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Walking in Love

*Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love as Christ loved us
 and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5:1-2

We have received word from Bishop McKee that United Methodist churches in the Metro District can resume indoor in-person worship starting Oct. 4! **Sunday Sanctuary services at 10:30 AM are back!** Not everyone should come back for indoor worship yet, so we will continue our **Drive-In Worship Services every Sunday at 8:00 AM** (weather permitting!). And of course, we will continue to have our **livestream Sunday services at 10:30 AM!**

We are following procedures outlined by the State of Texas and the North Texas Conference. As you consider attending the 10:30 Sanctuary service, here are *some* of the basic guidelines to follow so that we can worship together safely.

- 1) Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- 2) Doors (south circular drive and west colonnade) open at 10:00 AM.
- 3) Go directly into the sanctuary and find a seat.
(Please continue to wear your face mask until worship begins.)
- 4) Remain in your pew throughout your time in the Sanctuary.
(Folks need to be able to safely enter and find a place to sit.)
Restrooms will be open; please maintain social distancing.
- 5) Wear your face mask in the pews when singing or recited the Apostles' Creed.
- 6) At the conclusion of the service, be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.
- 7) Exit directly to your car. Do not congregate inside!

As we have been reading through the New Testament this year, the above passage from Ephesians 5:1-2 spoke to me. Christ loved us and died for us. Therefore, we are to walk in love. We do this by imitating our Heavenly Father as his beloved children. What a great summary of our faith. As we go through these times together, let us walk in love as Christ loved us!

If you have prayer concerns, have other needs, or you want to share your personal God-encounter story, email me (doug@fumcirving.org) or call my direct line (972-573-0205)!

Blessings!

Doug

Jeff Baker Memorial New Testament Bible Reading Challenge

Week	Reading
Sept 27 – Oct 3	Ephesians 1 – 6
Oct 4 – Oct 10	Philippians & Colossians
Oct 11 - 17	1 Thessalonians 1 - 5

Week	Reading
Oct 18 - 24	2 Thess. 1 – 1 Timothy 6
Oct 25 – Oct 31	2 Timothy 1 – Titus 3
Nov 1 - Nov 7	Philemon – Hebrews 6

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

SEPTEMBER 2020

In Memory of MaryLou Niethamer

to Choir Fund from Burlene Welch & Lori Welch-Harrison
to Choir Fund from Windell and Gayle Baggett
to Choir Fund from Dr. Francis Gilbert
to Choir Fund from Debby Werle
to Choir Fund from Ron & Maryla Zimmerman
to Choir Fund from Butch & Darla Liesman
to Choir Fund from John & Lydia Eckert
to Choir Fund from Mary & Paul Good
to A/C Fund from Mickey & Linda Wheeler
to A/C Fund from Jimmy & Christine Burkett
to A/C Fund from Harrold & Ruth Henson
to A/C Fund from Connie Baker
to A/C Fund from Bill & Marni Monty
to A/C Fund from Cynthia Stone
to A/C Fund from Linda Murden
to General Budget from Shirley Reynolds
to General Budget from Dee Norris
to General Budget from Edith Brock
to General Budget from Jack & Pat Carnell
to General Budget from Jerry Wicks
to General Budget from Karl Mullins
to General Budget from Richard & Jennifer Cox
to General Budget from Ann, Mark & Frances Niethamer
to General Budget from Jo Taylor
to General Budget from Debra & Fred Brinkley
to Many Helping Hands from Christina Fahad & Carrie Kaba, friends of Lauren Niethamer Wygle
to Many Helping Hands from Gretchen Brosch

In Memory of Anne & Tom Uhr

to A/C Fund from Connie Baker
to A/C Fund from Mickey & Linda Wheeler
to A/C Fund from Cynthia Stone
to A/C Fund from Linda Murden
to A/C Fund from Bill & Marni Monty
to General Budget from Jerry Wicks
to General Budget from Judy & Danny Elms
to General Budget from Karl Mullins
to General Budget from Dee Norris
to General Budget from Jack & Pat Carnell
to General Budget from Richard & Jennifer Cox
to Choir Fund from Allee Anderson
to Choir Fund from Debby Werle
to Choir Fund from Ron & Maryla Zimmerman
to Chapel Renewal Fund from Jo Ann Maykus and family

In Memory of Theresa Bowers

to General Budget from Allan & Pam Knott
to A/C Fund from Debby Werle

In Memory of Bettye Jennings

to A/C Fund from Mickey & Linda Wheeler
to General Budget from Dick & Jeanell Bischofhausen

In Memory of Gwynn Sutton

to General Budget from Dick & Jeanell Bischofhausen
to Missions Work Area from John & Carolyn Owens

In Memory of Georgia Orr, Eddie Filler's Sister

to A/C Fund from Jimmy & Christine Burkett
to A/C Fund from Harrold & Ruth Henson

In Memory of Phyllis Stowe

to A/C Fund from Connie Baker
to A/C Fund from Jimmy & Christine Burkett

In Memory of Reba Wheeler, Mickey Wheeler's mother

to A/C Fund from Jimmy & Christine Burkett
to A/C Fund from Debby Werle

In Memory of:

Ange Coleman, mother of Sheree Lorich, to A/C Fund Debby Werle
Helen Gryzeck, sister of Bob Maletic, to A/C Fund from Debby Werle
Connie Gifford's brother to A/C Fund from Debby Werle



Parent's Day Out



PDO has had a great start to our new school year. Obviously, we are doing in-school learning and have even added a new classroom, The Zone. This class is our school age children who are on-line or home schooled. They have had settled in very nicely with their days, getting their required work done and having some friend social time on breaks.

We are not back to our normal capacity that we are accustomed to yet due to the current pandemic situation. However, slowly parents are beginning to get more comfortable with the idea of enrolling their children back into programs like ours. We ask that you like our FACEBOOK and Instagram pages and pass the info on to others. As always - we ask that you always keep PDO in your prayers.

We are truly blessed.

Sandi Parker
PDO Director

Refuge Youth

Hi everyone,
I can't believe it is already starting to feel like fall outside (or at least it is today). While this year has certainly had its ups and downs, Refuge Youth has had more ups this past month!

This past Saturday we also celebrated our new sixth graders joining the youth group in a new way. We gathered in the parking lot and did a new event called Drive In Donuts. It was a great time to sit and talk and enjoy some delicious donuts and celebrate new friends joining our group!



Finally, after a long hiatus due to the pandemic, this past weekend the parents and staff have decided to start meeting back in person socially distanced starting in October. I cannot tell you how excited Jessica and I are to have our youth back in the building!

Please continue to keep our students in your prayers. Some of them began going back to school in person this week and I know parents and students alike have some anxieties, excitement, and a combination of the two about being back in school.

Rev. Kyle Powell
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Myrtle Beard Scholarship Recipients

I wanted to announce to the congregation our Myrtle Beard Scholarship winners for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. James Frazier, Colleen Buchanan, and Mikaela Jauregui were each awarded funds to help pay for school this next academic year! We could not be more proud of the work that they did both in the classroom and here at the church and in James' case, in Japan at his home church. The Myrtle Beard Scholarship is an annual award presented to selected qualified students which is funded through your generosity. Please consider a donation to continue the Myrtle Beard legacy of helping students pay for college expenses. You can donate online at www.fumcirving.org/giving by selecting "Myrtle Beard Scholarship" under the "fund" dropdown box or by writing "Myrtle Beard" on the memo line of the check.



James Frazier is attending Barclay College in Kansas where he plans to pursue 2 Bachelors degrees, one in biblical studies and the other in Criminal Justice.



Colleen Buchanan is attending North Lake College to earn her Associates degree. She will then transfer to either Texas A&M or UNT and major in Counseling Psychology and minor in Music/Spanish.



Mikaela Jauregui is attending North Lake College to earn her Associates degree. She will then transfer to UNT Dallas to complete her Early Childhood teaching degree.

Rev. Kyle Powell



This past month in Sunday School we started new curriculum called Celebrate Wonder. Our first unit was on creation. Our memory verse was simply "and God saw how good it was". We had challenges to look at creation, be creative, take a nature walk, pretend to be animals (land, sea, or air). Look at God's creation through the eyes of a child.

When we are having Sunday School, I don't think about Covid (until they mention it as a prayer request), I don't think about finances or schedules- I just enjoy thinking as a child. We can be safe and know that God is with us. We discussed that God created all things from nothing, but He used mud one of His creation to make man. He knew man needed a helper, so He created woman. (We didn't get into political debates about why man needed woman just God said He needed a helper). The children trust the Bible and listened to the story to see what they can learn. I am honored each week I go with them on these journeys.

We have four faithful teachers that teach every five weeks, we are all different in the ways we teach, and the children love each one of us. Thank you for letting me brag on our children. I know we all look forward to being together again but for their safety it may still be awhile. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to change with the times. I will close with a litany:

God created me just as I am. God made me from the palm of God's hand.

And if there are days when I am feeling afraid, upset, or down,
I can touch my hand and know that God is always around. Amen



Blessings,
Juanell Montoya
Children's Director

Music Notes!

Praise the Lord! Finally, Church has reopened!!!

Here are the Music Department fresh new start schedules

Chancel Choir

- . Drive-In Rehearsal: September 30th, 6 pm-7pm in the south parking lot
- . Kickoff event and the First Rehearsal: October 7th, 6:45-8:00 pm in the sanctuary

Youth Choir

- . Kickoff Event: October 11th, Sunday 4-5 pm in the south parking lot
- . The First Rehearsal: October 18th, 4:30-5:30 pm in the sanctuary

Alleluia Ringers (Adult Bell Choir)

- . The first rehearsal: October 18th, 3-4 pm in the sanctuary

Angel Choir

- . The first rehearsal via Zoom: October 14th, 5-5:45 pm

Children's Chime:

- . No Children's Chime rehearsal until further notice

Cherub Choir

- . The first rehearsal: TBA

If you have any questions about the Fall schedules, please contact David Lee at music@fumcirving.org.

David Lee

Director of Music and Worship