

6.21.2020 Bulletin Announcements:

1. Today, June 21, is our **Auto & Bike Parade for Cara**. Decorate and make some noise! Line up in the parking lot on Hillcrest following the directional arrows and the guidance of volunteers. Bicycles meet at 11:45am, autos of persons with last names A-M at 12:00 noon, autos of persons with last names N-Z at 12:30pm.
2. Bishop Tracy Smith Malone has called upon clergy and laity to be in prayer at 8:46 AM and PM for 8 minutes and 46 seconds for an end to racism and white supremacy in our country. The 8 minutes and 46 seconds represents the amount of time George Floyd had a knee on his neck. Please join together and pray.
 1. Pray for all who suffer from oppression and racism
 2. And for the church. We are connected.
3. The **New Beginnings Team** is working diligently to figure out plans to reopen. We are asking everyone to take 1 to 5 minutes to click the link provided and complete the survey. If you have already taken the survey, we invite you to take it again, as one additional question was added about how you can help. Click Here for [Updated Survey](#)
4. This week is VBS week! At **Rocky Railway VBS**, kids and families explore that Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. For the care and safety of everyone, this summer, Faith United's Vacation Bible School will be held **ONLINE** June 22 – June 26, 2020. VBS videos with Music, Bible Adventures, KidVid Cinema, and Imagination Station will be available each day beginning at 9:00am for your family to view at your convenience! Each day's video will feature a Bible Point that will help us all remember that JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!
5. Camp Read-A-Lot **ONLINE**! Students entering kindergarten through third grade are invited to participate in some fun summer activities designed to keep their reading skills sharp. For the care and safety of everyone, this summer Faith United's Camp Read-A-Lot will be held **ONLINE**! Camp Read-A-Lot Kits will be available for pick up or delivery and will include books to read (and keep) and literacy activities. **Register by July 15** to receive your Camp Read-A-Lot Kit before the start of Camp Read-A-Lot! Camp Read-A-Lot videos with music, stories and literacy activities will be available Wednesdays July 22 and July 29 beginning at 9:30 am for your family to view at your convenience! The program is free and will be led by teachers and trained literacy volunteers. Register here
<https://onrealm.org/faithumchurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZjazZjVjNjAtNiQyMS00NmNjLWFkMmQtYWJkZDAwZjRkZjBm>
6. **There are many ways to serve** during this summer's **ONLINE** Camp Read-A-Lot. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be involved by participating in videos, preparing home kits, porch delivery of the home kits to registered participants and other ways to support this summer's community ministry while practicing safe physical distancing.
7. Faith United's Spiritual Formation Ministry team recognizes that the completion of **5th Grade** is a milestone for our students. While we will not be able to celebrate our 5th grade students in person this year, we would like to do something special to honor our 5th graders. If you have a 5th grade student in your family, please contact Kathy Schmucker by email kschmucker@faithumchurch.org or call or text 330-224-6138.
8. **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=IwAR06x9YGP0vZADUno6qVmt6JnHlruTsjHXw3QUfDEi3sL0RRHiUCQfDejxs>

9. Talking to Children about Race and Racism: With so much happening in the world, it can be a challenging and confusing time for children. Look for links in this week's Sunday School Home Activities, available on the Worship by Wire Webpage, to support you as you find ways to talk with your children about empathy, prejudice, race and racism. We hope these resources will be a helpful tool in communicating with children.

10. Summer Adult Group Opportunities: While our groups may not be able to meet face to face, we recognize the importance of being able to connect with one another. Connecting with digital tools is one way to stay connected until safe practices are in place for in person meetings. Check out the following groups and get connected or contact Kathy to start a new group! 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 Unafraid 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**, Thursday afternoons at 3:00 pm. Facilitators: Kathy Schmucker and Pam Wig
- **Theology for Our Times**. Fridays at 3:00 pm. Contact Kathy Schmucker or Tom Strauch.
- **Book Discussion**, Thursday July 30 at 7:00 pm. We will share and discuss the book, *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. "*This Tender Land* is a poetic masterpiece of setting, character, loyalty, honor, desperation, history, human needs . . ." (quote from a Facebook post) The novel's main character, a young boy similar to Huck Finn in his adventures, reflects on God and religion in the midst of his many and diverse encounters with people and events. Contact Jan Baker or Bonnie Reynolds for more information.

11. 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/>.

12. 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

13. Sunday School home activities for children from nursery – 5th grade 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 each week. 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 summer.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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!