



Long Ridge United Methodist Church

CHURCH NEWS

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Hello Saints!

I pray that you are doing well and that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. I wanted to just send out this little newsletter to offer encouragement and also to help you find ways to plug into our church family.

I have been writing 2 sermons a week that I'm hoping will bring you some direction and point you towards Jesus and God's word. It is there and only there, we will find the peace we are all desperately seeking right now.

I have included information of how you can view or hear these videos in this newsletter. I am also doing a weekly podcast that is brief and pointed for you to find encouragement as well. Information of how to connect is here in this newsletter too.

We are keeping our small groups going, we are just doing them virtually. Again, information is here for you to connect on Monday nights.

We know that many folks have no access to a computer. Every Sunday morning at 10:00 am and every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, you can call in on a regular phone and hear the messages. Information of how to do that is also in this newsletter.

HOW TO CONTACT THE PASTOR

Feel free to contact Pastor John:

Cell Number **203-312-6789** Call or Text

Email: pastorjohnparille@gmail.com



What is next for our church? This is a question that is very difficult to answer. This COVID-19 situation is fluid to say the least and changes every single day.

Churches all over the world have been shuttered for the moment. Our Bishop, is making the final decision regarding the Methodist churches in the New York Annual conference. We must follow whatever guidelines he sets forth, in other words, he is the BIG Boss!

As of today, we are supposed to reopen on Palm Sunday. I'm going to be honest and straight forward with you, I do not see that happening. Connecticut is a very dangerous place and the governor has now limited groups to 5 and under.

If I had to guess, and again this is just my opinion, based upon conversation with leadership at the district and conference level, I think we will not be worshipping together until after Easter. Once this passes, we will work on a plan to have a celebration when we are together again with an Easter message. I will keep everyone posted as information comes to me from the Bishops office.

Daffodils for Your Home



Alice Mayer, our church flower lady, will deliver 1 dozen daffodils to your local home and accept donations.

These funds will go directly into church Outreach Projects. Contact her at:

Amayer@snet.net or 203-748-2774



Since we are not able to meet together, Pastor John has created messages which you can access with the attached links to a YouTube video. We pray these message will bring you some hope and spiritual direction during this crisis. We intend to have these 2 times per week.

#4 Doubt

<https://youtu.be/UTZAwLsbLdY>

#3 Finding Joy in Difficult Times

<https://youtu.be/f6V3Fa4bKDA>

#2 Worry

<https://youtu.be/47HxqSHvx7Y>

#1 Fear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7AIBk3GMGO>



How To Call In & Hear Messages

Also, anyone who does not have access to a computer can now call in to listen to the two weekly messages can now do so at 10am Sunday (will be a play of the Friday message) and 7pm Wednesday (will be a play of the Tuesday message).

Listeners should call either 1-312-626-6799 or 1-929-205-6099 (providing both numbers in case one has a problem/is busy/etc). When prompted, enter the meeting ID 113-104-770 and press #, then just press # again when asked for their participant ID.



Enjoy brief, pointed messages weekly on the Expect, Believe & Trust Podcast from Pastor John. These are short messages that will help you on your journey of faith. Enter the link below on your web browser, listen on Podcast or other platforms, or simply scroll down and listen on your smartphone or computer. Enjoy!

<https://anchor.fm/john-parille>



change happens in circles, not rows

Join us on Monday nights at 7:00 pm for on virtual small groups! Below is the link to the week devotional so you can follow along.

Brotherhood call (Mondays at 7pm, always the same numbers):

<https://zoom.us/j/339372303>

One tap mobile +19292056099,,339372303# US (New York) +13126266799,,339372303# US (Chicago)

From a normal phone: call 1-929-205-6099 or 1-312-626-6799, then enter passcode 339372303 and press #.

Sisterhood call (Mondays at 7pm, always the same numbers):

<https://zoom.us/j/780169624>

One tap mobile +19292056099,,780169624# US (New York) +13126266799,,780169624# US (Chicago)

From a normal phone: call 1-929-205-6099 or 1-312-626-6799, then enter passcode 780169624 and press #.