

GREATER KC DISCIPLES of CHRIST

SERVING AND LEADING WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

(updated 4/4/2020)

We are shifting our focus for these daily messages to highlight the good work being done and opportunities for service. Underlined text is linked to an online resource. Stories, resources and opportunities to serve change daily.

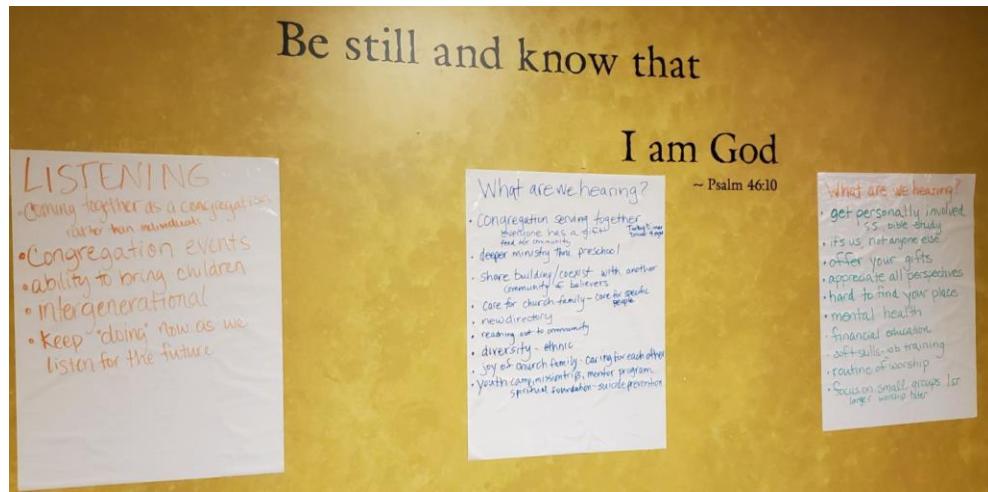
With more information coming in almost hourly, we are switching formats for you. Now, each day we will post new information on a separate page on our website. The buttons indicating topics will have the same url and new information will be posted at the top. Share these links with others.

Archived daily updates are accessible [here](#).

- **SCRIPTURE**

- "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." John 16:16
- *At the risk of "proof texting: (taking a line of scripture out of context to prove a predetermined point), I suspect that this verse may land differently on the ear in the time of pandemic and orders to stay at home. So much of our faith life is physical. We appreciate seeing familiar faces, feeling the embrace of those in our places of worship who have been with us in good times and bad, and watching the flicker of lit candles on the communion table. We associate these, our sanctuaries, and our fellowship with Jesus. Now, worshiping in our homes in an effort to minimize our infecting the most vulnerable and overtaxing our health system, we may feel more disconnected from Jesus – understandably so. As we enter Holy Week from home, perhaps we can resonate a bit more with the first disciples of Jesus who, in time, will have to look for and find the risen Lord by drawing more deeply on their faith and changing the way they "see."*

- **PICTURE**



Park Hill Christian Church is working on 40 Days of Discernment with Disciples Church Extension Fund Building and Capital Services Advisor [Rev. Dr. Craig MacLeod Walls](#).

Soon, it will be time for all congregations to begin serious discernment about their future. We can help. We are in the process of organizing a way to host Zoom conferences with leaders in particular congregations to assist with forming helpful questions, connections to resources and resource people, and praying for these teams. If your congregation is interested in having a conference with Regional staff, [let us know](#).

MUSIC [IN CHRIST ALONE](#), Celtic Worship

PODCASTS *For those new to podcasts, they are recorded presentations or conversations on topics of interest. They can be read (transcripts) or heard alone or with friends and loved ones. They make good content for an online conversation.*

On Being with Krista Tippett is popular among older teens and adults who enjoy engaging in critical thinking and thoughtful conversation. This episode is [Living the Questions At home, frustrated, and stressed — is 'just being' worthy right now?](#)

FILMS

Our Region has a subscription to the film series, The Work of the People. We are looking into ways to share these short films with you and will have a plan on Monday to share with some of you during Holy Week. Here is a [link](#) to a recent email from TWOTP offering a free streaming video.

NEXT KC DISCIPLES LEADERS CONFERENCE: Next KC Leaders Conference: 8 pm, April 7
 31. Focus: **Finances** [Details ABOUT GETTING ON THE CONFERENCE ONLINE OR BY PHONE](#)

- **ELDERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE:** An opportunity to check in with each other share concerns, discoveries, and successes. Recorded first [session](#) Apr 2, 2020 06:58 PM
 - Next Session: May 7, 7 pm. (Will send out more Zoom information closer to that date)
- **TODAY'S FEATURED CONGREGATION:** [2nd Christian Church](#) in Atchison, KS. This congregation, like many others in our Region has fewer active members than decades ago, yet, they have added an addition to the church that houses a computer lab and extra classrooms and gathering area in support of after-school programs (post-pandemic)
- **QUICK UPDATES OF INTEREST:**
 - Regional Minister Rev. Jay Hartley, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona is offering music for Palm Sunday on bagpipes. Here is the YouTube [link](#)
- **FINANCIAL**
 - **UPDATED (3.30.2020) LINK TO CARES BILL PAY CHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Application-3-30-2020-v3.pdf>
 - People who do not have direct deposit information on file with the Internal Revenue Service may have to wait up to 20 weeks to receive cash payments included in the \$2 trillion coronavirus relief legislation, according to a memo drafted by House Democrats. This time frame is longer than the estimate that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin gave when he negotiated the program for cash payments with congressional leaders. He acknowledged it would take more time for those who didn't have addresses on file but suggested on Sunday that he expected payments to go out by mid-April. The IRS is expected to make roughly 60 million direct deposit payments in mid-April, but paper checks will take significantly longer, according to a copy of the memo obtained by NPR. The IRS is expected to begin issuing paper checks about three weeks after the direct deposits are completed and can issue about 5 million checks per week. The timeline is subject to change, the memo states, but the estimates are based on extensive conversations between staff on the House Ways and Means Committee, at the Treasury Department and at the IRS. [NPR.ORG](#) ACCESSED 4.2.2020
- **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND LEAD**
 - Harvesters posted a plea for help on its Facebook page for anyone who is healthy and able to sign up for a volunteer slot. Like many organizations, volunteers are required to sign a waiver that they are in good health and they have not recently traveled out of Kansas or Missouri. Schools groups and anyone under 18 are no longer allowed to volunteer. (To volunteer, go [online](#) or call 816-929-3000.) At this time, Harvesters is requesting money over donated food.
 - **PRESS RELEASE** Kansas City Regional Community Organizations Active in Disaster (KCRCOAD) Are there agencies in your community in need of volunteers? KCRCOAD in partnership with United Way of Greater Kansas City (UWGKC) has established a Virtual Volunteer Registration Center (VVRC) View CRISIS GUIDE volunteer opportunities related to COVID-19 pandemic [here](#) Crisis Guide Volunteer Requests can be added on UWGKC site by contacting Brandon Calloway | Volunteer Engagement Manager | United

Way of Greater Kansas City Phone: 816-559-4769 | brandon.calloway@uwgkc.org If you are in need of volunteers, click this link to sign up your agency to request volunteers on the UWGKC website: <https://www.volunteeruwgkc.com/agency/signup/> If you are an individual looking for volunteer opportunities, click this link to sign up on the UWGKC website: <https://www.volunteeruwgkc.com/user/register/> KC Regional COAD kcrcoad@gmail.com www.kcregionalvoad.org

- The Directors have decided that **Micah** will be canceled for the next 2 weeks - Monday, April, 6 and Monday, April, 13. The situation will then be reevaluated. In the meantime, Darrell and Rev. Sharon Cantrell are contacting Hope Faith Ministries, which is the central food distribution site here in Kansas City, MO for those in need. They are planning on making sack lunches to deliver to Hope Faith Ministries. If you are interested in participating please contact Sharon and Darrell directly for information.
- 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.

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 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!