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Revelation Weekly

Fourth Sunday after Easter Day

From Pastor Jane:

A Life Without Want

This Sunday is often referred to as “Shepherd Sunday” because the Scripture readings for the day are heavy on sheep and shepherds. Images jump off the pages of the Lord as our Shepherd; we are like sheep that have gone astray; and Jesus as our “gatekeeper”, showing us the way to a life without want, of overflowing cups, goodness and mercy. So why do we struggle? Why do we still want and need? The key to a life without fear and without lack is a life connected to God: connected not just with head-knowledge, but with heart-knowledge. Do you know the shepherd? Do you know the gatekeeper? He promised to be with us all the days of our lives, and he didn’t wander off.

Missions Moment: Our donations for a “Fresh Start” including dishes, pots and pans and other essential kitchen items were delivered to Love INC this week. This was our mission emphasis in March and April as we began social distancing. Families that are having to start over due to domestic violence or homelessness are given these items to begin a new life. May God bless them as they begin again! We serve a God who loves second chances and new beginnings. Our face-mask Brigade has made over 1,100 masks! If you’d like to be a part of that work, just text or email Pastor Jane and we will give you the pattern and the material. We’ve been dropping supplies off on porches and picking up completed masks so that everyone is keeping safe distances. There is a great need for this extra measure of comfort during these uncertain times. If you’d like to donate for masks, just go to our website and give online: <http://www.sharoncenterumc.org/giving/>. If you are in need of a mask, or you know of someone who needs a mask, please let Pastor Jane know and we will make sure you have one at no cost to you.

Bible Study: We continue using Zoom conferencing for Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. We are studying what it means to be “counterculture” using David Platt’s book “A Compassionate Call to Counterculture”. You don’t need a book, but you do need access to the internet. You can stay in the comfort of your home and still be connected to your faith family! Let Nikki or Pastor Jane know, and we’ll send you a link. This week’s topic is “Sexuality”.

That’s all the news we have today. We are going week-to-week and will keep you all informed. God bless and keep you ‘til we meet again! “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6: 24-26



KID’S CORNER

- Attached to this email is kid’s activities and program for this week.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURES

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 123
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

ONLINE SCHEDULE

- Tuesday— Counter Culture Bible Study, 7pm Topic: “Sexuality”
- Wednesday—Live Facebook Prayer Time, 6:30pm
- Sunday—Worship, 10:30am

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WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- May 3—Erin Antonelli
Tom Boche

WEEKLY MESSAGE AVAILABLE AT

www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTN0ovtp4X1CTu6w

Sundays, 10:30AM