



## TWIZZLER: May 26, 2020

### FROM REV. DEVAL MASON

I hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day holiday. I am sure that you celebrated it differently than you did last year and differently than you planned on doing it this year, but I hope that you still had a blessed and fun weekend. This global pandemic has changed a lot of things. One of the major changes has been the way seniors (high school and college) have had to end their schooling, especially their **graduations**. If you know a high school or college graduate, let them know you care and congratulate them on a fantastic achievement in their life. Graduation is an ending, but it is also a beginning, even in this global pandemic.

Another change that we will experience is that our District Superintendent, **Rev. Beth Crissman**, is being appointed to a church in Greensboro, and the Blue Ridge District will have a new District Superintendent. Many of you know and have worked with Beth, and we will miss her greatly.



Still another change is how this pandemic keeps changing our future timelines, whether it is family events or church events. Know that our church leaders are being faithful in their planning on how to respond to this ever-changing crisis. The church has set up a focus committee to look into how to best respond with re-opening the church. We will not all agree on the various timelines, but know that the church leaders will do it with a faithfulness of love and care to God and to you. Change is hard, but this doesn't change: **God Is Good! All The Time!**

### UPDATE FROM WNCC

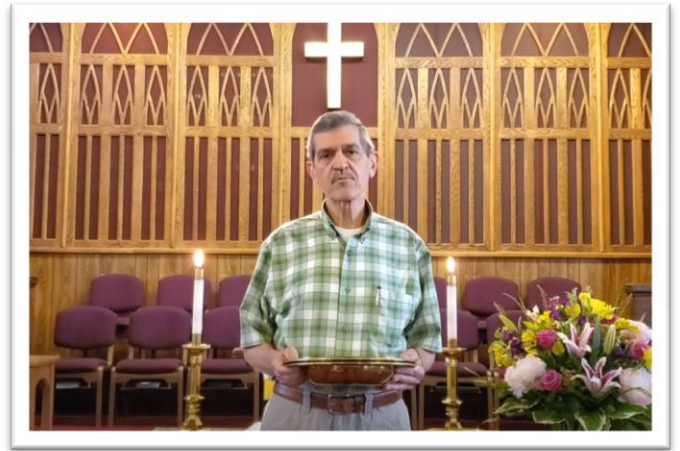
As the state of North Carolina enters Phase Two of its COVID-19 response, the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC has updated their **Guidelines for In-Person Worship and Ministry During COVID-19**. These will be effective Saturday May 23, 2020 and will remain in effect until at least June 30, 2020. In alignment and compliance with public health guidance, governmental mandates, and our scriptural and Wesleyan call to "love others" and "do no harm," these guidelines are to be followed by churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. These guidelines along with an FAQ document are available here: [www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/phase-two-guidelines-for-in-person-worship-ministry-during-covid-19-14001045](http://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/phase-two-guidelines-for-in-person-worship-ministry-during-covid-19-14001045)

### WUMC ON YOUTUBE

We have all kinds of videos available for you on our YouTube Channel: worship services, youth group activities, Sunday School classes, & more. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAmGIzE0NZIhe63PwJP\\_gSg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAmGIzE0NZIhe63PwJP_gSg/videos)

**UPCOMING SERVICES: Sunday Worship 5/31** – available beginning at 8:00am

It's not too late to watch **this past Sunday's service** if you missed it. You'll get to see several people in your WUMC family and enjoy special music in honor of Memorial Day. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P097obqOLuk>



## **WUMC ON ZOOM**

Join us for online fellowship using Zoom! It's super easy; all you have to do is click on a link that Emily will email to you. If you aren't receiving Emily's texts or emails with the login ID and meeting password, please email her at [youth@weavervilleumc.org](mailto:youth@weavervilleumc.org) so you can stay connected!

**Children:** Wednesday at 3pm, Sunday at 11:30am

**Youth:** Wednesday at 5pm, Sunday at 5pm

**Confirmation Class:** Sunday at 4:15pm

**Ignite Sunday School:** Sunday at 10am

**Holly's Preschool Class:** Thursday at 10am

**Melissa's Preschool Class:** Thursday at 10:30am

## **WUMC YOUTH – FROM EMILY**

I'm working on a plan for the youth for the summer, and by June 1 I'll have it ready for you. Just for information, no face to face meetings will take place indoors and when we do meet, it will take place outdoors under controlled conditions following guidelines of the state and Bishop. The transition of rising 6th graders will not take place until the new school year when we will have a celebration to welcome new youth to the group and future youth activities, so that's something to look forward to in August! Also a reminder that any previously scheduled summer youth events (except Hinton Center Aug 7, 8, 9) have been suspended. The Hinton trip is currently scheduled with a deposit paid, but it is subject to change based on Covid19. Therefore any youth who pays their deposit, is guaranteed a refund should the trip be cancelled. Reminder that a deposit of \$50/youth is due this weekend. Total trip cost is \$115 due by July 4. Checks can be mailed to WUMC PO Box 37 with "youth retreat" in memo.

Regarding children's activities for the summer, it's already been communicated to you that VBS will be postponed to the fall (pending Corona conditions), and all things like movie on the lawn and other get together are suspended. We will continue with zooms for children's messages (communicated through Remind app) and I am also working on a no contact event or two for the children during the summer.

## **WUMC PRESCHOOL**

Ms. Holly and our other lovely preschool teachers recorded a sweet video to say goodbye to their students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0YvIVbZJ8c&feature=youtu.be> They are also planning to hold a drive-by graduation celebration for the 4 year-olds this Wednesday night. Watch for photos in next week's Twizzler...



## **MUSIC TO UPLIFT**

**Music Director Charlie Harnish has graciously shared his Corona Concert No. 10 with us.** The concert begins with a patriotic *Tribute to America* in honor of Memorial Day, and then continues with *Still, Still With Thee; I Need Thee Every Hour; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind/Sonata Pathétique; My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*, and more. You can view the performance here:

<https://www.facebook.com/charnish/videos/10104213596715954/>

## **SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**Thank you very much to everyone who has continued to support WUMC with their contributions!** We look forward to the day when we can be together again and pass the collection plates in our beloved sanctuary.

### **Options to donate:**

1. On our web site: [www.weavervilleumc.org/donations](http://www.weavervilleumc.org/donations)
2. Through your bank's online bill pay
3. Mail checks to:

Weaverville United Methodist Church  
PO Box 37  
Weaverville, NC 28787



## **WE ARE HERE TO SERVE**

For those in our congregation who may need assistance: we have a pantry with food and basic supplies that can meet most needs. Contact Pastor Deval or Renee Weaver to let us know if you could use some help. We will deliver to you or meet you at the church. If you need fresh items or medicines, we will pick that up at the store for you.

**Deval Mason:** [dmason@weavervilleumc.org](mailto:dmason@weavervilleumc.org) or 828-645-6721

## **PRAYER LIST**

The Brooker Family, Tena Denning, Carolyn Dotts, Nan & Steve Gregory, Diane Griffin, Emma Hughey, Joyce King, Cindy Mayo, Elaine Robinson, Lauren Shanor, Jackson Stafford, Mac White, Bob Whiting

*This list is reset at the beginning of each month. Please email [office@weavervilleumc.org](mailto:office@weavervilleumc.org) to request changes.*

***May God bless you and keep you...***



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