

5.10.2020 Bulletin Announcements:

1. **College Graduates:** We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted this year's graduation celebrations and for some even the ability to complete degrees. Please know that your church family cares and wants to support you during these times. If someone in your family has graduated from college or earned a graduate degree either this past December or will do so this spring, please contact Kathy Schmucker at 330-224-6138 or kschmucker@faithumchurch.org.
2. The Youth Ministry will be making care packages for our 2020 Graduating Seniors this year. With all the changes, cancellations, and losses that our students are facing right now, our class of 2020 are especially being struck with losses. If you would like to show your support or add anything to the care packages please send any items to the church marked care of Amy Ferguson by May 24. Please contact Amy Ferguson if you have any questions. Thank you!
3. **Upper Room Devotionals** – During the Coronavirus pandemic, The Upper Room is making the May/June issue available digitally for free. <https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions?fbclid=IwAR06x9YGP0vZADUno6gVmt6JnHlruTsjHXw3QUfDEi3sL0RRHiUCQfDejxs>
4. This summer's VBS and Camp Read-A-Lot will be held by video with the use of home packets. Look for updated registrations and more information to be coming soon regarding this summer's **Vacation Bible School (June 22-26)** and **Camp Read-A-Lot (July 8, 15, 22, 29)**. Mark your calendars! Prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be involved in preparing home packets, participating in videos, porch delivery of the home kits to registered participants and other ways to support this summer's community ministry while practicing safe physical distancing.
5. **Participate in the Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Mosaic Coloring Project!** We are looking for 10 more persons who would be willing to participate in a church-wide Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Mosaic Coloring Project. You would need to be able to print out an 8 1/2 X 11 paper, color it and mail (or email if you can scan) it back Kathy Schmucker at the church. You will have about 2 weeks to complete before we need them. Please let Kathy know if you are interested!
6. **Spring Adult Group Opportunities:** While our groups may not be able to meet face to face, several groups are able to connect with digital tools. Check out the following new groups and get connected! To join any group, contact the group facilitator or go to Find Groups in Realm, search the title of the group you are interested in and click 'join.' The Walk and Unafrain will be using a free video resource. Contact Kathy Schmucker or one of the group leaders to learn how you can get a book for the study and for help in learning how to use Zoom.
 - **The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life**, Friday mornings at 10:30 am.
Facilitators: Kathy Schmucker and Pam Wig
 - **Unafrain: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times**, Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.
Facilitators: Kim Reynolds and Janice Golden
 - **Theology for Our Times**, Fridays at 12:00 pm. Contact Kathy Schmucker or Tom Strauch.
7. **Church Giving:** For those of us receiving a stimulus check, and can do so, we would like to suggest a few ways to use this unexpected income. Please mark in the "memo" line where you want your donation designated. You can also give online. Contact Sharyl Syler if you have any questions. 330.499.6040 ext. 101 or ssyler@faithumchurch.org.
 - Tithe 10% to the church general fund. While we have had a great response to designated giving the past month, our general giving is down.
 - Catch up on your annual ministry pledge
 - Donate to your favorite ministry area or mission group within the Church
8. **Sunday School and Wednesday Wonder Kids** home activities will be available on the church website and emailed with each Worship by Wire service. Many activities are great for the whole family and even adults to do together. Pick one activity to do with your family. Contact Kathy Schmucker for

more information. Our prayer is that these resources and activities will be reassuring and hope-inspiring as we journey through the pandemic during this season of Easter.

9. **Youth** - Check out our website under our Youth Programs tab to check out all of our Youth Video Lessons and Games! May you all stay safe and healthy and enjoy your families today! If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Amy Ferguson.
10. **Bob Rezash 90th Birthday:** You are invited to send Bob a birthday card in celebration of his 90th birthday! 3146 Whitewood St. NW Apt. 411 North Canton, OH 44720
11. **Pray the Lord's Prayer** each day at noon. If you would like to share a video of yourself or your family praying the Lord's Prayer or a special way that you have of praying, please let us know. Sharing how you are praying will be an inspiration to others.
12. Check your email or visit our website for the latest information about **Faith United and the COVID-19 pandemic**. The church remains closed to all activities. We continue to follow recommendations of Bishop Tracy Malone and the East Ohio Conference and the State of Ohio Department of Health.
13. **God Sightings: Looking for Hope during the Pandemic:** Sharing good news is a wonderful way to inspire others and encourage hope. Email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org to share how you are seeing God at work in our world. We will post the good news to the Coronavirus Update page of our website! Check out the most recent God Sightings shared here: <https://www.myfaithunited.org/god-sightings-looking-for-hope-during-the-pandemic/>.
14. **Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests can be emailed to aenglehart@faithumchurch.org. You can also reach out to Pastor Steve, Pastor Cara, Kathy Schmucker or Amy Ferguson. If you would like to receive the weekly prayer list to pray for those lifted in prayer, you can do so in Realm. Type 'Prayer List – Email' in the search box or look for Find Groups, then click 'Serving/Missions' and then 'Prayer List – Email'. Click Join to be added to the group. The weekly prayer list will be emailed on Thursdays.
15. **What can you do?** In this time of practicing physical distancing there may be much that we cannot do or need to do differently. At the same time, there is much that we can do. Check out the Family Activity suggestions in the weekly Worship Engagement at Home activities on the Worship by Wire webpage. Make phone calls to check on church attenders, especially those over 65. There are many opportunities to help others safely. Contact Pastor Steve to learn more.
16. **We want to hear from you!** Share pictures or videos of some of the activities you and your family are doing while practicing physical distancing. Suggestions include, but are not limited to, pictures or video of you experiencing Worship by Wire, engaging in some of the Worship Engagement activities, or Home Sunday School, Wonder Wednesday, or Youth activities. How are you connecting with God and with others while practicing physical distancing? What you share may inspire someone else!