

Dear Friends of Sherwood and Mt. Home United Methodist



APRIL 19 2020

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Yesterday morning I put on a mask and gloves and joined a half dozen other stalwart volunteers to run the Helping Hands drive thru food pantry. We loaded food into people's trunks and sent them on their way with well-wishes and waves, glad we can provide this service especially now when so many people's situations are uncertain. We're grateful to so many people who contribute food and money to make Helping Hands possible.

Beginning today I am hosting weekly prayer meetings online using the Zoom platform. I

know that this doesn't work equally well for everyone, but it seems better to me than the alternative of no meeting at all. I will continue to send out these weekly devotions and you can continue to send your prayer requests to Cheryl, but if you're able to join, whether by video or phone please come and pray with us!

Sundays 10am

Zoom Link: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/95411425101>

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This being the Easter season let us turn to the gospel according to John for our scripture reading today (John 20:19-23):

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Hymn - [“Peace Like a River”](#) by Cindy Souza

One of the aspects of the Resurrection that I think is easy to miss is the importance of Jesus returning with words of peace to the disciples. In each of the gospels, the disciples’ initial reactions to news of Jesus’ return isn’t joy, but confusion and fear. This may seem surprising to us who are accustomed by years of Easter worship to treat the Resurrection as unmitigated good news - pure joy.

What we need to remember is that the disciples had not behaved well through Jesus’ arrest, trial, torture, and crucifixion. They had abandoned and denied him, all except the women. They were in hiding because as far as they knew the Roman centurions would come for the followers of Jesus next. They didn’t know what to do. Go back to their families? Find some other Rabbi or prophet to follow? Continue the Jesus movement without their leader?

Then they hear that Jesus has returned and either the messengers are crazy or lying, or maybe they’re being tricked by some enemy, or maybe Jesus actually HAS returned in which case won’t he be terribly angry at the people who let him down so utterly? Think if you failed your boss at your job so bad that it got him or her killed, except somehow they survived and now they want to meet with you in their office. It wouldn’t be a pleasant meeting would it?

So when Jesus shows up and immediately says, “Peace be with you,” it’s not a casual greeting. This is preemptive forgiveness. The kind that says, “there’s nothing to forgive, I love you.” It’s sudden and overwhelming grace, and on the basis of that grace Jesus fills them with his peace, the presence of his Spirit, and instructs them to go and forgive anyone’s sins. This last line is often read as if Jesus were setting the disciples up as judges and telling them to decide from whom to withhold forgiveness, but consider what Jesus just did for the disciples. I think this last verse is best read as adding urgency to the need to forgive. Jesus is saying, “Go forgive every-

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Peace Like a River

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one and be quick because anyone you haven't forgiven yet has to live in the same anxiety you felt when you wondered if I would forgive you!"

So let us go and share the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Rev. Aric Clark
PS - Don't miss the awesome jazzy music by Cindy! <https://youtu.be/-bv8sXBtdD0>



Prayers of Joys and Concerns

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Prayer request from Barbara Maplethorpe

My granddaughter Dana has a new baby boy to add to her family! Welcome Jesse James Posey who weighs a hefty 7 lbs. 13 oz! Dana and Tyler are also proud parents of Penelope and Cecilia. Jesse is my 14th great grandchild!!



My daughter Shauna is being promoted to a Major in the US Air Force.

Prayer request from Anne Poe

Praying my granddaughter Jen does not have COVID-19 and she recovers quickly. Praying the family has not been exposed to COVID-19 and everyone stays healthy.

Prayer request from Cindy Souza

Prayers of healing and strength for my sister-in-law Marlene. She is in ICU in a California hospital. Prayers for my Mom Ida and my husband Larry.

Prayer request from Cheryl Barry and others at Sherwood United Methodist Church

Prayers for all warriors:

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

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Prayers for Dahna Fileccia, Amanda Hollenberg, Anne & Leonard Grubowski and Sharon Allen

Prayers for the following families:

Maplethorpe

Pitney

Rose

Edy

Haines

Louie's

States

Barry

Cox

Posen

Let us prayer for everyone during these uncertain times. Pray for the Dr's, nurses, EMT, Truckers, and all other Essential workers.

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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

UMW 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

Sunday, April 19, 2020 Festival of God's Creation

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>

Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:
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