

THE GRACE MESSENGER

Grace United Methodist Church

Mission: To love God completely and to serve Jesus Christ unselfishly

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From the Pastor

JUNE 2020

Grace UMC Congregational Survey

Responsibly returning to in-person worship amid an ongoing pandemic requires thoughtful preparation, intentional planning, and the careful implementation of recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Checking the pulse of our congregation is a vital part of a successful planning process. Often, pastors and church leaders will hear from their most vocal members, but we shouldn't assume that they always represent all perspectives within a congregation.

Our church leadership is prayerfully and thoughtfully exploring how our congregation can begin to gather again safely. Most importantly, we seek God's guidance in these decisions. We also pay close attention to the dictates and advice of our government officials and health experts. We want to hear from you as another important source of input. Please take this 5-minute survey.

1) Your age

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

2) Are you in one of the groups that the CDC and health experts have identified as higher risk for serious health issues or death from COVID-19 (those 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions)?

Yes

No

3) Have you participated in one of our online worship services in the past several weeks?

Yes

No

4) If you have participated in one of our online worship services, did you experience worship and God's presence more or less online compared to in-person worship?

More

About the same

Less

5) When in-person worship is offered, following CDC recommendations and guidelines (masks, social distancing, etc.), I would feel comfortable attending:

Right away

In about 1 to 2 weeks

In a month or more

I plan to continue worshipping at home for now.

When there are no COVID-19 restrictions

6) If we were to begin offering in-person worship soon, would you be comfortable bringing a relative or close friend who is in one of the higher-risk groups?

Yes

Depends on the safety precautions that are in place.

No

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Survey (continued)

- 7) If we were to begin offering in-person worship soon, would you be comfortable bringing a child or grandchild?
- Yes
 - Depends on the safety precautions that are in place
 - No
- 8) What safety precautions would make you feel comfortable attending a worship service in person? (check all that apply)
- Masks
 - Social distancing (6 feet per family)
 - Hand sanitizer stations
 - Temperature checks
 - Limited in-person gatherings
 - Other (please specify)
- 9) Do you currently serve in Guest Services (parking team, coffee crew, usher, greeter, visitors desk)?
- Yes
 - No
- 10) If you answered "yes" to Question 9, would you be comfortable continuing to serve once we resume in-person worship?
- Yes
 - No
- 11) Should capacity in our sanctuary become a problem as we practice social distancing, would you consider attending in-person worship with the service live-streamed to an additional location (other than the sanctuary) on our campus?
- Yes
 - No
- 12) As a measure to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, would you consider attending in-person worship if there is no congregational singing during the worship service?
- Yes
 - No
- 13) Have you participated in an online small group or Bible study class in the past several weeks?
- Yes
 - No
- 14) Do you have children who attend children's programming or nursery?
- Yes
 - No
- 15) If you answered "yes" to Question 14, would you and your family attend in-person worship on our campus if our nursery and children's programming were not provided?
- Yes
 - No
- 16) Which of the following activities are you either currently doing or currently willing to do? (check all that apply)
- Going to work
 - Going to the grocery store
 - Getting take-out or delivered food from a restaurant
 - Eating out in a restaurant
 - Working out at a gym
 - Getting a haircut
 - Going to a store to shop for non-essential items

Please take the time to download, print, complete, and return this survey to Grace at:

Grace United Methodist Church
c/o Congregational Survey
201 S. Church Street
Union, South Carolina 29379



Stewardship Report 2020

Offering Report as of May 24, 2020

2020 Budget:	\$	379,325.00
Needed for 2020 Budget YTD:	\$	131,304.81
Offering Received Last Week:	\$	9,935.00
Budget Received YTD:	\$	119,705.1
Surplus/Deficit YTD:	\$	-11,599.65
Weekly Offering Needed:	\$	7,294.71

Please put Grace as a priority in your financial planning. Our combined gifts keep the Church's mission alive and growing. Thank you so much!!

Sincerely, Pastor David

There are two ways to continue
tithing during this time: mail to
the church or use Vanco (Grace UMC
QR Code for online giving on left)



Circle of Hope:

No Meeting until September

Johnnie Sanders Circle:

No Meeting until September

Lucy Lee Shuler Circle:

No Meeting until September



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Honoring all Fathers this Father's Day, June 21, 2020



Attention Adult Sunday Schools

New Sunday School Lesson Books are now available for the Clyburn-Whitener and Upper Room classes. If you would like to pick up a copy, please get in touch with Karen Hibbard at khibbard72@gmail.com or call (864) 426-1655. Karen will inform you of when she will be there, since we are not in the office on a regular basis at this time,

No Family Night Supper

It's been awhile since last we met in food, fun, and fellowship, but don't despair, we will be back! We hope to resume in the Fall.



Have a great summer!



Because We Care

Heartland:	Mary Jo Rogers
	John Flynn
Ellen Sagar:	Bernard Bishop
Summit Hills, Sptbg:	Elwood Eason
White Oak, Sptbg.:	Dr. Bob Kincheloe
White Oak Rehab:	Barbara Rippy
Home:	Harold Simmons
	Ruth Roof

Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Wed., June 3 - No Rehearsal
 Wed., June 10 - No Rehearsal
 Wed., June 17 - No Rehearsal
 Wed., June 24 - No Rehearsal



What Makes a Dad

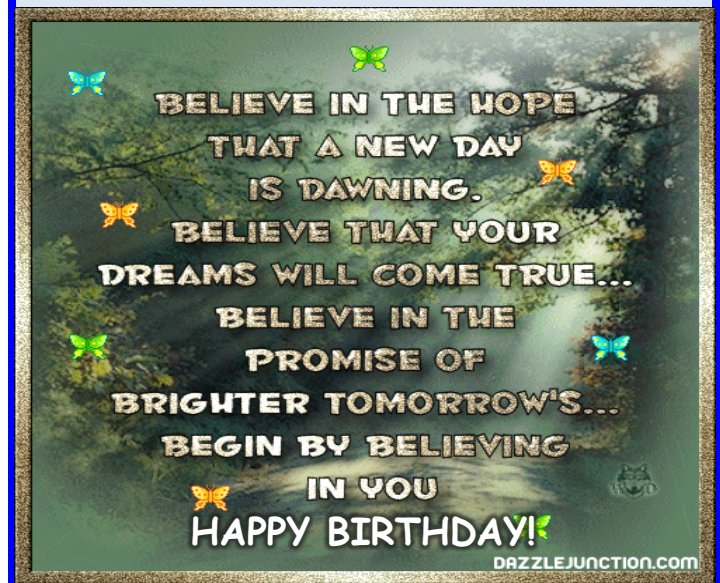
God took the strength of a mountain,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The warmth of a summer sun,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The generous soul of nature,
 The comforting arm of night,
 The wisdom of the ages,
 The power of the eagle's flight,
 The joy of a morning in spring,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family need,
 Then God combined these qualities,
 When there was nothing more to add,
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,
 And so, he called it ... "Dad."

~unknown

June



1 Kathryn Moore
 2 William Jeter,
 Anna Kelly
 6 Quinton Wilkes
 7 Buddy Blackmon,
 Cille Cody
 8 Packie Whitener
 9 Scott Hibbard
 17 Michael Langley
 19 Coleman Jeter
 20 Gordon Roberson
 25 Kelli Johnston
 27 Larry Goff, Ember Love
 28 Bailey, Patrick & Will Long, Jack Rash
 30 Christy Kincheloe



Latest Information on Church Re-Opening

Just a note of reminder to let the Grace Congregation know that the church leadership continues its stance to wait until further notice to open for in-person worship or any gatherings. Due to our congregation's distinct characteristics, we are not willing to put anyone at risk. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David.



**Ellie
Perrow**

Ellie completed 3K at Calhoun Academy in St. Matthews, S. C. this year. In September of 2019, Ellie was recognized as student of the month for demonstrating the character trait of kindness. She received her diploma on May 27 and a certificate that recognizes Ellie as the Number 1 Teacher's Assistant! She will begin the 4K class at Calhoun Academy in the Fall of 2020.

Ellie is the daughter of Betsy and Stewart Perrow, the granddaughter of Jan and Ralph Thompson, and the great-granddaughter of Melba Tate.



**Elle
Maness**

Elle is a graduate of the First Baptist Kindergarten Program in Greenville. She will be attending first grade at Augusta Circle Elementary School next school year.

Elouise Mae (Elle) Maness is the daughter of Michael and Tinsley Maness, granddaughter of David and Anita Maness, and great-great niece of Frank and Nell Hart.



**Lane
Wagner**

Lane Wagner just graduated from 5K at Union Christian Day School. She received the Best Handwriting and Best Speller award as well as Best Helper. She participates in Tumbling at Twist & Shout Cheer and Dance Center and began piano lessons this year. She will be attending Jonesville Elementary/Middle School next year.

Lane is the daughter of Melissa and Stewart Wagner and little sister to Katie and Alex.



**Benjamin
Balkum**

Ben received several awards from Foster Park including Most Likely to Succeed, all A Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll. He will attend Sims Jr. High in the fall. He loves to help cook, cars, and playing soccer. Ben is the son of Kim and Bill Balkum and the grandson of Ann and Frank Alexander. He has two older brothers, Will and Ethan.



**Alex
Wagner**

Alex Wagner just finished his adventures as a middle school student at Sims Middle School. He made the Principal's and Superintendent's Honor Roll all three years and is a member of the National Junior Beta Club. He has also been recognized as a Duke Tip Scholar and a South Carolina Junior Scholar. Alex was also on the SMS football team and the UCHS JV soccer team. He will be attending Union County High School next Fall. Alex is the son of Stewart and Melissa Wagner and Christy Kincheloe. Bob and Ruth Ann Kincheloe are his grandparents. His sisters are Katie and Lane.



**Jake
Glenn**

Jake completed his 8th grade year at Sims Middle School on the Superintendents Honor Roll. Jake is a member of the Junior Beta Club. He will attend Union County High School this fall. Jake is the son of April and John Glenn. He has a younger sister, Sarah Paige.



Bayla is graduating from 5th grade at Monarch Elementary School. She was a School Ambassador on the Student Council. She maintained an A average in all subject areas throughout the school year. She will be attending Sims Middle School in the Fall.

Bayla is the daughter of Becca and David Morrow and is JoAnne and Jerry Lipscomb's granddaughter. She is a big sister to Cullen.



Hazel has graduated from 5K at Monarch Elementary School and will be in the First Grade this Fall. She had both a short story and art work published in the UCSD Anthology. Hazel is the daughter of Caroline and Tommy Lawson and her grandparents are Jane and Buddy Wilkes.



Annabelle Langley attended the 3K program at Montessori Academy in Spartanburg this year. She took dance and swim lessons and has started taking tennis lessons. She will continue at the Montessori Academy for 4K. Annabelle is the daughter of Michael and Ashley Langley, granddaughter of Dennis and Cindy Langley and Bobby and Edith Glasgow, and great-grand daughter of Mrs. Ellis Langley and the late Mr. Langley and Mrs. J. W. Ford and the late Mr. Ford. Sterling Mae is her baby sister.



Grace is proud of all our young graduates!



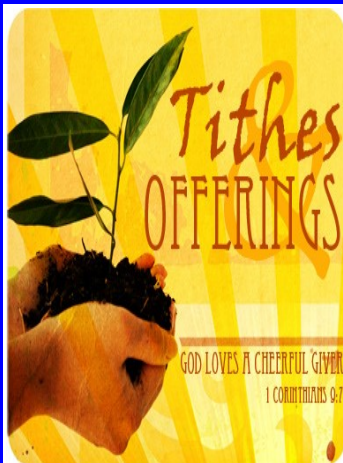
3K to 4K: Ellie Perrow and Annabelle Langley



5K to 1st Grade: Elle Maness, Lane Wagner, Hazel Lawson, and Ember Love

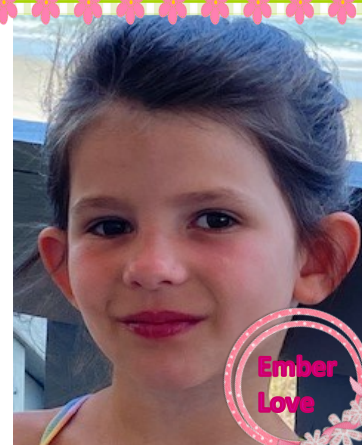
5th Grade to 6th Grade (Junior High): Bayla Morrow and Ben Balkum

8th Grade to 9th Grade (High School): Alex Wagner and Jake Glenn



Tithing During COVID-19 Closure

We would like to thank all of those who have so graciously continued to send in their offerings each week. Even though we are not having services, our obligations continue. If you have not mailed your offerings in, please do so. Our mailing address is: 201 S. Church Street. I am sure we all want to do our part in seeing that Grace's obligations are taken care of. May God bless each one of you.!



Emberlyn Love graduated from Mrs. McClurkin-Peake's 5K class at MES and will be in 1st grade. Ember enjoys reading, playing with her dolls, and swimming. Her favorite place is the beach and her favorite thing is spending time with her family. She loves Grace UMC and her church family. Ember is the daughter of Jeff Love and the granddaughter of Fran and Bob Love. Her great-grand mother is Dot Quinn. She has an older brother, Gage.



**Attention All Children/
Grandchildren
of Grace from 3K – 5th grade!!**



Get ready to **ZOOM** once again! We are beginning to plan **ZOOM VBS 2020**! Since we will be unable to meet in person at Grace for our Vacation Bible School this summer, we are working on our own special VBS! Plans are being developed for our **ZOOM VBS 2020**. These plans include meeting Biblical characters who survived against all odds because of their faith in God. God did not give up on them and will never give up on us! We also plan to have some favorite VBS songs, crafts, and possibly even a VBS snack. We plan to have packets with all the necessary materials included. These packets can be picked up at church or we will deliver! We understand that everyone currently needs a break from “online learning” so our **ZOOM VBS** will be later in the summer. Stay tuned for dates and details.

Epworth Children's Home Annual Offering 2020 on



Be A Partner of Hope

Julie was 13 when she arrived on Epworth's campus with her older brother. Both had been removed from their home and each sent to a different foster home. They missed each other and in their grief exhibited behaviors that were not conducive to a prosperous future. They both appeared to give up on a life with a good future.

After some time a decision was made to reunite them. That is when they came to Epworth to live. After a short period of adjustment, they both began to participate in campus activities, including worship and tutoring. Their grades began to reflect their efforts to learn.

As their stay at Epworth lengthened, they participated in counseling, received family visits, played basketball, and enjoyed shopping trips with their cottage mates and staff members.

Father's Day, June 21st

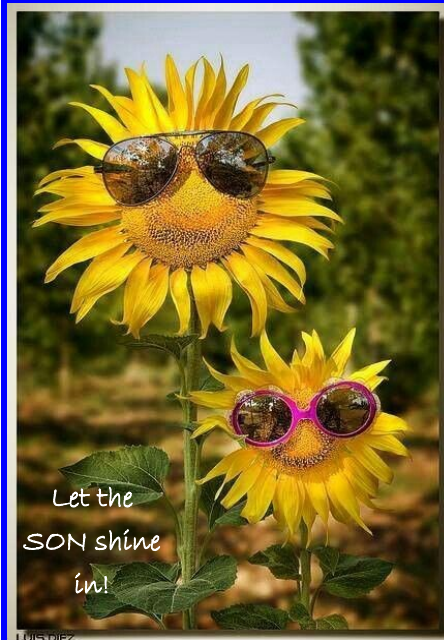
One day Julie exclaimed, “My brother and I had almost lost all hope, but now we know we have a future.”

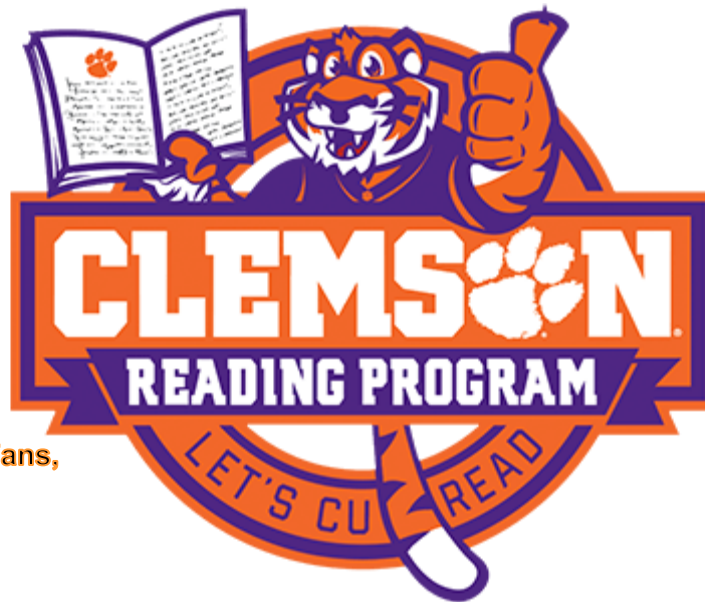
Julie, her brother Daniel, and many others are children we United Methodists have “adopted”, and with whom have become “Partners of Hope”. We form this partnership in order to provide a safe place to live, and to provide food, shelter, clothing, educational, medical, emotional health, and recreational opportunities for our children. Thank you for giving generously this ~~Mother's~~ Father's Day.

Mark 10:13-14

To Make An Offering through Grace:

- Make check out to Grace and designate for **Epworth's Children's Offering** at bottom.
- Mail to: Grace UMC
c/o Epworth Offering
201 S. Church Street
Union, S.C. 29379





Calling all Clemson Kid Fans,
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Individualized summer programs include engaging online instruction, independent reading in great books, and a skilled and encouraging teacher.

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Rising Kindergartners

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will be excited about books and reading. Children experience success at every step and enjoy the

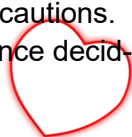
Programs for Rising 1st—5th Grade

In these programs, students develop strong phonics and decoding skills, build sight vocabulary, learn to read more fluently and rapidly, and develop strong comprehension skills. Your child will become a more confident student, enjoy reading more, and develop the lifelong habit of reading for pleasure.



**Young at Heart
Luncheons**

Until we know for sure what to expect for gatherings of this sort, we will refrain from having a Young at Heart luncheon in June. Any information regarding re-starting the YAH luncheons will be passed on to all of our YAHs... Until then, YAH's, stay safe, stay at home as much as is possible, and use proper precautions. We hope to see you at the next luncheon once decided upon.



SERVE THE LORD
with love

We are the Lord's hands here upon the earth, with the mandate to serve and to lift His children. He is dependent upon each of us.

Thomas S. Monson



Preach My Gospel



The Pickle Jar

by: Author Unknown, Source Unknown

The pickle jar as far back as I can remember sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents' bedroom. When he got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As they were dropped into the jar, they landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the copper and silver circles that glinted like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window. When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck.

Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mill town's not going to hold you back." Also, each and every time, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly. "These are for my son's college fund. He'll never work at the mill all his life like me." We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll start filling the jar again." He always let me drop the first coins into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other. "You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters," he said. "But you'll get there. I'll see to that."

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed. A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done.

When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life as a boy. In my mind, it defined, more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me. No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar. To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me. "When you finish college, Son," he told me, his eyes glistening, "You'll never have to eat beans again . . . unless you want to."

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad's arms. "She probably needs to be changed," she said, carrying the baby into my parents' bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in her eyes. She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room. "Look," she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak.

This truly touched my heart... I know it has yours as well. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings. Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks UP! And, Fathers LOVE!



Running Essential Errands

Grocery Shopping, Take-Out, Banking, Getting Gas, and Doctors Visits

What You Need To Know:

- **Stay home if sick.**
- **Use online services when available.**
- **Wear a cloth face covering when running errands.**
- **Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others).**
- **Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol after leaving stores.**
- **Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.**

Protect Yourself While Shopping:

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others while shopping and in lines.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a [cloth face covering](#) when you have to go out in public.
- When you do have to visit in person, go during hours when fewer people will be there (for example, early morning or late night)
- If you are at higher risk for severe illness, find out if the store has special hours for people at higher risk. If they do, try to shop during those hours. People at higher risk [for severe illness](#) include adults 65 or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions.
- Use hand sanitizer (after leaving the store).
- Wash your hands at home:
 - When you get home, wash your hands.
 - Follow food safety guidelines: [clean, separate, cook, chill](#). There is no evidence that [food or food packaging](#) play a significant role in spreading the virus in the United States.

Getting Gas:

- Use disinfectant wipes on handles and buttons before you touch them (if available).
- After fueling, use a hand sanitizer. Wash your hands when you get home or arrive somewhere .

Banking:

- If you must visit the bank, use the drive-through ATM if one is available. Clean the ATM keyboard with a disinfecting wipe, if available, before you use it.
- When you are done, use a hand sanitizer. Wash your hands when you get home.

Grocery Shopping:

- Stay home if sick (avoid shopping if you are sick or have symptoms of **COVID-19**, which include a fever, cough, or shortness of breath).

- Order online or use curb service
 - Order food and other items online for home delivery or curbside pickup, if possible.
 - Only visit the grocery store, or other stores selling household essentials, in person when you absolutely need to. This will limit your potential exposure to others.

Deliveries and Take-out:

- Limit in person contact if possible.
- Pay online or on the phone when you order (if possible).
- Accept deliveries without in person contact whenever possible. Ask for deliveries to be left in a safe spot outside your house (such as your front porch or lobby), with no person-to-person interaction. Otherwise, stay 6 feet away from the delivery person.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after accepting deliveries or collecting mail.
- After receiving your delivery or bringing home your takeout food, wash your hands. Or use hand sanitizer.
- After collecting mail from a post office or home delivery, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Doctor Visits and Getting Medications:

- Talk to your doctor online, by phone, or e-mail. Use telemedicine, if available, or communicate with your doctor or nurse by phone or e-mail.
- Talk to your doctor about rescheduling procedures that are not urgently needed.
- If you must visit in-person, protect yourself and others.
- If you think you have COVID-19, notify the doctor or healthcare provider before your visit and follow their instructions.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a [cloth face covering](#) when you go out in public.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others while inside and in lines.
- When paying, use touchless payment methods. Sanitize your hands after paying with cash, check, or card.
- Wash your hands when you get home.
- Limit in-person visits to the pharmacy. Use drive-thru windows, mail-order, or other delivery services.



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