

being experienced within the congregation and outside our congregation as well. Below are just a few ways we are working to ease that suffering and to offer ways to gather and be in community:

1. Sunday school classes, women's study groups, and bible study groups offered on Zoom with links available through the E-disciple.
2. Music at St. John's offers Wednesday Concert Series at Noon; Jazz Vespers offered on the second Saturday; and virtual choirs: all offered on Zoom and You-Tube with links available through the E-disciple.
3. Youth activities such as "Trunk or Treat" and once a month outdoor events to keep families and youth connected.
4. Children's ministry and time for parents offered on Zoom with links in E-disciple.
5. Food ministry outreach to the greater Albuquerque area with: Community of Hope, Casa Esperanza, Breaking Bread, Zuni Elementary School, and HopeWorks.
6. Outdoor worship experiences: Mountain Cathedrals, Spiritual Discovery Trips, and drive-in Communion services. Stay tuned for more information through the E-disciple and newsletter!

Pastors, staff, and the Leadership Team continue our preparations to re-open as we do the detailed, demanding work of preparing to meet face-to-face by attending to the health and safety of all worshippers. We are learning that there are worshippers beyond our geographical location who desire to be in community with us through a multitude of media offerings, even as we seek to return to our sacred spaces and our physical dwellings. We will continue to be steadfast in offering inspiring and moving worship experiences!

The church is very much alive and well, and so "again, we say, REJOICE!" We rejoice in all that continues to keep us connected to one another, to Christ, and to the movement of the Spirit of God. We are grateful for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, your witness, your phone calls, cards, and emails as we *abide throughout this season of physical distance* together. The Leadership Team, staff, and pastors of St. John's care deeply about our church family. We miss you and we continue to pray for you, even as we know you pray for us.

May the peace, grace, and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ be upon us all,

Rev. Dr. Pamela Rowley, Senior Pastor

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