

GREATER KC DICIPLES of CHRIST

SERVING AND LEADING WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

(updated 3/30/2020)

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.

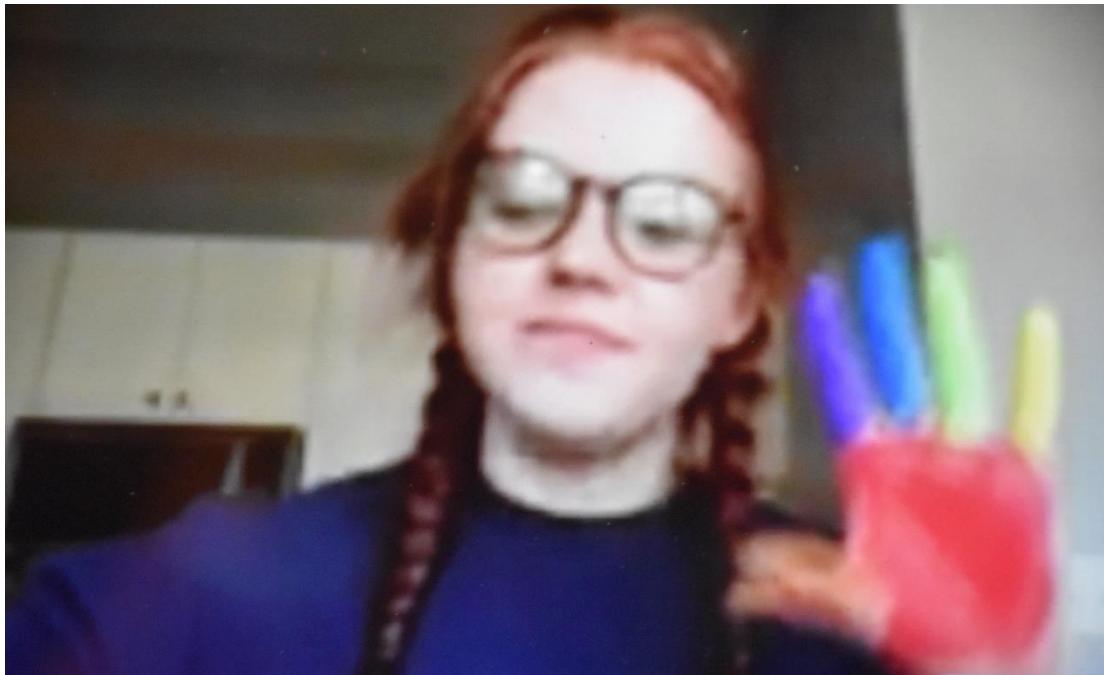
You can still access updated official information and professional resources related to the pandemic [here](#).

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

- **SCRIPTURE**

- Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[a] with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[b] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.^[d] [Romans 8:26-27](#)
- *Referenced in a sermon yesterday by Rev. Dr. Rene Jensen, St. Andrew Christian Church – Thank you!*

- **PICTURE**



Children's Moment with Adi featured a children's moment on the five fingers of prayer and can be seen [here](#) on the Smithville First Christian Church Facebook page along with the full worship service. Thank you, Adi and Smithville First Christian Church!

- MUSIC
 - Some will find resonance with this [musical offering](#) based on Psalm 42 by Tori Kelly
- 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: [North Oak Christian Church](#) which has also made the jump to online worship. Cell phones, laptops, and internet. Who knew these would become as important as candles, chalices, and crosses in weekend worship?
- OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND LEAD
 - MICAH MINISTRY HAS SUSPENDED OPERATIONS FOR THIS WEEK and leaders are meeting with the Independence Boulevard Christian Church to explore options for the coming weeks. Prayers please!
 - **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-based lens will happen April 9 and 23. Contact Valeria Bejar, Disciples Immigration Response Specialist for more info.: 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) or the organization directly at 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
- 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!