



Living Faith  
United Methodist Church

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**Pastor Sandy Webster**

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Sunday, May 17, 2020

Spread Wildly

John 14:15-21

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### Prayer Requests

- **Rob Oesterle** passed away, Prayers for his family please.
- **Our Graduates**
- **Family of Bill Milks** ~ Grieving
- **Camp Fontenelle**
- Praise **Ender** was released from the hospital and went home with his family!
- Praise for a healthy baby girl born to **Terry Unterseher's daughter Sarah. Welcome Lillian Joy!**
- **Pastor Jaime Farais** and his family for transition from his current churches to Living Faith
- **Pastor Sandy and family** for transition into retirement and future endeavors
- **All who are feeling isolated and lonely**
- **Our children, teenagers, and young adults** who are learning online
- **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.** for his leadership and for modeling life in Christ
- **Discernment and guidance for Living Faith UMC**
- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **Jon Davis—family friend of Pastor Sandy** ~ health
- **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**

**Until further notice, we will not be meeting in person for Worship Services, Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live. Please watch sermons Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. on our church**

**Facebook page.**

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From The Pastor

I am counting the weeks and Sundays that I have left at Living Faith and it seems surreal. Although time is not flying like it normally does for me, it still passes at an alarming speed. I just want to tell you what a gift it has been to me to serve you. I wouldn't trade these last seven years for anything! We've had fun, we've grown in our faith, and we've persevered when needed. I have great faith that God has big plans for this church and that Pastor Jaime and Pastor Tom will lead you on through the next steps.

My retirement plans seem to keep changing. Initially my plans were to go home on June 30, go inside my house, and never come out again! OK, that was on a day that I was tired and grumpy! I've changed internally from wanting to do nothing other than sleep, read, rest, spend time with friends and family, and do some things that I don't seem to find time to do. Then this pandemic hit and I, along with others, have had a huge dose of loneliness. As much as I love being alone and being at home, I have found myself missing hugs, human interactions, laughing together, and most of all, serving God and serving God's people face-to-face.

I have answered a call to serve two small churches on a very part-time basis. My role will be preaching on Sundays. I am delighted to be able to continue to preach, and equally as delighted to forgo the meetings, administrative work, reports, and all the other parts of serving as full-time clergy. I will be driving to the United Methodist Churches in Allen, Nebraska and Ponca, Nebraska. They have a parsonage for me to stay in and I plan to drive up on Saturdays and back on Sundays. That still gives me five days a week of retirement and also provides a little structure and some purpose. As always, I pray that I am listening to God's will, not my own.

Please know that I will always hold you close in my heart and I will continue to pray for Living Faith and its people. You are precious to me and always will be!

Living Life in Him,  
Pastor Sandy

**Rummage Sale Dates June 11, 12, 13 are canceled,  
NEW DATES TBD**

On Sunday, May 17 during online worship we will pray over and honor our 2020 graduates. Please take a minute to write a note or send a card to each of our Living Faith graduates. They are:

**High School Graduates 2020:**

Ben Earhart ~ Son of Tom & Dorinda Earhart  
Kaleigh Ertz ~ Daughter of Dan & Heidi Ertz  
Rebekkah Hale ~ Daughter Of Keith & Charlene Hale  
Ben Hizer ~ Son of Mark & Lynn Hizer  
Cy Stewart ~ Son of Mark & Schann Stewart  
West Stewart ~ Son of Mark & Schann Stewart  
Dylan Tipler ~ Son of Eric & Shirley Tipler



**College Graduates 2020:**

Austin Hizer ~ Son of Mark & Lynn Hizer  
Ashley Thomsen ~ Granddaughter of Vernon & Grace Thomsen  
Alison Greenfield ~ Granddaughter of Bob & Joan Greenfield  
Hope Greenfield ~ Daughter-In-Law of Bob & Joan Greenfield

**United Methodist Course of Study Graduate 2020:**

Pastor Dick Webster ~ Husband of Pastor Sandy Webster

Dear Heavenly Father,

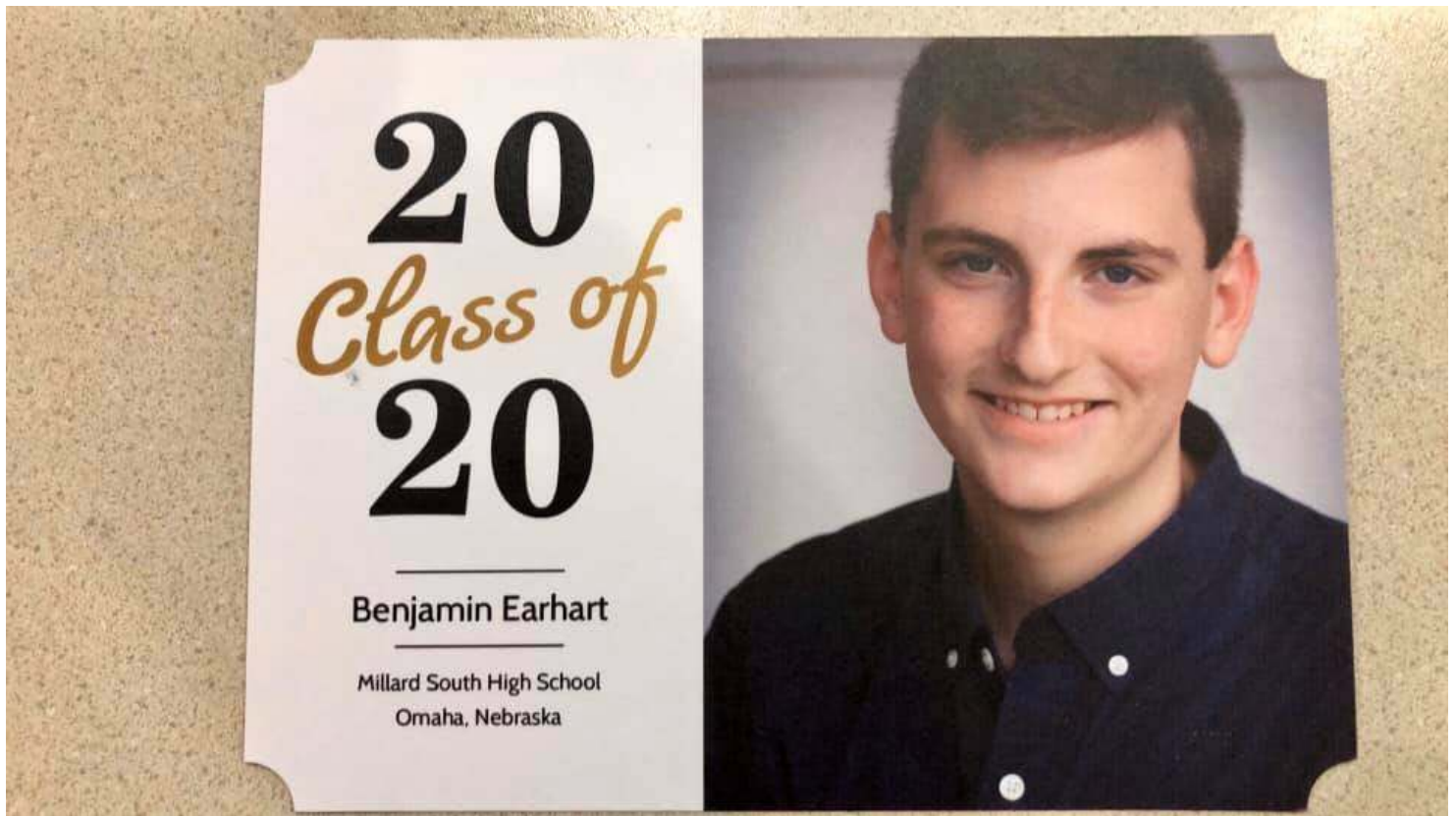
Thank You for our graduates! We ask that you bless them, care for them, and guide them as they enter the next phase of their lives. We lift them up to You and we are grateful that each has successfully completed their studies. We pray today in Jesus' name, Amen.

You may send your cards/letters/notes/gifts directly to our graduates, or you may drop them off at the church or mail them to the church and we will deliver them.

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**Let's celebrate education with our graduates!**





**Grad Party for Ben Earhart**

**May 23, 12:00pm-3:00pm**

**16135 W St, Omaha, NE 68135**

To comply with social distancing guidelines, we will have a “stay in your car” party where you can drive up and chat with the graduate, get some goodies to take home, and toss your card for Ben in a box. Hope you can drive over and say hi anytime between noon and 3 pm on Saturday May 23.

## Scripture and Sermon Titles

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

### **Sunday, May 17**

Spread Wildly

John 14:15-21

### **Sunday, May 24**

Start More Fires

John 17:1-11

### **Sunday, May 31**

Pentecost

John 7:37-39

Acts 2:1-13

### **Sunday, June 7**

Live A Life Worthy Of Your Calling

Ephesians 4:1-7

### **Sunday, June 14**

Now THIS Is Eternal Life!

John 17:1-5, 17-24

### **Sunday, June 21**

Trust In Jesus

John 14:1-7

## A Look Ahead

**May 20** ~ Omaha Gives

**May 25** ~ Memorial Day

**May 27—30** ~ Annual Conference


### Finance May Update:

Our pledges have remained strong. Thank you for dropping off your offering or for mailing them into the office.

Tithing has not been cancelled.

Thank you for faithful giving!

**We will be continuing online worship for the  
upcoming Sundays:  
May 17, 24, & 31**



**Debbie Beavers small group is willing to shop for any  
congregation members who are not wanting to or  
can't get out.**

**You can email Debbie directly at  
[pemberly01@gmail.com](mailto:pemberly01@gmail.com)**

*Think ♦ Do ♦ Be*  
**POSITIVE**



**Church Council**  
**May 19 7:00 p.m.**

**Agenda: Moving Forward**  
**What's Next?**

Discuss future events  
(*VBS, Car Show, Rummage Sale*)  
Welcome Pastor Jaime

**Committees**

Living Faith has a structure of committees to do our work. We have great volunteers, but attending evening meetings is difficult so attendance is low.

**How would you re-structure?**

- ♦ SPRC (Staff Parish Relations)
  - ♦ Finance
  - ♦ Trustees
- ♦ Congregational Care
  - Membership
  - Prayer
  - Care of Member

**What would make it easier for you to serve?**

**What keeps you from volunteering?**

**What could change that would turn your “no” to “yes” for committee work?**

Please send and email to Tracy  
[info@livingfaithumc.com](mailto:info@livingfaithumc.com)

**Pray  
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Pray**

**Bishop Saenz has asked all United Methodists to unite**

**In prayer each day at noon.**

**Pray The Lord's Prayer at 12:00 noon everyday.**

**We lift our prayers together—  
one body, one LORD.**



Habitat for Humanity is a mission that many of us feel passionate about, even though we no longer go to the worksite together as a team.

If you want to volunteer, go to their website and sign up for the date & time you'll work.  
They will be glad to have you!

<https://habitatomaha.org/volunteernow/>



**Rummage Sale**

**Training Dates:  
TBD**

**Sale Dates TBD**





1st Sunday Prayer  
Following Worship

Personal individual prayer  
with two people.

Meet in the FH

### **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

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of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation  
of the world.**

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