

CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

We are making progress. It is important to bear that in mind. Even just a few weeks ago, we were not meeting for anything. Worship was being pre-recorded, and Sundays felt a little hollow. To be sure, we should be thankful for all of those who gave of their time and talents. We should also be thankful for cameras, microphones, and computers which allow us to reach across the street and around the world. Still, worship felt incomplete.

Now we are able to meet for worship again. We are still taking the tools that we used when we weren't meeting and are applying them to our gatherings now. To be sure, worship still looks different. It still might look incomplete to you—and it probably feels inadequate to you too. It is okay to feel that way. But it's where we are right now. I would emphasize the words *"right now."* Worship is humanity reaching out to God, and so has never been perfect, but what is right now is not what will always be. There will come a time when worship includes breakfast, Sunday School, nurseries, children's church and other things again. It is only a matter of time.

Our Bishop, David Graves is fond of saying, "Is it hard?" (the implied answer is "yes.") Then he'll say, "But is it too hard?" (the implied answer is, "no.") The road back to normal might be long, but it won't be too long. The road might be hard, but it won't be too hard. The road might be strange, but friends the road can't surprise God! God goes before us and blesses the road no matter how it looks. Our job is to travel...and to travel together.

Grace and Peace,
Lance

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Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

The summer is half over and we are now into our fourth week of in-house worship at Church Street. These services have been a little different, but we are all making it work. Many thanks for our Sunday soloist who continue to bless our hearts with their selections. And thank you for abiding by the “humming/reading rule” with our summer medleys and other hymns. All these great hymns have wonderful text worth pondering. One does not have to “sing” in order to gather meaning from these hymn text. Read the words and ponder. I love these hymn medleys!

We were blessed as George Edwards, Jr. presented his beautiful vocal selection during our July 26th worship service. Our final summer guest soloist is Kay Tidwell Sanford, who will share a beautiful vocal selection with us on Sunday morning, August 16. I know you will give Kay a warm Church Street welcome!

Gordon



The Children's Ministry

It's August! Summer is over! Did we have a summer? When did it begin? Did we have a spring? Will we return to school or will we have online classes? What about Sunday school? Do I REALLY have to wear a mask?



When will “things” return to normal? So many thoughts and questions and not many answers!!!

We go on! Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” According to Eddie Byun, we are clearly in a ‘new season of life,’ and God gives us steps to take in uncertain times:

Pause: our souls need to be still each day.

Pray: deepen your prayer life; we need this; our families need this.

Play: enjoy your children/grandchildren; interact with them; they are a gift from God.

Praise: we are a people of faith and not of fear; praise and worship can strengthen and encourage our families in uncertain times. Psalm 150

Put God's word in your heart: read your Bible, fill your mind with HIS words; memorize scripture.

Practice Hospitality: just because we are social distancing, we don't need to isolate. We can make a phone call, text, video chat, exchange conversation, have family time.

Hope,

Frances

Romans 12: 12



2020 Income vs Expenses

Month			Month	
	Income	Expenses	Negative	Positive
April	50,379	30,950		19,428
May	37,872	18,767		19,106
June	30,050	16,987		13,063
Year to Date	229,731	201,450		28,281

Memorials

Anita Williams

By: George & Melanie Sedberry
 By: Dub & Pat Deavor
 By: Leonard & Suzanne Ingram
 By: Jim & Amy Sims

Al Frazier

By: Gail Hawkins
 By: Dub & Pat Deavor
 By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
 By: Herb & Suzy McCreary
 By: Eleanor Reynolds
 By: The Seekers Class
 By: Leonard & Suzanne Ingram
 By: Jim & Amy Sims

Doug Williams

By: Dub & Pat Deavor

John Parris

By: George & Melanie Sedberry
 By: Leonard & Suzanne Ingram
 By: Jim & Amy Sims

Rex Osburn

By: Pairs & Spares
 By: Eleanor Reynolds
 By: Claude & Caroline Anderson
 By: Dub & Pat Deavor
 By: Jim & Amy Sims
 By: Bruce & Ann Adams

David Y. Pearce, Sr.

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 By: Harry & Shirley Simmons
 By: Bob & Ada Callen Keys
 By: Mr. & Mrs. Jason Guidry
 By: Judy Moore
 By: Dub & Pat Deavor
 By: Gloria M Sims
 By: Leonard & Suzanne Ingram
 By: Jim & Amy Sims

Phillip Henry Pitts,

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 By: Judy Moore
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