



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, March 22, 2020

Job's Final Decision

Conversation

Prayer Requests

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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- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Megan Pfingsten** ~ Oral surgery recovery
- **Cindy Saylor & Family** ~ Death of husband, Todd (friends of Rita Pfingsten)
- **Donna, Tracy's mom** ~healing & strength
- **Joanne Raterman** ~ continued healing, Praise! Scans came back good on 2/19!

- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Ender**~ health & strength
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **People living outside**
- **People working outside**
- **Jon Davis—family friend of Pastor Sandy** ~ health, back in hospital
- **Larry & Karen Lakeman** ~ healing & encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Rob Oesterle** ~ lung cancer
- **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**
- **Children's Sunday School**

From The Pastor

Just when I think I've seen it all, something new or unusual begins! The season of Lent is one of self-reflection and repentance, and those typically accompany periods of quiet time. I love quiet time! Quiet time to read, think deeply, reflect, remember, plan—so many gentle and productive activities can be accomplished during quiet time. Our little Brooklynn is four and a half years old now and is moving on up the food chain to join those who do not have to take a daily nap. Even though she is near graduation from mandatory naps, she gets a little tired after lunch and likes some quiet time. Last Monday she ever so firmly told me "I will lay down for quiet time, but don't even think about taking my iPad from me". Hmmmm, wondering who thinks they are in charge here, and who really is in charge?

Isn't that how we are in life? We gain confidence, wisdom, and experience to the point where we feel like we are in charge of our lives. Then along comes an event, a virus, or something else that reminds us that God is in charge—and we are not. We are navigating unsettling times right now, times which remind us to place our full trust in our loving God and to not try to handle these things that are beyond our control by ourselves.

As a church, we are doing as much as we can to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the CDC (Center for Disease Control, our nation's health protection agency) to do our part in reducing the spreading of the Coronavirus. Change is rarely easy, and the changes we have been asked to make are not easy either. We are asked to refrain from meeting or gathering, and right before Easter for a church that is a tall order! We are asked to self-quarantine if at all possible. The sense of humor of people is already showing up on Facebook and a few have brought a smile to my face. One said "Our grandparents were called to war. We're being called to sit on our couches. We can do this." Another was a short video of a sock puppet gobbling up cars passing by outside of its window and the caption was "day six of staying home".


We are resilient Christians who place our faith in a powerful and loving God! In times of change, duress, or anxiety, search for Scripture that encourages you and builds you up. A favorite of mine is Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Another favorite is Philippians 4:6-7:

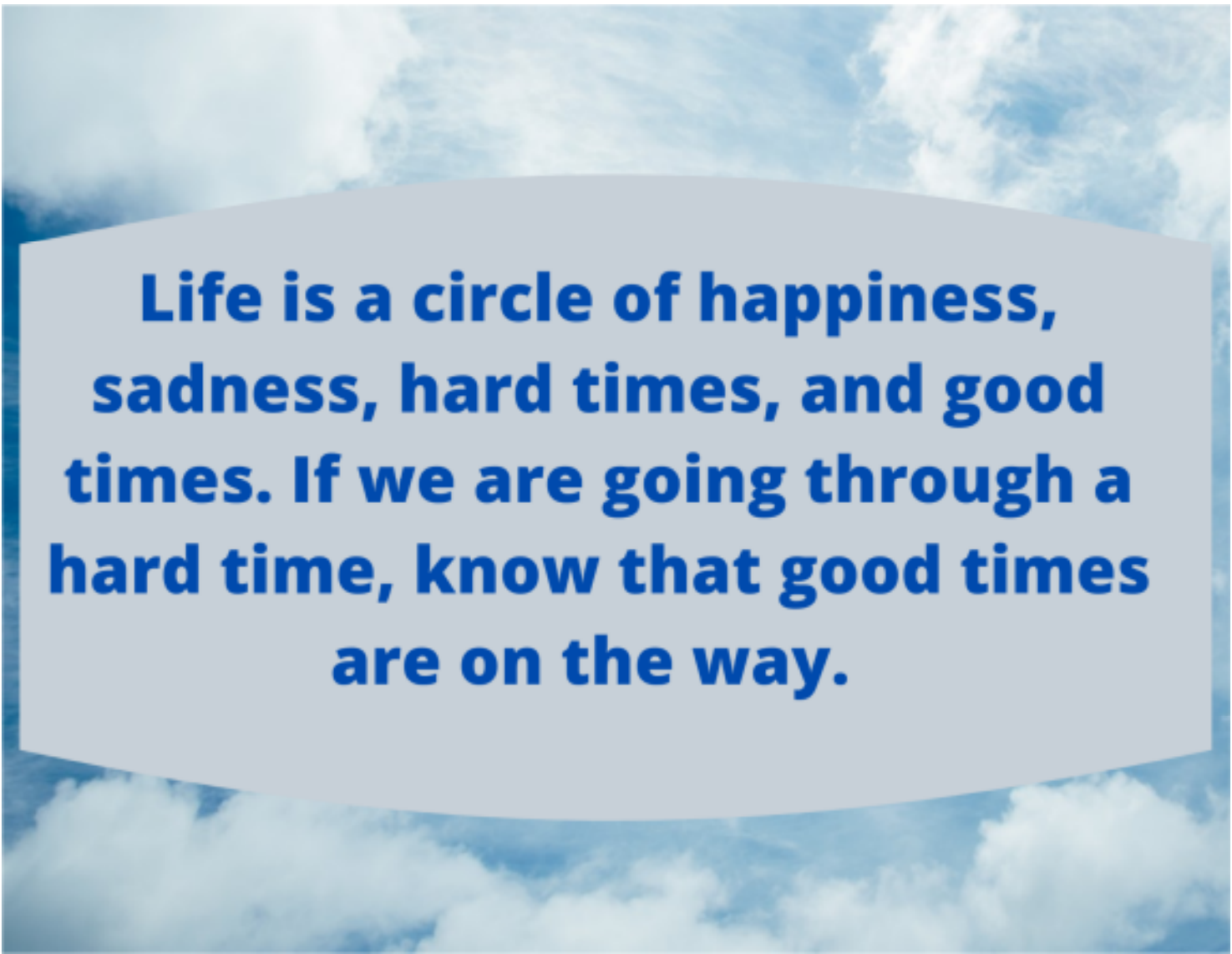
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace and blessings from our Lord and Savior,
Pastor Sandy

A hand is pushing a shopping cart with a green handle in a grocery store aisle. The shelves are filled with various products, and the background is slightly blurred.

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

A blue sky with white clouds, serving as a background for a quote.

Life is a circle of happiness, sadness, hard times, and good times. If we are going through a hard time, know that good times are on the way.

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 an email to Tracy
info@livingfaithumc.com



**Do you have a high school or college student
graduating this spring?
If so, please let the office know!**

**The ones we know so far are:
Ben Earhart, Ben Hizer, Rebekkah Hale,
Cy & West Stewart, & Dylan Tipler**

HOW TO USE THE TAGG APP

The free "Together A Greater Good" mobile app allows you to support local organizations by simply taking pictures of your receipts at hundreds of participating businesses. To find a list of participating businesses and organizations, visit togetheragreatergood.com or use the search feature on the app.



Search the app store for "Together A Greater Good" and download the app.



Press "Continue" and create an account using your email address, Facebook account or Twitter account.



Press the circular orange icon on the bottom of the screen



Allow TAGG to access your location or manually type in your city and state in the location field every time you "TAGG."



Find your organization of choice in the top search bar. After selecting an organization, you may want to select a sub-organization or individual member when applicable.



Search for the participating business you visited and select it.



Allow TAGG to access your camera or gallery to upload a photo of your receipt.



Take a picture of your receipt or select it from your phone's gallery.



Optionally give the business feedback and share your good deed on social media! View your Transaction History by clicking "My TAGG" in the bottom footer.

Membership Class
April 11 ~ 9:00 a.m. - Noon

If you are interested in becoming a member of Living Faith UMC, please talk to Pastor Sandy or Ellen Ring



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:
Tuesday, April 28
3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

June 10 - 13 Sale Dates

Cleaning crew

We clean our own church. We have one area that we still need to fill.

Can you help? Contract the church office at 402-393-2321

Smiles & Blessings Ministry ~ Please keep our homebound members in your prayers and feel free to send a card or a note: *Wava Jean Carl, Maxine Hall, Bob Mortenson, Ann Rutherford, Blanche Sederburg, Vernon Thomsen.*



Happy Birthday Vernon Thomsen ~ March 19!

Volunteer Opportunities

Cleaning Crew ~ see Tracy for more details (One area still needing filled)

Nursery Scheduler & nursery caregivers needed ~ see the office for more details

Offering Counters Needed ~ Please contact Tracy Neidig in the office.

Ushers Needed! ~If you would like to join the Usher Ministry, contact the office!

What's the best way to prevent the spread of illness this time of year?

Stay home if you are sick!

Bringing your illness to church, school, shopping or work will lead to more sick people in your community, and some may not be able to fight it.

Stay home, get rest, and go back when you won't be putting others at risk.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR SPRING PLANT SALE

...a fundraiser where every dollar you spend supports
our school garden education programs!

April 16th - May 16th
9am-2pm every Thu, Fri, Sat
5602 Read Street, 68152

- high-quality vegetables, herbs, and prairie plants
- organically-grown in our greenhouses
 - wide variety of heirlooms
- cash, check, and credit card accepted

BigGarden.org/plant-sale-2020



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

Scripture and Sermon Titles

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

Sunday, March 22

Job's Final Defense
Conversation

Sunday, April 12

Go! And Make Disciples!
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, March 29

The Lord Speaks
Job 38:1, 4-12

Sunday, April 5

Hosanna In The Highest
Matthew 21:1-11

A Look Ahead

Apr 11 ~ Membership Class 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Apr 28 ~ Rummage Sale Training 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

May 7 ~ National Day of Prayer

May 12 ~ Mother's Day ~ Accepting small items for rummage sale

May 17 ~ Accepting big items for rummage sale

May 25 ~ Memorial Day

May 27—30 ~ Annual Conference

Finance March Update:

If you buy 50 rolls of toilet paper, how many should you give to the church? 5!

Tithing has not been cancelled.

Thank you for faithful giving!

Committee Updates

Finance ~ Please pray for and give generously to your church.

Living Hope and Millard South High School Food Pantry Donations ~ Please drop off your donations of non-perishable food items and hygiene items in church lobby. If you'd like to help deliver items to Living Hope or Millard South High School, please contact the office. **Millard South Food Pantry** ~ In addition to non-perishable food, Millard South HS also is requesting the following items: White Athletic Socks, New Underwear, Gently used pants and shirts, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Lice Kits, Shaving Kits, and Feminine Products. **Please make sure that the items are not expired.**

Christian Caregiving Ministry ~ If you or someone you care about is struggling or suffering with a difficult life situation, a Lay Caregiver may be helpful. A Lay Caregiver can bring the unconditional acceptance and love of God to a hurting person. A Lay Caregiver will walk alongside you as long as it takes for you to find God's hope and peace in your situation. Call Pastor Sandy, or Joan Smith if you or someone you care about would like to have a Lay Caregiver help you. Pastor Sandy, 402-650-6950, Joan Smith, 402-689-8013

Support Our Missionaries Annie and Adeng as They Share Jesus in Japan ~ Please consider a monthly, regular commitment and make your checks payable to Living Faith UMC and write in the note line "Designated Mission Gift for Annie and Adeng." You may also support Annie and Adeng as our church's missionaries in Japan; by dropping your coins and bills in a specially marked jar in the communication center to the back of the fellowship hall. Thank you for supporting Annie and Adeng's ministries and missions in Japan, as they serve our Lord.

Safe Gatherings ~ Please consider becoming certified by Safe Gatherings, so you can work with our children! See Kirk Kingston if you have questions.

**WE STILL HAVE ONE OPEN AREA TO FILL & FILL INS
FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T FOR A FEW WEEKS.**

HELP NEEDED

*Bathrooms *Classrooms *Lobby
*Fellowship Hall *Worship Center *Office
*Hallway

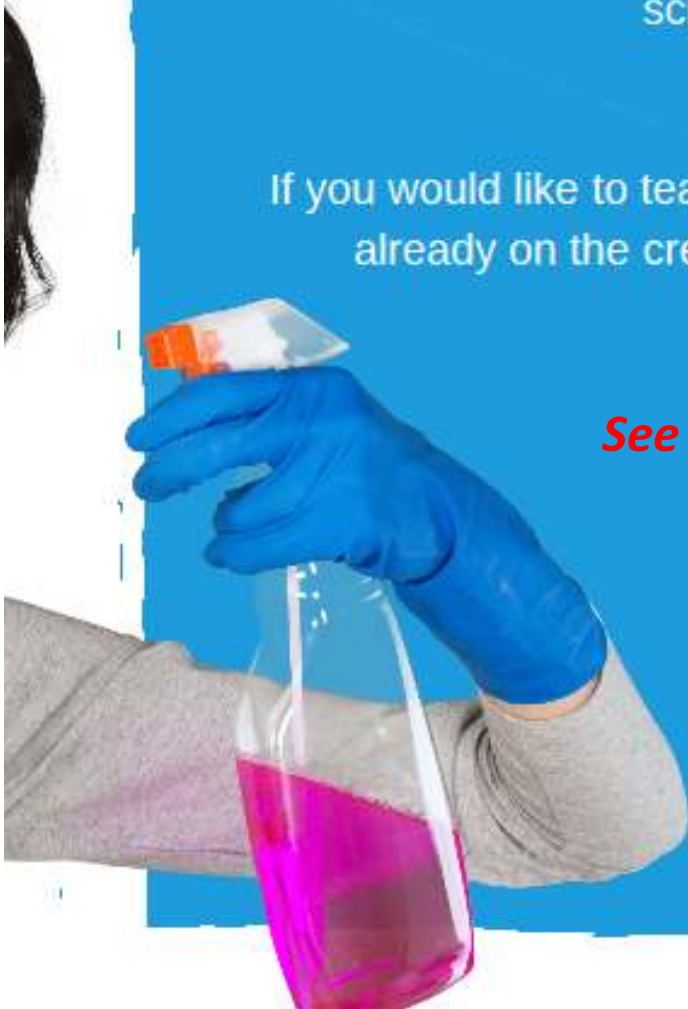
We clean our own church. Can you help?

You only need to commit about 2 hours per month,
and you can clean at a time that works for your
schedule.

If you would like to team up with someone who is
already on the crew, you can do that too!

***See Schedules on the white
board in the lobby.***

**CONTACT TRACY IN THE
OFFICE. 402-393-2321**



**Our mission is to make disciples
of Jesus Christ for
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of the world.**

Check Us Out

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Sync up with our Google Calendar – look for us at info@livingfaithumc.com

Click the link below to get set up with our calendar:

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