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PRAYER
changes things



The Summer Maple

Isaiah 43:16-19

*This is what the LORD says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty water
who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:*

“Forget the former things;

do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

A New Front Door:

It used to be that visitors to the church would come through the front doors and into the sanctuary for worship. That has all changed! Now, the front door to our church is through social media and our website! It is now easier than ever to invite people to church. You can post on fb “join me for church this Sunday at 10:00 by going to our website MUMCPA.ORG and click on the you tube button.” We can worship together while sitting on our backyard patio, coffee in hand! In fact, if you can’t make it at 10:00 am, thanks to technology, you can watch our service 24/7! Never has it been more convenient to worship. And never has it been easier to invite a friend to join you.

In the past several months, while our building has been shut down for much of our traditional ways of doing things, new opportunities have presented themselves, allowing us to interface with our community in very meaningful ways. Through your generous giving to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund,

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I have had the profound honor of meeting and helping people in our community who I would not otherwise have met. Lives are being touched and transformed by the love of Jesus being extended through our church even during this pandemic....especially during this pandemic.

I have also become acquainted with members of the community (while never meeting face to face) through our community presence on fb and because we are preparing and giving out meals and food to hundreds of people. Yes, hundreds of people! A 5-year-old girl who attends the Montessori School held a lemonade stand for two days in June, so she could present me with the proceeds to help a neighbor.

The same day she presented me with the \$210 she raised, I was able to turn around and help a young mother whose 2-year-old son's father died, leaving them with serious financial difficulty. This precious and timely scene left all of the adults in tears!

I have also been approached by community members, who I have yet to meet in person, with a desire to be involved with our church mission as soon as it is safe to do so. These requests have set the wheels of my brain in motion: how will we include our new friends when we return to in-person worship, ministry and mission? People are coming into our church community through a new front door. How will we recognize them and include them moving forward?

We cannot go back to the way things were. New doors of ministry and mission have opened for us. It would be short-sighted of us to NOT invite people in through them. It would be cruel and inhospitable of us to not stand at these doors to greet all who enter. It would be foolish of us to NOT create a path for our new friends to use their gifts for God's kingdom work in our midst.

How will we invite, welcome, and embrace people coming in through the new front door God has opened for us?

"Where there is no vision – the people perish." Says Proverbs 29:18

*Peace and Joy,
Wendy*



Family Backpack Center --Collecting School Supplies

Thank you to the MUMC family who continues to support the IFA's Family Backpack Center! The IFA has received many generous donations of money and food this summer and has been able to help fifty food insecure families of our community with pre-packaged groceries and grocery store gift cards throughout these challenging times.

While we don't yet know what the 20-21 school year will look like, we do know that the children will need supplies! We have the backpacks, and have begun collecting basic supplies. Please consider helping out by dropping off supplies at the church in a closed plastic bag labeled IFA in the box at the large parking lot doors OR ordering for contact free delivery via our Amazon Wish list. (Choose "ship to Mindy" and the items will be delivered to one of our IFA members homes to be stored until needed.) Also, please remember Amazon Smile and choose the Interfaith Food Alliance as your charity of choice!

This link should take you right to the IFA's Amazon wish list.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/7yunki9?ref =wl_share



Tuesday, July 7th / Tuesday, August 25th / Friday, September 18th

COVID19 impacted the blood supply in our communities which our hospitals and patients rely on daily. The Red Cross has been working to rebuild this supply and hopes to continue doing this during the summer months. We have decided to offer our Fellowship Hall for a donor sight in July, August and September. Please check their website to make your appointment. Starting with the July date, the Red Cross will also be offering COVID Antibody testing during the blood donation process for at least the next 4 months.



Rose Breakfast Reimagined

The United Methodist Women's long tradition of hosting a June Rose Breakfast was interrupted, but not vanquished! Thanks to creative thinking and wonderful technology, we were able to host a program called "Spiritually Aligned in Challenging Times" brought to us by Dr. Toni Warner McIntyre. 40 participants from our church community and friends were blessed by this program. If you missed it, the video is available, as are several links for more information. Because of the overwhelming positive response, there is the possibility of the program being repeated later this summer.



MyCalling Youth Mission Event July 13, 14, and 15

Our mission this year is to provide a peaceful pause in this time of stress with Covid-19. Additionally, we will focus on Christ's love and how we need to fit time for him in our peaceful pauses and do his good works at the same time!

Our Bible Verse Focus: Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God"

Our Schedule:

- 9 - 9:30 - Morning Prep (sanitize, rules of social distancing and hopes and dreams of the day- and prayer/meditation)
- 9:30 - 10:00am Arrive at work site.
- 10-12 - Mission Work
- 12-1pm - Sanitize, Lunch and Devo Time
- 1-2:30 - Mission Work
- 2:30-3pm - Transport and sweet treat time
- 3pm-4/4:30pm - Closing (clean-up and prep for next day, review of the day, Worship/testimony, team-building activity & Prayer)
- 4:30-5:30 - Drop off at home.

What type of work will we be doing?

- Know Where Farm
- Local Yard work for a person in need
- The Kindness Rock Project
- Letter Writing to Kids in Need
- Sidewalk Chalk Talk
- Build Care Packages for the Homeless

**Our Youth group is meeting on Wednesday afternoons through the summer in the side yard. Contact Jennifery Ayling Arruda for more detailed information and a schedule.



Ecumenical Discussion on Racism

Grieved by the unveiling of violence and injustice toward people of color in our community and our nation, we joined with the Morrisville Presbyterian Church via zoom in June for a time of prayer. This was followed by a zoom conference meeting where we discussed how we might be able to share our voice and give witness to our belief that we are all God's precious children, no matter our culture or skin color. All lives cannot matter until black lives matter. Our Christian faith calls us to act toward love and justice for all.

A third zoom meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 at 7:00 pm to discuss Peggy MCintosh's article on White Privilege which you can find here: <https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf> You are invited to read this article, pray about it, talk about it, and come back together to this group with an open heart to learn again from one another.

Other recommended resources are:

Book List

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram Kendi

I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Movie List

13—A Netflix Documentary about the 13th Amendment and its role in the US prison boom.

Harriet—Movie based on the life of abolitionist Harriet Tubman

Just Mercy—Movie based on the memoir (with the same title) of Bryan Stevenson, founder of Equal Justice Initiative

Our Church Reopening Plan

The Leadership of the church has been talking, planning and preparing for the re-opening of our building and grounds in stages through the summer.

Education Wing still on lock down

The doors are locked to the Education wing of our facility, with no one gaining access to use the rooms or the bathrooms for any reason. The Inter-Faith Food Alliance continues with their essential ministry with community families and is spread out into various rooms and the hallways to better serve our neighbors. We are grateful that this ministry and other food ministries are continuing to offer life-sustaining help.

Our grounds are open for scheduled activities.

We have beautiful and spacious grounds being made available to our church and community groups. Because of social distancing and cleaning requirements, it is critical to schedule all activities through our church office and/or our Trustee Representative, Carol Somers.

- Our Youth group has been meeting outside.
- A POUND class has been meeting outside
- Some meetings are taking place outside
- The Outdoor Worship Center is available for use

Sunday night Vespers

Sundays in July at 7:00 pm

Pastor Wendy is hosting an evening devotional time with communion in our outside worship center. Because of social distancing, you will need to bring a lawn chair. There will be no singing. Communion will be shared using individually wrapped elements. Cloth masks must be worn while moving about, but can be removed once you are sitting.

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Fellowship hall is open for groups and meetings

Because our hall has easy access and is easily cleaned, with ample space for social distance, we have invited our AA and ALANON and NARANON groups to return to our building for their very important meetings. Our own church groups and other community groups are also being allowed to use this space. Scheduling is critical so we do not have more than one meeting or group at a time, and ample time is given for cleaning. All groups who use this space must practice safety and use the supplies provided to wipe down all touch surfaces.

Sanctuary and In-Person Worship

The sanctuary has been prepared for in-person worship. Pews have been marked and roped off to show how to enter the building and proceed into the sanctuary.

- Teams of Ushers and Parking Lot greeters are being assembled to help direct and welcome people for all services.
- We are training Technical teams so our live stream service can continue indefinitely – not just for Sunday morning worship, but also for funeral services and wedding celebrations and other important gatherings.
- A Cleaning team is being gathered to insure safety prior to and after each service.

Please let us know if you are able to help with any of these teams.

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Our Projected Start Date is Sunday, August 2 One Service at 10:00 am

Seating in the sanctuary will be limited for the purpose of safe social distancing, so an overflow gathering will be set up in Fellowship Hall using the Live stream technology.

- Cloth masks will be required to enter the building and will be worn the entire time
- Social distancing will be practiced at all time. NO CONTACT
- Hand sanitizer will be available in multiple places
- There will be no congregational singing (although you can hum under your mask).
- A flow of traffic has been marked, and will be followed
- The lobby and Education Wing are closed.
- No Choir
- No Children's time or childcare or children's ministry. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship in the sanctuary.
- No food or beverage will be served.

As CDC regulations change, and as we become comfortable with our protocol, there will be adaptations. Only one service will be held on Sunday morning, which will be live-streamed, at least until Christmas. Special music will be worked out with Vaa, Abby and George.



Thank you all for your generosity with grocery store gift cards and cash for the food closet. We have been able to help put food on the table for dozens of community families over the past five months of this pandemic.

For the summer, we would like to think a bit creatively to help our friends.

We do NOT need:

- Pasta or pasta sauce
- Canned tuna, chicken, or spam
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Soup
- Beans or lentils

We DO need:

- Bottles of juice and juiced boxes
- Crackers
- Condiments (think summer!)
- Mayonnaise
- Personal hygiene products such as:
Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant,
Toothpaste and tooth brushes
Tampons and sanitary napkins
Cotton balls, band aids, antiseptic creams
Cleaning supplies and detergents

July Birthdays:

- 1 – Emmanuel Milton-Gorvie
- 2 – Laura Garry, Ruth Harvick, Courtney Walsh
- 3 – Mandela Bull 4 – Kelly Mullen 7 – Steve Decker, Florence Massaquoi
- 9 – Walter Nagbe, Brian Savini, Christian Tiacomulco, Erin Walsh
- 10 – Kathleen Lash
- 11 – Mark Arruda, Candace Braun, Barbara Gillis
- 12 – Juliette Jawara 14 – Jacob Bernard, Bradford Noble
- 15 – Jacob Bernard, Wendy Bellis, Jimbo Gafgen, Richard Manners, Nancy Sample
- 16 – Carrie Yates
- 17 – Aaron Hammer, Daniel Lebegern, Samantha Weed
- 18 – Janet Fabian 21 – Kaylee Martin
- 22 – Karin Bonner, Madison Russell, Magdaleno Tiacomulco 23 – Kimberly Shipp
- 24 – Lois Avery
- 25 – Sharon Fast, Tami Leather, Clarence Schiefer
- 28 – Diana Pabers, 29 – Thomas Martin
- 30 – Miriam Burkhardt, Amy Mealey, Chaad Whitter

August Birthdays:

- 2 – Lori Decker 3 – Richard Dulay
- 6 – Emma Garry, Robert Jones Kevin McCormick
- 8 – Jaxton Smith, Joey Urbano
- 10 – Becky Kent
- 17 – Kathy Berry, Matthew Russell, Brandon Weed 19 – Emma Lash
- 25 – Ty Decker 26 – Brian Doron, Ashley Mealey
- 30 – Rachel Barlow, Marian Makemson, Roger Miller
- 31 – Deborah Barlow, Deborah Eickhoff

July Anniversaries

- 2 – Jim & Rhonda Rea = 43 years
- 10 – Hal & Wanda Long = 60 years
- 15 – Tom & Karleen Miller = 59 years
- 16 – Allan & Lillian Mannon
- 21 – Jay & Amy Alvino = 8 years
- 25 – Paul & Carol Somers = 61 years
- 29 – Richard & Courtney Andujar = 4 years

August Anniversaries

- 1 – Emmanuel & Aneza Abalo = 25 years
- 8 – Margy & Dean Dickson = 33 years
- 13 – Bryan & Fran Arcomano = 18 years
- 13 – Scott & Jaime Urban = 15 years
- 20 – Kate Albers = 18 years
- 21 – Brian & Cynthia Doron = 27 years