

The Connection

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Dear Church Members and Friends,

This whole situation surrounding the coronavirus has changed many things in the world around us. We are staying home. We are wearing masks when we go out. We are washing our hands frequently. We are taking precautions to avoid this virus that we never imagined having to take a few weeks ago. We are not attending worship in person and that has been very discouraging for many of us.

Scripture reminds us in Hebrews 12:3, "So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up. Isaiah 40:31 tells us, "but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary. Other scriptures provide comfort, hope, and encouragement to not give up but to rely on God during this time. A few that I have been leaning on are Galatians 6:9, "Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up"; Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"; Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"; and 2 Corinthians 4:1, "Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart."

As a friend and colleague in ministry, Rev. Shane Bishop, recently shared on social media, "There are a hundred reasons for churches to declare they can't possibly be effective in this culture. There is only one reason that states why they can: Jesus rose from the dead."

I believe we can be effective in ministry no matter our circumstances as long as we resist the temptation to be discouraged. Sometimes we are discouraged even when we try not to be. One thing that has always helped me has been to put to a limit on it. So I may take an hour or two or a full day to take a break, acknowledge I am having a rough day but find a way to move on to something that lifts my spirits in a healthy and safe way. I have had to slow down on baking and eating being my "fix". Music, reading scripture for inspiration, reading something just for fun, watching a movie, making time to call a family member or a friend are all ways that get me moving forward and put me in a positive frame of mind.

We are seeking to safely do ministry as the church living in this time when we need a spiritual and mental lift.

1. WORSHIP-ON-line worship is being provided on social media and our web-site on Sunday mornings at 9 and 11 a.m. If you can't watch worship for any reason on social media at home, sign up for Monday worship viewings in the choir room at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited to six people at a time and masks or face coverings of some sort are required. Sign up by calling the office. You must call ahead to participate. If additional viewing times are needed, they will be added on Mondays.

2. DRIVE-THRU PRAYER-We are continuing to have drive-thru prayer available to members and the general public on Saturdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Sundays from 1-3 p.m. (Prayer volunteers needed. Call if you want to help. Those seeking prayer just drive up to the white tent and we will pray with them from a safe distance. If you have a prayer request, you can also call the office or drop them off in the outside black mailbox on the north side of the church sanctuary.

3. SHARING OUR STORIES-Send pictures of yourself and family and activities that we can share in our weekly mailings during the stay at home order.

4. SHARING OUR FAITH STORIES-This is a great time to share our Christian witness and personal testimony to those in need of hearing stories of hope, redemption and God's saving grace. If you would like to record a 3-minute personal testimony that we can share on the Edgewater UMC Facebook page and website, contact Pastor Donna about doing this.

5. SHARING OUR LOVE-Our Mercy Ministry team is staying connected with our home-bound church members and others with needs during this time. If you want to help send cards or participate in the care of others, contact the office for more information.

6. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE-The Worship Comm., Trustees and other groups are developing plans to return to worship. Temporary safety measures will be necessary but won't last forever. We are coming back to the building but will continue to be the church both in and out of the church building.

In Service with and for Christ,
Pastor Donna

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Current Worship Services can be seen on
Facebook Live
and on our Website



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Pastor

Melissa Macnab
Music Director

Dot Myers
Administrative Assistant

Andy Macnab
Audio-Visual Technician

Bob Snyder
Treasurer

Patty Moody
Pianist

Bonnie Patterson
Organist

Sheila Rossner
Nursery Attendant

Fred Dean
Custodian

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

MAY BIRTHDAYS

01—Peg Schrader +
 01—Evelene Warren
 02—Gayle Marsh
 02—Rachel Over
 05—Edna Lupo +
 05—Spencer Weekley +
 06—Nancy Sanders +
 09—Joe Hale +
 10—Caroline Schaefer
 10—Jeannette Watson +
 12—Ruth Michie +
 13—Zander Macnab
 13—Don Reese
 19—Micah Macnab
 23—Jackie Jessup
 23—Dot Myers
 25—Julie Duleba
 25—Barbara Legge
 27—George Michie +
 27—Jerry Wildberger +
 +=80 or above



CANCER:	Jim Feinning	Judy Littorin	Maureen Powers
	Tom Carrigan	Susan Hahn	Mauricio Martell
	Norma Cassada	Melinda Hamilton	Kim McCarty
	Ellen Chapman	Claudia Hansen	John Miles
	Rick Chapman	Tom Heximer	Randy Miller
	Leigh Clark	Mike Hockett	Lorie Morris
	Kristine Culver	Scott Jackson	Brytan Musgrave
	JoEllen Curtis	Bob Lester	Tommie O'Donoghue
			Pat Walker

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Christopher Anderson	Travis Clayton	Ross J. Kelley	Samuel Roberts
Stephen Brindle	Christian Eckberg	Elijah Leary	Tyler Schooled
Lizzy Brown	Jillian Fuimano	David Lewis	Eric Shepherd
Matt Carpenter	Kayleigh Greenough	Joshua Mendez	Zac Tepfer
Nathan Chittick	Thomas Hansen	Mackenzie Milner	Josef Wojtiw
	Reese J. Kelley	Jesse Evan Oliver	

GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Sandy Bailey	Charlotte Dockery	Nina & Jeff Jenkins	Karin Smuts
Pastor Donna & Tom Blythe	Jim Feinning	Richard Lamm	
Lindy DeLoe	Dee Foster	Beth & Joe Schuler	
	Bonnie Franke	Karen Sheets	

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

02—Bud & Arlene Tilison
 03—George & Ruth Michie
 04—Bryce & Sarah Woods
 14—Spener Weekley & Barbara Legge
 15—Vincent & Helen Karl
 22—Jim & Hedy Jacobsen



Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins:

Norma Cassada	Wilma Montgomery	Martha Petersen	Nettie Secrest
Pat Chaney	Tom Nelson	Bill Price	Estelle Smith
Meta Devlin	Ed & Vivian Nunn	Lois Ann Rector	Phyllis Sperry
Jeannie Foster	Nestor Olijnyk	Dave & Nancy Sanders	
Bonnie Franke	Ruth Pawlowski		

If you need an address or phone number please call the office:

(386)-428-6552

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE