



MARCH 29 2020

Dear Friends of Sherwood and Mt. Home United Methodist Churches

I hope and pray you and yours are safe and healthy as our time of staying home continues. The leaders of both of our churches met over Zoom this Thursday to discuss plans for how best to build community while we cannot meet in person. Look for news soon about ways to join a regular Zoom gathering for small group meetings. Here are some other ways you can help us all care for one another right now:

Worship online with one of our neighbor churches! This list has links to online worship services all around the Pacific Northwest area:

<https://greaternw.org/opportunities-to-worship-online-in-the-greater-nw/>

Continue to support our churches through your donations. You can contact your bank to setup an automatic electronic transfer each month, or you can mail your checks to the church:

Sherwood UMC
22280 SW Washington St,
Sherwood, OR 97140

Mt. Home UMC
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Sherwood, OR 97140

Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:
officesherwoodumc@gmail.com

This week stories of healing are naturally on my mind so I turned to this passage from Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, ¹³they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

¹⁴When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he

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had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Hymn - ["Come Healing" by Leonard Cohen](#)

O gather up the brokenness and bring it to me now
 The fragrance of those promises you never dared to vow
 The splinters that you carry, the cross you left behind
 Come healing of the body
 Come healing of the mind
 And let the heavens hear it, the penitential hymn
 Come healing of the spirit
 Come healing of the limb

Behold the gates of mercy in arbitrary space
 And none of us deserving, the cruelty or the grace
 O solitude of longing where love has been confined
 Come healing of the body
 Come healing of the mind
 O see the darkness yielding, that tore the light apart
 Come healing of the reason
 Come healing of the heart

O troubled dust concealing, an undivided love
 The Heart beneath is teaching to the broken Heart above
 O let the heavens falter and let the earth proclaim:
 Come healing of the Altar
 Come healing of the Name
 O longing of the branches to lift the little bud
 O longing of the arteries to purify the blood
 And let the heavens hear it, the penitential hymn
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The Peace of Jesus Christ Be With You

In our popular portrayals of Jesus' healing miracles the petitioners often overwhelm Jesus. The desperation to be healed, and the number of people in need can be overwhelming and even in the gospels Jesus seems to run low on patience with the ingratitude he sometimes encounters. Consider [this scene from Andrew Lloyd Weber's Jesus Christ Superstar](#) as an example.

The situation we are presently in with COVID-19 is that there simply are not enough hospital beds, ventilators, doctors or nurses, for the number of cases this disease would produce if we allow it to spread rapidly through the population. This makes it necessary for us to isolate, to practice social distancing, in order to slow the spread of the disease so that our health care system doesn't become overwhelmed.

Though the gospel does show Jesus frequently being followed by crowds, and occasionally becoming frustrated with those crowds we should also remember that Jesus was sustained by the hospitality and gratitude of the people of Galilee and Judea as he conducted his ministry. Wherever he and his disciples went, they traveled with no money and no food. They depended on people

in each village to take them in, to provide them a place to sleep, and food to eat. Numerous stories reference the hospitality of friends and strangers, the Marys and Marthas who made sure that Jesus got a sandwich in between his miracles, who nagged him to take a nap, or drink some water, or offered an enclosed garden for quiet prayer. Nine of those ten lepers may not have shown their gratitude well, but one did come back to rejoice and praise Jesus.

Our task right now is to practice gratitude for the healers in our society. One of the most important ways we show our gratitude is to help keep this disease from spreading: stay home as much as possible, maintain social distance (at least 6') when we **MUST** go out in public, and wash hands for at least 20 seconds often.

We can also express our gratitude in prayer and praise, like the 10th leper. We can thank God every day for the people who do the hard and dangerous work of healing in our hospitals, our clinics, and our homes. We can give thanks for the continued health of those who remain uninfected and for the healing of all who recover.

The Peace of Jesus Christ Be With You,

Rev. Aric Clark

Pray Requests

Gratitude for Chef Dominic at the Senior center for meals

For Tess Hartley

For Brian McKennett's health

For the Jerdens

For Cindy Souza isolated from her husband

For Mary, Tom Ettelson's Mom

For the houseless and those working with them

For Wendy's shoulder

For all who are lonely

For all health care workers, and emergency service workers

Request from Carol McComis

I talked to Linda last Friday night and she had been to Drs office for another MRI- called back the next day to the following news— the tumor has shrunk a bit- no other lymph nodes were involved and there is a black spot in the center of her tumor- This means the medicine she is taking to fight the cancer is killing the tumor from the inside out— what great news— please share with the congregation— thanks Carol

Request from Jan Bartlett

Good news regarding Betty's daughter, her fever is gone, cough is much better and today for the first time in 3 weeks she said the coffee smelled good and she wanted a cup. Still very tired but seems to have turned corner and so far no other family members have symptoms. Thanks for all of your prayers.



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Prayer request from Lynelle Eck

Lynelle's friend Fran Jones has very serious Scoliosis . In 1984 she went to Stanford Medical School to surgically place a metal rod in her back.

Before, Christmas, for unknown reasons, the rod broke. Since then , she has been in a care facility because she had to be heavily sedated to toler-ate the pain. Surgery was scheduled for early February at Stanford Medical Center; surgery was rescheduled and pushed out twice more. As time passes, the Coronavirus-19 became closer and closer and deadlier and deadlier; and then they cancelled most elective surgeries.

In light of everything occurring, Fran had surgery last Monday at Stanford. Reports from her sis Bev is surgery went very well and she even walked a bit already on Wednesday. It's a joy to report Fran's surgery was successful and she is on the mend!!

God is great!! Thank you for your prayers!!

Prayer request from Larry Johnson

Prayers for his grandson Parker, who is recovering from ankle surgery following an injury.

Prayers for his son Travis and his family, he lost his job in the hospitality industry due to the COVID -19 pandemic. The positive is he was already looking at other opportunities and may not be unemployed for too long.

Pray for our Bishop and her leadership team who are working overtime to provide the information and knowledge needed to meet the needs of churches of the Greater Northwest Episcopal area in this ttime of uncertainty and change.

Prayer request from Pastor Aric, Cheryl Barry and other members from Mt. Home and Sherwood United Methodist Church

Prayers for the following warriors:

Alex Edgell, Linda Walker, Alice Starr, Mike Rath, Jeanne, Marlene Dion and Tree Hargrove

Prayers for Cindy Souza who has to be isolated from her husband..

Healing prayers for Amanda Hollenberg, Dotty Edy, Wendy, Brian McKennett and Mary (Tom Ettelson's Mom)

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Do you know someone who is unable to come to church or a shut-in?
Contact our congregational care team:
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Event Calendar

Sunday Service suspended until further notice
Every Thursday, Shared Table Sherwood UMC suspended until further notice
UM Men's Breakfast suspended until further notice
Trustees Meeting online
Choir Practice suspended until further notice
UMW Elizabeth Circle meets suspended until further notice
UMW Lydia Circle meets suspended until further notice
Church Council suspended until further notice

Additional messages and information from the Bishop, Conference and District:
The Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church:
<https://greaternw.org/>
Cascadia District News Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church:
<https://umoi-email.brtapp.com/viewemail/2546866>

