



TWIZZLER: March 17, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Your church Administrative Council and staff have been busy planning and making preparations to keep people as safe as possible and to continue to carry out the mission of the church to be in service to others. Actions that have been taken:

- At the guidance of our national and local leaders along with Bishop Paul Leeland, **we have suspended all in-person gatherings until at least the end of March.**
- **The church buildings have been closed except to those that have an essential reason to be in the building.**
- **Renee Weaver** is our Emergency Coordinator and is working with the Administrative Council to continue to make plans on how we as a Church respond to the COVID-19 emergency.
- We are developing ways to stay connected with each other and support our local community via ABCCM

While our buildings are closed, Weaverville United Methodist is still open and working. We are working on ways to keep our members connected and to be able to serve each other with critical needs we have. **This is the time to connect with each other on a regular basis by phone and internet and other creative ways you come up with that don't involve personal contact.** Prayer is powerful. Please continue to be in prayer for our health, communities, nation, church, medical and emergency workers, and leaders.

One way we are going to try to stay connected is via **FaceBook** for those of you that use the app. Look for an invitation to join our new private Facebook group in the next week.

Keep this prayer in mind this week: "**There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.**" I John 4 v 18.

Thank you in advance for understanding that we cannot meet together for the near future and pardon us in advance as we make plans that may need rapid adjustments and changes.

While we may no longer be meeting in person, all of our regular expenses remain. Remember you can give by mailing your check to the church office (see address below). Additionally, we are working on providing a way to donate online and will provide more information when it's available.

A link to the Buncombe County Health Department's web site is below. This enables consistent, locally informed status updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and influenza in our community. For those who do not have access to a computer and/or have specific concerns, the NC Division of Public Health Hotline is 866-462-3821.

https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/Health/news_detail.aspx?newsid=18491



CHURCH FINANCES

Greetings, As many of you know I am the chair of our Finance committee. We wanted to send a gentle reminder about giving during these unprecedented times. I know everyone has a lot going on and there are lots of things demanding our attention. I would ask you to please consider still giving your tithes and offerings even when regular scheduled services are canceled. Your faithful giving, during these difficult times is greatly appreciated and will allow our church to continue our mission.

Thank you, *Zach Banks*

Please send contributions to:

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PO Box 37
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OFFICE HOURS

The church is open and here to serve. However, as we think of church in regards to our facilities we are going to be operating differently in the short-term. Our office hours may be changing. **Please call the office in advance to make an appointment rather than just showing up. We will be limiting access to the church building based on a need to be in the building.** This will help keep us all healthy and we will be prepared to open the doors and welcome everyone back as soon as possible.

Church is about the people and our relationship with each other and God. Let's be intentional in how we connect and let's connect frequently but not in person.

WUMC KIDS

Next **Youth Virtual Meeting** will be Wednesday 3/18 at 2:30pm. Emily will send out the link.

Next **Children's Sermon** will be Wednesday 3/18 at 11:30am. Emily will send out the link.

Please be sure to contact Emily if you are not receiving emails or remind texts, due to heavily utilizing these resources during this time of social distancing. We miss you and want to still stay connected with you! So make sure you hang out with us during our virtual meetings!

Emily Clark & Jennifer Miller are putting together Sunday School materials for all classes & will put them in the mail this week. Be on the lookout and make sure to contact Emily if you don't receive one soon.

ROOM IN THE INN

Thank you to all who helped in any way for the success of hosting the ladies in Room In The Inn last week. The ladies were so grateful for everything! One lady who had been at our church before told me, "I love to come to your church. I always feel so welcome." - *Joanie Strohm*

PRAYER LIST

These are the same names that are printed in the bulletin each Sunday. The list is reset at the beginning of each month.

Brad Allen, Jim & Lena Brooker, Bill Coxe, Carolyn Dotts, Dave Edwards, Marilyn Evans, Emma Hughey, Paul Hunt, Fran Jordan, Don Mallicoat, Cindy Mayo, Cheryl Nick, Elaine Robinson, Jackson Stafford (Hughey's son), Mac White, Bob Whiting, Tammy

Have a blessed week!



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