able to be present! This is important for the current and post-COVID culture we are, and will be, living in.

Our goal is to raise the money in the month of September so the new equipment is ready to use by October. Prayerfully consider what you can give, and then joyfully do it!

Pumpkin Patch

It is with a sad heart that we have to announce that we are cancelling the Pumpkin Patch this year. The FUMC Covid team met and decided that with the number of people we would need to unload that we could not practice social distancing. Also, we felt that it would be hard to staff if with enough people to control the social distancing in the picture areas. We are hoping that we will be able to do it in 2021.



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