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Revelation Weekly

From Pastor Jane:

The speed of change in this world is beyond amazing. We get up each morning and adapt our schedule and lives so that we cause the least amount of harm to those around us, doing the best we can while holding hope for what is to come. As Christians, we have the best source of hope, and that is life in Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite Scriptures is Malachi 3:6: "I the Lord do not change." God's promises are secure. With so much changing and swirling in our world right now, I find great comfort in knowing that I serve a God who remains strong, faithful, merciful, grace-filled and sovereign. No matter what happens, we can stand on his promises and know that we might not understand what is happening to us right now, but we serve a good God who loves us, and, in the end, He reigns. That's my God.

Each Friday we will send out a few words of encouragement and some news. The Scripture readings from the Lectionary for Sunday 3/22/2020 are 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, and John 9:1-41. I'll pick one of them and bring you a message on Sunday morning at 10:30 AM.

1. Please remember that if you need anything – errands run, a prayer request, food – whatever – contact the office or Pastor Jane through phone, text, email, Facebook, or whatever way you prefer. Nikki is still at the office during her normal hours for messages, and Pastor Jane is available via text/phone/email.
2. Our Worship service this week will be available on our website and Facebook page on Sunday at 10:30 AM. I would suggest that you gather your family together, pull out your Bible and Worship right where you are sitting. This week it will be recorded, but we are trying new things and we may do a live event in the future. Pastor Jane will be doing a Wednesday live prayer time on Facebook at 7:00 PM for anyone on Facebook, and we are looking at Zoom as a way for Bible Studies and small groups to meet in the future. We have one video on our YouTube Channel. Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTN0ovtp4X1CTu6w>
3. There are two ways to continue to support the financial needs of the church, and both are available 24/7: Either by mail or online. Mail your offering, gift or tithe to P. O. Box 239, Sharon Center, Ohio, 44274. Sharon Center United Methodist Church recently added an option for On-Line giving. To use our secure On-line Giving service:
Log on to our website: <http://www.sharoncenterumc.org/>
Click on the Giving Tab (it's highlighted in Green)
Follow the instructions! It's that simple!
4. We are still collecting items for Love INC's Fresh Start ministry. We will be collecting dishes, silverware, pot and pans, and kitchen items through the end of the month. We can pick up or you can deliver to church – just send us a message.
5. Check Out the Kid's corner section for Sunday School Program activities.
6. Reach out to others in the community – and the best way to do that is to use technology. Call, text, video chat, or send a card/letter to those who don't use technology. As the hands and feet of Christ, we carry the light with us and need to be a calming presence in a dark world. Stay informed about what is going on and then shut off the news. We all have extra time on our hands – time to spend with our loved ones, time to read that book or watch that movie we have wanted to for a long time or take a walk around the block. Get some good sleep. Thank the Lord for all that He's done for you and for all of us.
7. For anyone who likes to sew, there is a shortage of face masks for our medical care workers and if you would like to help with making some, please let Pastor Jane know. We will pick up the fabric and elastic for you and give you directions, and then pick them up and deliver them to nurses and medical staff that are in desperate need. The masks we create will not be 99 or 100% effective, but they will be better than not using any mask at all. This is a great project and a very needed one during this crisis.

Attached please find two hymns that we'll be singing together on Sunday morning. It will be good to hear Millie play some favorites. Millie will give the Children's Sermon (don't want to miss that!) and I'll read Scripture and remind you that God loves you.

I miss all of you and look forward to when we can Worship together again, side by side; but until then, my prayers are with you and the Holy Spirit binds us together with love.

Pastor Jane



KID'S CORNER

- Attached to this email is kid's coloring sheet and program for this week.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

- 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5: 8-14
- John 9:1-41

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Sundays, 10:30AM