



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, August 30, 2020

Forwarding Address

Matthew 5:1-12

Prayer Requests

- **Tracy's husband Mark's brother** ~ had a heart attack & had two stents put in, his is in the ICU
- **Terry Smith's sister-in-law Jamie** ~ healing
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing
- **All who are feeling isolated and lonely**
- **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.** for his leadership and for modeling life in Christ
- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **Larry & Karen Lakeman** ~ healing & encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Wava Jean Carl** ~ strength
- **Our nation, our leaders** ~ wisdom and discernment
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen**
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

There are clip boards with activities & colors for the children on the table as you walk into the Worship Center. Please feel free to grab one on your way into Worship!

We are happy to send out or add people to our prayers lists. Please know that we need to have the permission of the person that needs the prayers, otherwise we cannot send them out/or add them to our public list.

Our Mission Field Is Already Ripe For Harvest

“You know the saying, ‘four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.” (Jesus) John 4:35 NLT

I like a lot the story about Jesus and the Samaritan Woman in John’s Gospel narrative. It tells on how Jesus reach out this woman from Samaria and shared to her the message of salvation. It is a fascinating story that shows us how to reach out people and make them Jesus’ disciples. I found it as paradigm for disciple making strategy.

Jesus wanted to stop at Sychar, a small village in Samaria region, on his way back from Jerusalem to Galilee with his disciples. So, he stopped at Jacob’s well because he was tired and thirsty. It was at noon when a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Here is the first movement he made toward the mission field. He came to a small town on a hostile territory. He knew that was the right place and the right time for bearing witness to an ordinary person. We have to move to the mission field even when it seems to be not very suitable. Secondly, he started talking to this woman asking her for a drink. “Please, give me a drink,” he said to her. We learn how Jesus approached to a prospect for the Kingdom of God. He overcame the racial, social, and gender barriers. Thirdly, Jesus talked about religious and spiritual matters with this woman. Jesus made a theological dialogue with an illiterate person! That is amazing, isn’t? Lastly, Jesus led the Samaritan woman to a transformational experience through faith in him as the Jewish Messiah. Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!” (John 4:26).

Let us make an overview of our mission field. We are living in a 80/80/80/80/2/1/ reality:
80% of people have no faith home...80% of churches are plateaued or in decline...80% of unchurched people are at least somewhat interested in spiritual conversations and invitations with people they know and trust...
80% of Christians never invite anyone to attend church with them...2% of Christians invite unchurched friends to church with them...1% of all the financial giving in US churches goes to reach lost people round the world.

What can we do about that? The key: “Numbers must become names”

What are the names of the people you pray and yearn to come to know Christ?

Take a closer look at the “Statistics” ...the Harvest is Receptive and Ripe!

- The number of committed followers of Jesus is not only stable but growing.
- Though the percentage of “Nones” is growing, nearly 1/3 say “religion” is important to them.
- Over 20% of “Nothing in Particulars” (part of the Nones”) expect to attend church regularly in the future, 44% say an invitation from a friend would be helpful for them and 75% say they are fine with Christian friends talking about their faith. Rates of receptivity and openness to spiritual conversations is high—78%!
- Among Millennials, 39% expect to attend church regularly in the future.
- “Unchurched nominally religious” people are the most receptive to spiritual conversations and invitations of any group, including across ethnic groups.

“There is no silver bullet when it comes to reaching new people...but the top predictive factor was hospitality to the unchurched. If there is a silver bullet, this is it.” (Rick Richardson)

Starting Sunday, September 6th

THE SIGNS OF JONAH

SERMONS' SERIES
THE BOOK OF JONAH
REV. JAIME FARIAS
JOIN US!

THE SIGNS OF JONAH SERMONS' SERIES SCRIPTURES

FIRST SERMON: THE SIGN OF DISOBEDIENCE
JONAH 1:1-9

SECOND SERMON: THE SIGN OF PUNISHMENT
JONAH 1:10-17

THIRD SERMON: THE SIGN OF REPENTANCE
JONAH 2:1-10

FOURTH SERMON: THE SIGN OF SALVATION
JONAH 3:1-10

FIFTH SERMON: THE SIGN OF THE LORD
JONAH 4:1-10

REQUIREMENTS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP

During Covid-19

1. MUST WEAR MASKS ~ AVAILABLE IF NEEDED
2. CHILDREN REMAIN WITH FAMILY
3. ENTER/EXIT MAIN DOOR ONLY
4. USHERS WILL SEAT & DISMISS CONGREGANTS BY ROWS
5. BIBLES NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
6. TITHES & OFFERINGS IN DESIGNATED BOX IN LOBBY
7. BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SHEETS WILL BE PLACED AT SEATING AREAS
(Please place attendance sheets in box in the lobby.)
8. NO SINGING BY CONGREGANTS

**FOR FULL PLAN SEE ATTACHED RETURN TO
CORPORATE WORSHIP PLAN**

COVID-19 INFORMATION

VOLUNTARY SELF QUARANTINE

In general, you need to have been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 to be at risk of getting the virus. If you have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19, you may be asked to "voluntarily self-quarantine" for 14 days after last contact. This means you stay home as much as you can so you lower the risk of other people getting COVID-19 in case you have it. This means that you should do all of the things listed below.



1. Do not go to work or school and avoid all public places



2. If you must go out in public, do not use public transportation (bus, taxi, ride-share services)



3. Separate yourself from other people in your home and stay in one specific room



4. If you can, use a separate bathroom



5. Clean your hands often by washing with soap and water for 20 seconds



6. Seek medical help right away if your symptoms get worse and call ahead before going to the clinic



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Who is at higher risk?



Older adults



People who
have serious
chronic medical
conditions

Heart Disease
Diabetes
Lung Disease



Supplies to have at home:

- Necessary medication – ask healthcare provider about obtaining extra
 - If extra is not possible – consider using mail order
- Be sure to have over the counter medicines and medical supplies to treat fever and other symptoms
- Have enough household items and groceries on hand
 - Grocery stores with 'at-risk' hours
 - Consider ways of getting food brought to your house



Everyday Precautions

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - If soap and water is not available – use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching high touch surfaces in public places (elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking, etc)
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs
- Stay home as much as possible



Symptoms and emergency warning signs:

- Pay attention to COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath)
- Emergency warning signs:
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Persistent pain or pressure in chest
 - New confusion or inability to arouse
 - Bluish lips or face



If you get sick

- Stay home and call your doctor
- Consult with your health care provider for more information
- Stay in touch with others by phone or email
- Determine who can care for you if your caregiver gets sick
- Know when to get emergency help

Need more information?

Douglas County Health Department
COVID-19 Information Line
(402) 444-3400
www.douglascountyhealth.com

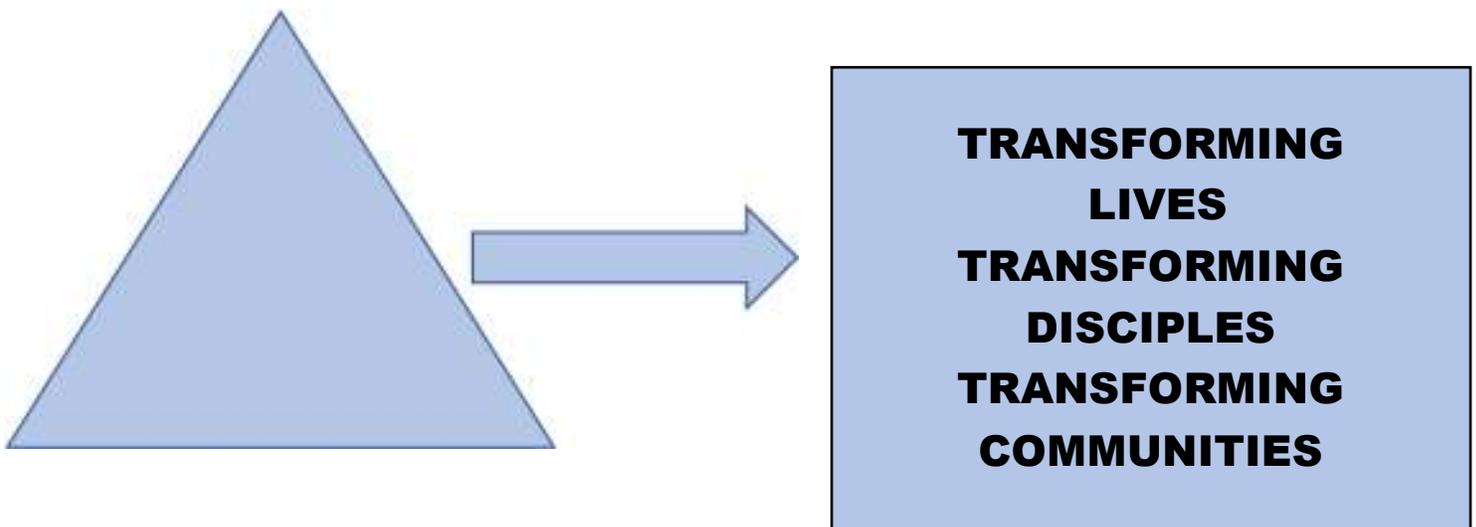
United Way
Resource Hotline
211

Nebraska Department of Health and
Human Services Information Line
(402) 552-6645

TransforMission Vision

Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.” Matthew 13:33 NLT

My Vision is to build up a church with a holistic worldview and a broad understanding of the kingdom of God. Through an Environment for Growth, I will lead the church by tenaciously creating a spiritual environment which will enable the entire congregation to remove the obstacles to believe in God’s Word, and to experience the Holy Spirit power to change lives and to transform this community with the influence and communication of Jesus’ gospel. I will make this church to become like the yeast permeating every part of the dough. My vision is to see the Kingdom of God growing from within each life into a new creation. Our church will not be shaped by today’s culture, rather it will make a cultural transformation through the supernatural activity of God’s transforming power.



Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

Sunday, August 30

Forwarding Address
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, September 20th

The Sign Of Repentance
Jonah 2:1-10

Sunday, September 13th

The Sign Of Punishment
Jonah 1:10-17

Sunday, September 27th

The Sign Of Salvation
Jonah 3:1-10

Sunday, September 20th

The Sign Of Repentance
Jonah 2:1-10

Sunday, October 4th

The Sign Of The Lord
Jonah 4:1-10

***We are returning to in-person meetings ~ see schedule below
(Zoom will be available for every meeting)***

A Look Ahead

Sept 1 ~ 6:00 p.m. Children's Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

Sept 4 ~ Ring Facility Rental

Sept 5 ~ 10:00 a.m. Preparing for Children's Sunday School ~ Volunteers needed

Sept 6 ~ 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School Volunteer Meeting

Sept 8 ~ del PEO

Sept 12 ~ 10:00 a.m. Preparing for Children's Sunday School ~ Volunteers needed

Sept 19 ~ 10:00 a.m. Preparing for Children's Sunday School ~ Volunteers needed

Sept 20 ~ Back to Church Sunday, Children's Worship & Sunday School, Adult/
Youth Sunday School begin

Sept 27 ~ Youth Sunday

Cleaning Teams will move to cleaning every other week as we are not having as many classes & people in the building at this time.

Aug 30 Sun	10:10 a.m.	Worship
Aug 31 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Sept 1 Tues	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Sunday School Meeting Worship Team Meeting
Sept 2 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Sept 4 Fri	4—8 p.m.	Ring Rehearsal Dinner
Sept 5 Sat	10:00 a.m.	Preparing for Children's Sunday School
Sept 6 Sun	10:10 a.m.	Worship
Sept 8 Tues	9:30—2	Office Closed PEO ~ del
Sept 9 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Sept 12 Sat	10:00 a.m.	Preparing for Children's Sunday School
Sept 13 Sun	10:10 a.m.	Worship
Sept 14 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Sept 15 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council ~ WC
Sept 16 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Sept 19 Sat	10:00 a.m.	Preparing for Children's Sunday School
Sept 20 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Sept 21 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Sept 23 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Sept 27 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Youth Sunday Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Sept 28 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Sept 30 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D

Oct 4 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Oct 5 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 6 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
Oct 7 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Oct 11 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Oct 12 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 13 Tues	6:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Oct 14 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Oct 18 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Oct 19 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 20 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Oct 21 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
Oct 25 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Oct 26 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Oct 28 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D



OUR MISSION

To make disciples for Jesus Christ
to transform the world

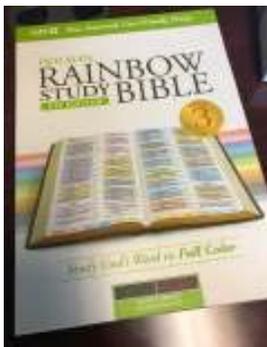
OUR VISION

- 1) To be disciples for Christ
- 2) To bring others to Christ

OUR GOALS

- 1) Become & remain Spiritually Strong
 - a) Attend Worship Regularly
 - b) Be Part of a small group
 - c) Pray faithfully
- 2) Share God with our Community & the world
 - a) Mission Shares
 - b) Service to others
 - c) Reaching out
- 3) Interact with The Holy Bible Daily
 - a) Educate & guide our children & youth
 - b) Christian Education for all ages

We had a very nice bible donated to the church. We would like to give it to someone who needs one. If you would like it please contact Tracy in the Office. 402-393-2321



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