



"Welcoming all to experience, connect, grow and share the love and hope of Christ."

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United Methodist Church

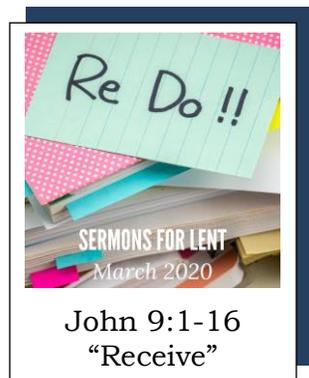
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Sunday, March 22, 2020

"Remaining Connected in the Midst of Social Distancing"

The past few weeks we have all learned a new term – social distancing. Because of the contagious nature of COVID-19 and to protect those whose health is vulnerable, government agencies have been encouraging the practice of social distancing, which essentially includes avoiding large gatherings, only going out in public when you have to, and staying six feet apart when you are around other people. This has presented



John 9:1-16
"Receive"

challenges to every aspect of society, and churches are having to make adjustments on the fly to remain connected in the midst of social distancing. It raises the question; how do we remain connected when our most vital forms of ministry involve social embracing rather than social distancing?

In terms of worship for this Sunday and the following Sunday (and maybe even longer), we will not have a public gathering, but will instead offer a **live stream worship service at 10:30 via "Facebook Live"**. You do not have to be a Facebook user to access the live videos, so just simply go to www.facebook.com/CentervilleUMCGA and you will be able to follow along. You can access the video on a computer, a tablet or a smartphone. Also starting this next week, we will offer a **Wednesday night devotional and prayer time on Facebook Live, which will be held at 6pm**. We will aim to make this an active time where you can comment with prayer requests, and we will pray for them in real time. We also will be updating our social media accounts with activities for kids, devotional suggestions, and important information. These are a few ways we are trying to stay connected as a church during this time of social distancing.

Our hope is that social distancing will not lead to spiritual distancing. There is truly no replacement for experiencing Christian community in person, but fortunately for us God's presence is always around us. I hope that you will seek God's presence through daily devotional practices (searching the scriptures, prayer and meditation, etc), and will engage with us online in the ways I mentioned above. This is an unusual time, but we trust that it will only be for a season and that God is in control. Let's lift up in prayer everyone impacted by this disease, and do our part to make sure we can get back to normal soon.

Normally we have a listing here of some upcoming programs, but for now we are unsure what the future holds. Instead here are some reminders of ways that we can remain connected:

- Join us each Sunday at 10:30am for our live stream! Also join us for Wednesday night's devotion and prayer time at 6:00pm.
- Please let us know what is going on with you and your family! I will be working remotely the next few weeks, so please feel free to give me a call, or send me an email or text.
- Check in on one another! Now is a wonderful time to utilize your phone trees and church directories to see how things are going with those you normally would see, and even those you have not seen or talked to in a while.
- Stay invested through giving! We will still have financial needs as a church, so we encourage you to give online or via mail if you do not already do so.
- Finally, let's pray! Please remember to lift up medical professionals, leaders, first responders, those impacted by the virus and those whose livelihood is threatened due to the economic impact of a partial societal shutdown.

Essentials 360 Bible Reading Plan

Week of March 22nd:

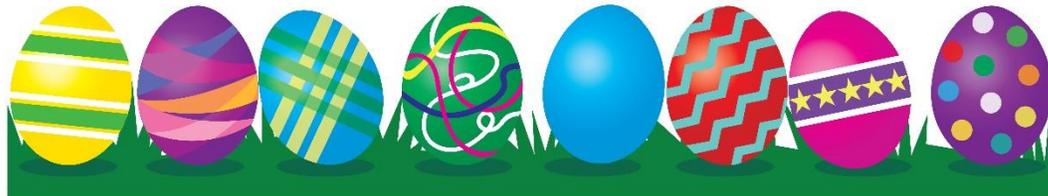
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| Sunday | Hebrews 9 |
| Monday | Hebrews 10 |
| Tuesday | Hebrews 11 |
| Wednesday | Hebrews 12 |
| Thursday | Hebrews 13 |
| Friday | James 1 |
| Saturday | James 2 |

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ❖ *In memory of Barbara Phillips* by Bennie & Joyce Wyatt
- ❖ *In memory of Jennifer Daniels* by Bennie & Joyce Wyatt
- ❖ *In memory of Bert Crow* by Tiffany Hunnicutt

Flowers on the Altar

The fresh flower arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God *in honor of Sara Colbert on her 88th birthday and Cecil Colbert on his 90th heavenly birthday.*



We

Need Easter Eggs!

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids cannot be successful without your help. Please bring pre-filled eggs (no chocolate or nuts) to the office or children's wing by Palm Sunday (April 5th). Thanks so much for your support of our children's ministries!

Fundraiser for Emma Moseley

T-shirts are \$20. She will need all the help she can get with all the tests, expenses, travel and time off work for parents. You may contact Karen Avant (Emma's grandmother) 478-305-4566 or April Westmoreland (Emma's Mother) by text (478-318-8180). Thank you in advance! Or you can mail to: Emma Moseley, 165 Pearl Dr, Gray GA 31032.

Thank-you for your support to our UMW take-home lunch fundraiser for the preschool. We raised over \$600! You rock!!

EASTER HAMMS

Now on sale by The Methodist Men
Available Friday, April 10, by 4pm and
Saturday, April 11, by 2pm

\$35

Stuff for the kids!

Be sure to look for the attachments with this newsletter for some fun stuff that the kids can do!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

New Concerns

Linda Blanton
Shari Andrews
Connie Mori
Curt Mayfield
Paula Cunningham
Emma Moseley

Continue Prayers for:

Lee Love
Bill Cole
Amanda Knipp
Donna Nichols
John & Ferrelle Bagley
Jennie Walston
Ron Walston
Michael Walston
John & Tamera Causey
Christy McGill
Amy Byrd
Katherine Bray
Joan Johnson
Robin Hortman
Shane Stevens
Tyler Drawhorn
Logan Stevens
Angie Hester
Richard Watson
Family of Randy Easter
Jennifer Zeager
Lloyd Cargill
Family of Lois Minor
Hailey Holder Allen
Linda Greene
Pete Austin
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Woody Davis
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for March 8, 2020

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| Operating Budget | \$3,703 |
| Local Mission | 100 |
| Vashti | 15 |
| Children's Fund | 50 |
| Total | \$3,868 |

Attendance

8:30 & 10:30: **99**
Sunday School: **59**