

## GREATER KC DICIPLES of CHRIST

### SERVING AND LEADING WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

(updated 3/31/2020)

*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.*

*You can still access updated official information and professional resources related to the pandemic [here](#).*

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

- SCRIPTURE

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;"

Psalm 24:1 (NRSV)

- *We belong to a loving God who has given us a charge to be good stewards. We may not be prepared to take on the full extent of that responsibility, but we can be responsible for what is right before us today. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we tap into God's own wisdom, strength, and provision. We have every reason to hope and to be and do well in this moment, moment by moment.*

- PICTURE



MUSIC For the [Beauty of the Earth](#) John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers

- **NEXT KC DISCIPLES LEADERS CONFERENCE** Next KC Leaders Conference: 8 pm, March 31. Focus: HOLY WEEK [Details ABOUT GETTING ON THE CONFERENCE ONLINE OR BY PHONE](#)
- **TODAY'S FEATURED CONGREGATION:** [Merriam Christian Church](#) has a history of outreach that continues in modified ways even to this day. Rev. Mark Willis, in addition to his pastoral duties also serves as Secretary for our Regional Board. Merriam Disciples are also [worshiping](#) and engaging in [Lenten bible studies](#) online
- **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND LEAD**
  - Swope Parkway United Christian Church Pastor, Rev. Dr. Rodney Williams, has extended an open invitation to his 6 am daily prayer calls (6-8 minutes – I have found these to be a great way to start the morning – BRH) 425.436.6398 – access code 651057#
  - **Join "IWOBS" (Immigrant-led Weekly Online Bible Studies).** Dial in here: <https://zoom.us/j/829199714> -- An "Inner Study" for directly impacted community members will happen on April 2, 16, & 30 at 11 am ET, and an "Outer Study" for all who wish to study scripture thru an immigrant-baed lens will happen April 9 and 23. Contact Valeria Bejar, Disciples Immigration Response Specialist for more info.: [vbejar@cpohm.disciples.org](mailto:vbejar@cpohm.disciples.org)
- My name is Andrew Williams and I am a medical student at UMKC, writing on behalf of KC PPE Drive. We are a volunteer team of healthcare members and friends in the Kansas City area. We're organizing and delivering collections of unopened supplies on behalf of the front line hospitals in the KC Metro area. Our healthcare workers are coming face-to-face with COVID-19 daily and there is a shortage of masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE helps to keep our doctors, nurses and medical staff healthy so they can keep serving patients and prevent spreading the virus to their loved ones at home. We are looking for donations of:
  - N95 Masks
  - Surgical masks
  - Rubber gloves (latex and non) (non-latex preferable)
  - PAPR's (powered air-purifying respirators)
  - Disposable gowns (paper, plastic)
  - Eye protection (goggles, face shields, wrap-around)
  - Hand sanitizers
  - We understand that your church may not have any of these materials directly on hand, but we're hoping that you can let your congregation know about the community's need for supplies. We're collecting information from donors through this online form: <https://forms.gle/NPaEpwQzBUipKgtw5>. If you could pass this form along to your congregation, it would be much appreciated. We can arrange for pick-up and delivery of any donations to a local hospital or can help coordinate for you or your members to donate directly. Please feel free to contact myself ([amw9bb@mail.umkc.edu](mailto:amw9bb@mail.umkc.edu)) or the organization directly at [kcppedrive@gmail.com](mailto:kcppedrive@gmail.com) with any questions. If your congregation members

have any questions, you can also direct them to the same email addresses. Thank you! Andrew Williams See on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/KcPPEdrive>

- KC For Refugees works with those already here (and still coming) from refugee camps in Syria, the Congo, and Somalia. Our work is focused on the period following their first 90 days when all their aid and income runs out. Most do not speak English and many are afraid to venture out or even to ask for help as learn to navigate life in a very different culture and language, carrying with them the traumatic memories and scars that forced them to flee in the first place. We can help, and, Regional Minister Bill Rose Heim would like to hear from you if you and/or members of your congregation want to be part of a city-wide interfaith effort to help these vulnerable new neighbors:
  - Hygiene products
  - Food baskets
  - Help with rent and utilities
  - Funeral expenses
  - Additional members of the KC For Refugees Board – with experience in social work, spiritual support, teaching, English-as-a-Second-Language, fundraising, grant writing. (We meet online to coordinate our part of an even larger network of support and we are considering writing a grant application to employ a social worker with experience in trauma-informed care and cultural competency)
  - Mentoring Families – orientation and support provided to these people who primarily care about the successes and challenges of a refugee family and can make referrals for specific assistance. One member of the family would be invited to commit to learning basics of a refugee family's native language as a way of creating a shared experience of challenges and successes as they, too, learn another language.
  - Interested? Call or text 816.617.7020 or email [billrh@kcdisciples.org](mailto:billrh@kcdisciples.org)
- 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](mailto: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!***