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Revelation Weekly

Third Sunday After Pentecost, Ordinary Time
From Pastor Jane:

God's Promise, Our Work

Genesis 21:13 "As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." There are things that are accepted by our culture, and other cultures, that are just plain wrong. I think in this week's Old Testament lesson, we face the story of Abrahams' first son, Ishmael, and his Mother, Hagar. There are so many rich learning points from this story, it's hard to pick just one. At this point in our nation's history, as we collectively face the sin of racism in our country, the word that comes to mind is reconciliation. God was at work in Ishmael's life, and nothing can happen in this story and our story without forgiveness and agreement. We must begin with our own reconciliation.

When are we going to be back to worshipping in person?

The Extended Cabinet (The East Ohio Bishop's office) has recommended that churches move from Phase 1 to Phase 2. During Phase 2, small groups such as Bible studies and other spiritual groups, committees, and office functions can begin to meet in-person (less than ten). When we enter Phase 3, many things will change to protect those who are most vulnerable to COVID19 and we will be following all the guidelines put in place by the Governor and the Bishop. In the meanwhile, we are still the church, each of us wherever we are, following Christ and being his disciples. We are the church.

Missions Moment:

Five Cleaning Kits (Flood Buckets) were delivered to the Midwest Mission truck for our June Mission emphasis. The Mask-Making Brigade provided 1,989 to people in need. In July we will deliver brand new underwear to people in need during our "Christmas in July" Celebration. More information to follow!

Bible Study: IN PERSON Bible Study has begun! We began a nine-week summer Bible Study on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM called "We Over Me – Letters of Hope from Revelation" using resources created by Whitney Capps. We meet in Fellowship Hall: please enter and exit by the rear entrance. We sit at tables that will be at least 6' apart, hand sanitizer will be available, and masks will be required. If you don't have a mask, some will be available. Join any time – one time or every time!

Our Daily Breads: Our Daily Breads have arrived! Contact the office or Pastor Jane if you would like one delivered. They can be picked up at the church Mon, Weds 11a-1p or Fri 11a-3p. There will also be a couple in the mailbox by the side door this weekend.

Book Club: Book Club will resume meeting on July 11. They will be discussing the book called *Burial Rights* by: Hannah Kent

That's all the news we have today. God bless you, stay safe and give thanks!



KID'S CORNER

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

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 21:8-21
- Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
- Romans 6:1b-11
- Matthew 10:24-39

SCHEDULE

- Sunday—Worship, 10:30am, online
- Tuesday— *We Over Me* Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom, 7pm
- Wednesday—Live Facebook Prayer Time, 6:30pm, Send prayer requests for Prayer Wall to Pastor Jane, janepiehl@gmail.com
- Book Club—July 11, 10am

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WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- June 20— Jackson Keegan
- June 22— Laura Lautenschleger

WEEKLY MESSAGE AVAILABLE AT

[Www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTNoovtp4X1CTu6w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTNoovtp4X1CTu6w)

Sundays, 10:30AM

