COVID-19: DICIPLES RESPONDING WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

RESOURCES (updated 3/23/2020)

Each day we will check for updates that may be of help to staff, leaders, and individuals. These PDF documents can be downloaded to share and/or repost by clicking here.

Underlined text is linked to a specific resource.

To keep these documents from becoming too cumbersome, we will include only those resources that may be of best use in the following areas:

- **Metro COVID-19-related Updates from KCUR** – vetted general information about restricted movements, closings, openings, etc. from our National Public Radio local affiliate.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Updates**
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness COVID-19 Updates**
- **Snopes.com on false tips for prevention and cure of COVID-19**
- **COVID-19 related updates from the Office of the General Minister and President and General Unites of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**
  - **Office of the General Minister and President**
- **RESOURCE INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED BY KC DISCIPLES**
  - **Notes** from Missouri Governor Mike Parson’s 3.22.2020 conference call with religious leaders. See estimates about how long restrictions may have to last.
  - **Stay at Home Guidelines by Counties in the KC Metro:**
    - [Jackson County Stay At Home Frequently Asked Questions](#)
    - [Wyandotte County Unified Government Stay at Home Order Explained](#)
    - [Clay County COVID Statement](#)
    - [Johnson County COVID Updates](#)
    - [Platte County Working Remotely Statement](#)
    - [Cass County COVID Fact Sheet](#)
    - [Miami County COVID Alert Page](#)
    - [Atchison County Park Mandate Page](#)
  - **Webinar on E-Preaching and Theotechnics**
    - Thank you Rev. Dr. Casey Sigmon
- **RECORDING OF THE MOST RECENT KC DISCIPLES LEADERS CONFERENCE**
  - **3.17.2020** – Forming an emergency response leadership team, ideas for connecting with members via [Zoom](#), etc.
  - Next KC Leaders Conference: 8 pm, March 24. Focus: Online Worship! [Details](#)
TODAY’S FEATURED CONGREGATIONS WERE ONLINE AND WORSHIPING

- Eastgate Christian Church: [https://www.eastgatechristianchurch.com/](https://www.eastgatechristianchurch.com/)
  - Streamlined their service at 7:00 a.m. with just a few people observing social distance
  - Piano Prelude and Postlude by Robin Smith was prayerful and beautiful
  - Sermon on Amos and the challenge to what happens when “Look out for number 1” infiltrates the life of the Church
  - Tuesday special Q&A online
  - Rev. Trish Winters preached a word we need to hear about “daily bread”
  - Gary Shelp followed up with a beautiful musical version of the Our Father

- Community Christian Church
  - Jazz prelude by Tim Whitmer
  - Pastor Shanna shared a thank you from the Heifer Project and encouraged people to collect the change they find around the house while housebound – another way to reach out through the Heifer Project to people around the world.
  - She also preached on Lamentations 3:22-33. COVID 19 challenges: A community Good Friday moment – we may be experiencing some of this now . . . “and as Easter people we can do hard things” “Church, we know how to get from Good Friday to Easter Sunday . . . Easter is not just a day on a calendar but a spirit, a way of life.”

- Overland Park Christian Church
  [https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=overland%20park%20christian%20churc h&epa=SEARCH_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=overland%20park%20christian%20church&epa=SEARCH_BOX)
  - Rev. Lisa Engelken led Children Wonder and Worship around the story of the Good Shepherd. If you have never seen a Children Wonder and Worship storytelling, do look at the recording. Children – especially young children enjoy so much this way of introducing them to the stories of the Bible.
  - Rev. Laura Phillips, referring to a quote that summed up the experiences of many: “What a year this week has been”. So much is at stake with our spiritual lives Peaching from the 9th chapter of the Gospel of John and the story of Jesus healing the man born blind, the pastor focused on the response of the religious community which varies and is not always loving, faithful or courageous

- New Vision Christian Church -
  [https://www.facebook.com/NewVisionChristianChurchKC/](https://www.facebook.com/NewVisionChristianChurchKC/)
  - Streamed from their Cafe
Sermon: Let’s Make The Devil Tremble James 2:18-19
People of God I challenge you to get right with God.
I don’t care what I am going through, God is still my savior.
Time for us to stand together and make the Devil tremble
Love is a choice! Make it. “God I’m going to give my life to you!”
Online offering idea:
https://checkout.square.site/…/3df2cd5d58d043ffa25c5e558d69…

Fairview Christian Church https://www.facebook.com/fairviewcc
Interim Minister Rev. Dr. Steve Regas preached on the third of questions that members had given him to explain the Holy Trinity
Matthew 28:16-20 (recall the Great Commission)
Gave a helpful history on the Holy Spirit

Regional Staff and Leadership Teams
Staff members are making contacts with senior and solo ministers, continuing work in their profile areas, collecting information for this page, and praying for you!
Collecting and posting information, and preparatory work for the Monday evening Regional Board Zoom meeting. Documents already uploaded are here.

There is a private Facebook group for all KC Disciples clergy and congregation leaders where additional information, questions, and references for resources are being posted. Email billrh@kcdisciples.org for an invitation.

CNN offers a weekly email called the Good Stuff featuring stories of people and groups doing well by doing good.

Inspirational Moment
You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help. Psalm 22:23-24 (CEB)

Keeping us all up to date, coordinating efforts and communicating with you requires that we continue to support the ministries of our congregations and the wider Church as we are able. Even small donations count. To give online to Disciples Mission Fund or to a ministry that means much to you, click here and follow the prompts.

Thank you and God bless you for all that you are doing to offer a faithful, hopeful, loving response with God during this time of extraordinary challenges!