FROM REV. DEVAL MASON

Isn't it amazing how quickly our conversations and concerns can change. In our country a week ago the concerns our conversations dealt with were: when should we re-open restaurants? when should we re-open churches? where and when should we wear masks? should we take public transportation of any type? These and questions like this were our top conversation concerns.

How quickly things change. Because of the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the events that surrounded his death, throughout our country our conversations have changed dramatically. When people are being unjustly killed, the main concern is no longer what should we do, but how can we help. When businesses are being looted and burned, the main concerns for that community are not should we re-open and wear masks, but how do we keep our people safe and when and how do we rebuild our town? When churches are being looted and burned, the main concern is not should we re-open and wear masks, but how do we faithfully minister to the lost and hurting people in our community and when and how do we rebuild our church?

Hopefully the fearful and tragic events happening in so many communities does not happen here in our communities. Even if those events do not happen here, may our prayers, concerns, attitudes, and love reach out to all the hurting people within our own communities and to all the hurting people throughout our country. We definitely have something important to converse about. May God bless us and all those who are hurting in any way. God Is Good! All The Time!

CREATIVE FELLOWSHIP!

We may not be able to worship together in person just yet, but we are still connected in Spirit as a church family. Here’s a unique way for us to gather and also show the town of Weaverville that our church is still vibrant: We’re going to fill the front windows of our Fellowship Center with these figures to represent our church family! 1. Please print out the attached PDF document – one figure for each & every person in your home.
2. Color them in, write your first name somewhere on the front, and cut them out.
3. Return them to WUMC by mail or place in the box just outside of the Sanctuary as soon as you’re able. We'll let you know when we start posting them so you can stop by to enjoy the display. If you can’t print from home, we have a box of blank figures outside the sanctuary so you can pick one up there. We want to fill up those windows with our WUMC Spirit so please participate. Be creative and have fun! (But please do not return a figure if you have been showing signs of illness.)

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Last week the amazing staff of our preschool put on the sweetest little drive-through graduation parade EVER! We sure do love our teachers and our students. There’s a whole mess of cute photos here if you want to feel the WUMC love: https://photos.app.goo.gl/tT18Zfxkkn7BFrlJ4
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

UPCOMING SERVICES: Sunday Worship 6/7 – available beginning at 8:00am
It’s not too late to watch this past Sunday’s service for Pentecost, which includes a beautiful tribute to our graduating NBHS senior, Jania Richards.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFPp7zUCjkw
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 so you can stay connected!

Children: Sunday at 11:30am
Youth: Wednesday at 6:45pm, Sunday at 5:00pm
Ignite Sunday School: Sunday at 10am

ATTENTION KIDS!!
Hey, kids up through 5th grade! Let’s celebrate the end of the school year TOMORROW (Wednesday, June 3) from 6:00-6:30pm. All kids of the church up through 5th grade are invited to join in the car parade through the back church parking lot and pick up a popsicle to celebrate the end of the school year! Please enter from Reeves St, follow the line and then exit through the Baptist Church parking lot. Popsicles will be distributed using safety guidelines. We hope you can all attend as we celebrate the end of the school year!

WUMC YOUTH
Our first in-person youth group informational meeting will be TOMORROW, Wednesday June 3, 6:45-7:30pm in the back parking lot behind the church. Youth will be in every other parking space, and other safety guidelines will be observed. Please wear a mask. We will discuss summer activities. Zoom will still be provided during the meeting, for anyone who is unable to attend in person.

MUSIC TO UPLIFT
We are all very fortunate that our talented Music Director, Charlie Harnish, is still sharing his wonderful Corona Concerts with us. He performed the eleventh one yesterday, with music tending to center on the theme of Pentecost & the Holy Spirit: Spirit God Descend Upon My Heart/O Breath of Life, Be Still My Soul, His Eye is on the Sparrow, ‘Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus/Sweet Sweet Spirit, Wonderful Peace, Jesus Loves Me, plus some modern Disney tunes! (Bonus: Wolfgang gets a new toy and does some performing of his own.) You can view the concert here: https://www.facebook.com/charnish/videos/10104224256992674/

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
2. Through your bank’s online bill pay
3. Mail checks to:
   Weaverville United Methodist Church
   PO Box 37
   Weaverville, NC 28787
GOOD NEWS!
Church member Megan Weaver, daughter of Tom and Penny Weaver, earned a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in English from Old Dominion University in May. Megan has accepted a position as Collegiate Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Writing at Virginia Tech beginning in August. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!

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: dmoson@weavervilleumc.org or (828)645-6721

PRAYER LIST
The Brooker Family, Tena Denning, Carolyn Dotts, Nan & Steve Gregory, Emma Hughey, Joyce King, Elaine Robinson, Lauren Shanor, Jackson Stafford, Justin Travis, Mac White, Bob Whiting
This list is reset at the beginning of each month. Please email office@weavervilleumc.org to request changes.

May God bless you and keep you.

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