

The Messenger

We are believers in Christ who gather to
PRAISE God, GROW and SERVE.

June 2020



Pastor's Corner

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6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

-Acts 1:6-9 (N.I.V.)

I have heard from many church members who have appreciated the online presence during our shelter at home. I read their comments on Facebook and they are appreciated. Maybe you have seen the many advertisements on television that claim, "we are all in this together." While we are physically apart, we have been able to stay together through social media.

The idea of 'together' is gaining new appreciation and understanding during this pandemic. Two weeks ago I was walking through a store in Springfield when a person stopped me and thanked me for sharing Centenary's Sunday worship services online. This person is not a member or even a regular attendee at Centenary. I was faced with my own new understanding of 'together' during this brief encounter.

Beyond this one meeting, I have noticed a huge upswing in the number of people who visit our Facebook and Website pages. The Easter Sunday service was seen by nearly 1,200 people, including one person who simply said, "thanks." There is a story behind that 'thanks', one I cannot share, but trust me, it

was a big God moment.

In the days of the coronavirus, I have seen Centenary web site traffic increase as high as 313%. Of those who are visiting our site, 67% are new, meaning they have never been to the site before. Those who have been on our site are staying 17% longer than before the virus. The most sought out the links are the Home Page, the Sermon Archives, the Messenger, Giving and the calendar.

The statistics from Facebook are even more eye opening. For the dates between April 22 through May 19, 1,600 viewed the 15 posts that were uploaded by Centenary staff. There have been 10 new people view our posts since April 28. There have been, on average, 245 responses to each post in that time frame. All this means is Centenary is reaching people and those people are engaged with us through social media.

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Centenary UMC

Church Staff

Pastor.....Mel Nielsen
Coordinator of Outreach
and Growth.....Kevin Hinkle
Church Secretary.....Christi Kennedy
Music Director.....Terri Benz
Contemporary Worship Leader.....Rachel Hinkle
Parish Visitor.....Jane Lair
Custodian.....Patty Adcock
Nursery Attendant.....Kayleigh Dirden
Nursery Attendant.....Chloe McDannald

Centenary's Missionaries

Mark & Rebecca Smallwood - Teachers at Red Bird
Mission School in Kentucky

Church Information

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Illinois Great Rivers Conference Website: www.igrc.org

Please Note: Due to the current circumstances of sheltering in place all dates in June are subject to postponement or cancelation.

In Sympathy

- Millie Laugharn.....May 5, 2020
- Francis Ballard.....May 7, 2020
- Charles Beddingfield.....May 22, 2020

Sunday Morning Schedule

- Traditional Worship Service.....8:15 a.m.
- Sunday School (all ages).....9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship Hour.....between services
- Contemporary Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

Special Worship Services

- Holy Communion.....Sun., June 7

Special Offerings

- Pennies for Hunger.....Sun., June 28

Fellowship Opportunities

- Fellowship Hour.....Every Sunday between services
- Tuesday Morning Fellowship.....Every Tue., 6-9 a.m. at SafeCo. Bakery

Mission Opportunities

- AlAnon Meeting.....every Wed., 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Donate Blood.....Mon., June 1 & 8 at Passavant Hospital, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- MMDC Work Day.....Mon., June 15, 8 a.m.

Leadership Opportunities

- Education.....Wed., June 3, 6 p.m.
- FinanceMon., June 15, 6 p.m.
- Missions.....Wed., June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Children's Ministries

- Sunday School.....Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Music Practices

- Chancel Choir.....Mondays 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Bible/Book Studies

- Lectionary Bible Study.....Every Tue., 9:30 a.m. @ Barbara Wooldridge's Home
- Monday Night Bible Study..... Every Monday 6:00 p.m.

Communications

- Mini-Messenger Deadline.....Wednesdays at Noon
- Messenger Deadline.....Thurs., June 18, 9 a.m.
- Messenger Folding Party.....Thurs., June 25, 9 a.m.



THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MESSENGER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 9 A.M.

FUSION Mission Trip
to
Colorado Springs, CO
has been canceled.

A local mission event is being organized for youth 6-12 grade. Please watch our Facebook page, Website or Messenger for more information.

Budget Overview

Below is the most up to date budget information. You are able to see how Centenary's giving is matching up with the projected 2020 budget.

Your generosity is needed to help make the churches budget during these days of separation.

Needed	
2020 Annual Budget.....	\$360,174.00
Needed Monthly.....	\$30,014.50
Year to Date through April 30	
Received	\$87,643.63
Current Annual Track.....	-\$272,530.37
Avg. Monthly donations so far through 2020.....	
	\$21,910.91

Sunday Morning Helpers

Liturgists

8:15

June 7 - Pat Manker
June 14 - Barbara Wooldridge
June 21 - Barb Ginder
June 28 - Bev Rhine

Greeters

8:15

June 7 - Helen Baldwin
June 14 - Dale and Jean Shafer
June 21 - Shelby Pennell
June 28 - Donna Tolbert

10:45

All dates - Diana Phillips

Communion Stewards

8:15 - June 7

Helen Baldwin/Cyndi Claussen - Sec. 1
Gary Hayes/Pat Manker - Sec. 2
Shelby Pennell/Brenda Lane - Sec. 3
Bob and Rita Northrop - Sec. 4

10:45 - June 7

Pastor Mel/Marilyn Kimmons
Bonita Day/Marilyn Denney

Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

June 7 - LuAnne Woodrum
June 14 - Terri Benz
June 21 - Debbie Nielsen
June 28 - Mary Tomlin and class

Please Note:

According to the governor's order to extend the shelter at home and directives from our conference, no services will be held at Centenary in June. Please see more information on page 10.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

*The following is a tentative schedule for
June 2020 worship.*

(Readings & message may change without notice.)

June 7

Trinity Sunday
Altar Color - White
Special: Holy Communion
"Agreeable"
NT: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

June 14

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
"The Essential Church"
NT: Romans 5:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:4

June 21

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
Special: Father's Day
"Why Not Us?"
NT: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

June 28

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
"The Welcoming Church"
NT: Romans 6:12-23
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-11:1

July 5

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Color - Green
"Don't Take My Awe"
NT: Romans 7:12-25a
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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Midwest Mission news

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UMW Reading Program book reviews

“How the Woman at the Well Became the Well Woman” by Donna Rhodes is a 2020 Reading Program book in the category of Nurturing For Community. The book is a memoir of a woman’s desperate journey to find love. Inspired by the biblical account of the woman at the well, this remarkable testament to God’s faithfulness and the power of God’s redemption is transformative for those who think their lives will never change and for those who are afraid to hope again.

“Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security” by Todd Miller is a 2020 book in the category of Social Action. This book connects the dots between climate-ravaged communities, the corporations cashing in on border militarization, and emerging movements for environmental justice and sustainability. Reporting from the flashpoints of climate clashes and from likely sites of future battles, the author chronicles a growing system of militarized division. Stories of crisis, greed and violence are juxtaposed with powerful examples of solidarity and hope in this urgent and timely message.

Cunningham Quilt Show

Due to the current shut-down and need to social distance, Cunningham Children’s Home has moved their annual Quilt Show to an online event. It will be held the first week of June. Find out all the details @ <https://www.cunninghamhome.org/events/virtual-festival-quilts>

UMW and/or Circle Membership

All women in the Centenary family are invited to become a member of our United Methodist Women. UMW members may participate in a circle or be a member-at-large. The UMW sponsors activities such as our Love Visits, Salad Luncheon, Mother’s Day Banquet, Fall Luncheon, and Christmas Brunch. Circles meet monthly for study, spiritual growth, fellowship, and service. For more information contact one of the circle leaders or Jarice Crenshaw, UMW Membership Chair.

June Communing with God

Activity – Plant pumpkin seeds in early June for Halloween.

Scripture – Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Song – Hymn of Promise

Terri Benz, Education and Interpretation

Gifts in memory

As is our custom, Centenary’s UMW has given memorial gifts to the LaMoine River District for our UMW members. In 2020, memorials of \$10 each have been given by our unit for Martha Simmons, Jan Shelburn, Frances Ballard, and Millie Laugharn. We’re sorry that we were not able to provide the traditional funeral dinners for their families to have a time of sharing.

UMW Cancellations

Under normal circumstances, our Centenary UMW circles don’t have many meetings during the summer. Check with your circle leaders to see if any small informal get-togethers with social distancing are planned in 2020. At the district and conference level, the IGRC UMW has canceled Mission u which would have been held in July/August in Springfield. The LaMoine District UMW Annual Meeting at Vermont St. UMC in Quincy on September 19th has also been canceled.

UMW Pledges

Since Centenary’s UMW’s salad luncheon (our major fund raiser) had to be canceled, it would be helpful if UMW members who can afford to would make a pledge to the district UMW. The pledges can be paid anytime during the year. Send your pledges to our UMW treasurer, Martha Vaché. Checks should be made out to “Centenary UMW”. Thank you to those who have already sent donations.

*In a storm there is no shelter like
the wings of God.
— Thomas Brooks*

PASTOR

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Since the onset of the shelter in place orders from our government, the physical church has been closed. Online, however, the church has not only been open, but has seen huge growth in interest.

Welcome to the ‘new church.’ I’m not saying we should ever cease to meet in our sanctuary and worship in small groups, but, we must also recognize that a whole new group of potential disciples are ready to find the Word of God in new ways.

I believe in hands on, face to face Christian Worship; singing, praying, learning, laughing and crying together – in person. I believe wonderful Christian Formation occurs when believers work side by side on mission trips, in a fellowship hour or preparing for a funeral dinner in a kitchen.

This does not mean I should exclude those who are seeking to find God without the company of others. Discovering God comes in many ways; probably as many ways as there are people. That’s a lot of ways. Who am I to decide which way is best. My job is to offer Christ to a broken and hurting world seeking wholeness.

Jesus used everyday circumstances as teachable moments. Let us look at the circumstances of this virus as another teachable moment. What I am being taught is that people are hungry for the Word. Those who know it well and those who are hearing it for the first time. Those who cannot wait for face to face worship again and those, who, for the first time being, are more comfortable watching from a distance. There is an opportunity for us here to combine many different approaches.

Sure, I would love to have all these people gather together in person at 8:15 or 10:45; but would that be to glorify God or satisfy my human ego? Again, my job is to offer Christ and make disciples. Is it possible to make disciples through online efforts only? I don’t know the answer to that. I know it is being revealed to us as a starting point.

How much more can we accomplish for God by utilizing all the avenues God provides for us to follow. I have found that those avenues all lead to people hungry for the Word. I invite you to join with me in looking for ever increasing avenues that lead to places we may be unsure of. I would like to continue

developing plans that will radically change how we ‘do’ church.

I am not talking about replacing the history and traditions that have lead to great accomplishments for the Kingdom. I am suggesting we add to our ministry a full time online presence. In just a few months of fumbling with minimal equipment, we have made some inroads in our evangelism efforts. How much more can we accomplish with a greater focused approach with better equipment? I would love to hear from you how can we do this better.

I want you to be excited about the numbers, but not because they are numbers, but because those numbers are potential future disciples. Jesus showed us how to make disciples despite being surrounded by hardships. The original twelve watched the Lord in action, then witnessed to others about what they saw and felt.

Disciples have used word of mouth and traveled by foot. Then the printing press allowed the Word to be reproduced and spread like never before. With the advent of the internet, God is now able to gain access to places never before possible.

We have been given the same power which was given to those first fumbling disciples and all the disciples since. The choice is ours on how to utilize the power of God in this new age.

Let me share part of the words from Acts again, *“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

The ends of the earth are closer now than ever before. Visitors to our website from Canada, France and elsewhere show me that. We have been shown a path, let us join together on that path, continually witnessing to God’s grace by as many means as possible.

–Pastor Mel

Mowers needed

Spring is here and volunteers are needed to mow the lawn around the church (not the south lot). A mower is available at the church (or you can bring your own). Volunteers usually mow towards the end of the week. The task usually takes 30 to 40 minutes. Email the church office if you can help. Questions? Contact Kevin.

General Guidance from Restore Illinois Plan: Phase 3 Recovery

As we begin to prepare for a gradual easing of public health safety practices, some churches will want to quickly return to the previous traditions and habits of their worship. We know, however, that we cannot simply restart everything that we've done before.

These guidelines offer the best available direction on keeping our congregations and communities safe. We're following the guidance provided by public health officials in the Restore Illinois Plan. Here are some things to initially consider:

- We likely won't be gathering people into groups larger than 10 for quite a while, and even then we won't be gathering people into groups larger than 50 until our communities are clear of COVID-19 or there is a widespread and effective treatment.
- Social distancing practices of wearing masks, keeping six feet apart, and avoiding interpersonal contact will continue to be the norm.
- People over 65 years old, those with compromised immunity, those with respiratory illness or injury, or others who are at a higher risk of dying from COVID-19 will want to remain isolated and avoid gatherings of any size until they are given the all-clear.

Given these general precautions, most of our churches should not simply return to their previous patterns and practices of worship. We must, instead, focus on how we can worship safely and in new ways. In John 4:24, when the Samaritan woman questioned Jesus about the changing worship practices of her day, he reminded her that *"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

In this moment, leaders of worship in our churches are being invited to rethink and re-envision their worship practices so that all of the people of our congregations and communities can be invited to worship God in spirit and truth.

As we continue to minister with and serve our communities during the COVID-19 global pandemic, churches are transforming and adapting in amazing ways. When faced with the specter of this disease, the United Methodists of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference have innovated and adjusted their ministries to continue to proclaim in word and action the good news of Christ's love and the healing power of God's grace.

Now, we are beginning to plan for how we will continue our ministries when it will be safer to gather people in our communities and church buildings. Our goal, in all things, is to follow the Lord of Life as we do all in our power to ensure that our communities and

congregations are healthy and well.

Illinois Great Rivers Conference Guidance:

- 1) Churches should follow Phase 2 Illinois Great Rivers Conference Guidance except as changed in this list.
- 2) Churches may begin meeting in groups of 10 people or fewer for worship, leadership meetings, discipleship formation, and missional service. Some churches may determine that they will continue to meet for public worship exclusively online in order to avoid excluding congregants who may not yet feel safe attending in person gatherings. Most churches will want to continue to offer their online or broadcast worship experience in addition to any small group in person gatherings.
- 3) Churches will need to build a system to ensure that groups will be 10 people or fewer. This can be done through a system of pre-registration (online or via phone reservation), tickets, or preparations to limit the number of people who can enter the building.

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- 4) Churches should keep a log of participants to any size gathering or who enter the church building. This can be used to notify participants should someone also present at that gather later test positive for COVID-19. The log should include Name, Address, Phone, and Other Contact information.
- 5) All people, including worship leaders, musicians, pastors, and congregants should wear a face covering. Small children and others specifically exempted by public health guidelines may be present without masks. Masks are only effective if they are used correctly and used by everyone present.
- 6) All people, including worship leaders, musicians, pastors, and congregants should remain at least 6 feet from other people. People who live within the same household may be within 6 feet of each other.
- 7) Have a plan in place to provide adequate time and supplies for assigned people to clean and sanitized exposed surfaces (including pew backs, door handles, bathrooms, and other high traffic areas between services).
- 8) Holy Communion presents a unique safety challenge, as it typically involves close physical contact, eating, and drinking. Touching a face mask to remove or shift it to take the elements will contaminate the mask and increases the risk of viral exposure. Those serving communion share the same risk as those receiving, so any communion practice must be strictly

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non-contact. This may mean some congregations will choose to further postpone offering in-person communion. Others may find ways to pre-distribute sanitarily prepared and packaged communion elements that can be accessed while maintaining a 6-foot social distance.

9) Baptisms should limit close personal contact and no skin-to-skin contact is recommended during baptisms. If necessary, it is recommended that parents hold babies and small children as the pastor performs the rite.

10) Congregations, worship leaders, and choirs should not join in collective singing of hymns, praise songs, or other congregational music while the congregation is present. Singing has a high risk of spreading water droplets which can carry the virus a significant distance and can potentially remain suspended in the air. A cloth mask is unlikely to be enough to protect you or your neighbor even as you practice appropriate physical distancing.

11) Use no-touch alternatives for passing the peace, collecting offering, and liturgical resources. Consider removing pew Bibles, hymnals and friendship pads especially if you will have multiple services. Use single-use bulletins or screens as alternatives. If you keep these resources in the pews provide for wipe down after each service.

12) For children's time, do not have children come forward. Instead, create from you-to- the-pew story moments engaging children from safe distancing.

13) Distancing: Have people spread out in the sanctuary space. Allow only one household unit per pew or seating area with measured markers indicating proper physical distance in approved and marked seating areas. Explore meeting in a fellowship hall or outdoors if your space is small.

14) Do not offer fellowship meals, snacks, donuts, or coffee hour. Continue encouraging people to leave the building rather than mingling.

15) Children's Ministries – Although children may meet in groups of less than 10, they are unlikely to follow appropriate health safety and social distancing guidelines. Therefore, we recommend that you do not resume in person children's ministry programs, nursery, or Sunday School. Children are safest and make the congregation safest if they remain with their household groups while they are in the building. Remote learning, online, and at-home children's ministries are encouraged and may require significant innovation and investment in order to be effective. Vacation Bible School, after-school programming, and summer camps should not be held.

16) Discipleship Formation – People may gather in groups of less than 10, wearing masks, and practicing appropriate social distancing. Some participants will not yet feel safe or comfortable being in public, and any small group experience should provide an easy and accessible means for them to participate either online or over the telephone. This may mean that it is more comfortable and effective for many discipleship-formation groups to continue to meet primarily online or over the telephone.

17) Missional Service – People may gather in groups of less than 10, wearing masks, and practicing appropriate social distancing. Mission trips outside of the local area should not be held. This is an ideal time for mission in the local area. Are there food pantries or other community services in need of volunteers? Practice the art of mission in place. Keep your groups small so as not to overwhelm the ministries you serve.

18) Leadership Meetings – People may gather in groups of less than 10, wearing masks, and practicing appropriate social distancing. Larger meetings such as Administrative Councils should remain online or over the telephone, and Charge Conferences should seek guidance from their District Superintendent on how to legally and safely conduct their business.

19) Church Staff – Church staff, pastors, and other workers using the church facility are allowed to return to work in the church building but working conditions must follow Department of Public Health approved safety guidance depending upon risk level. Remote, at-home, and virtual office work is strongly encouraged wherever possible. Continue to attend to cleaning and sanitizing the office. Pay particular attention to high-touch surfaces and cleaning hands after dealing with the offering.

20) Post signs throughout the building indicating symptoms and urging people to stay home and seek medical attention if they have symptoms.

21) Maintain a good stock of tissue, soap, hand sanitizer and disposable paper towels for drying hands.

22) Clean the building regularly and between user groups, paying extra attention to high- touch surfaces.

23) People over 65 years old, those with compromised immunity, those with respiratory illness or injury, others who are at a higher risk of dying from COVID-19, those who have tested positive for COVID-19, and those who have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days should continue to remain isolated and avoid gatherings of any size until they are given the all-clear. This includes church staff, volunteers, parishioners, visitors, renters, facility users, and guests.

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For the following special occasion:

- ___ *Birthday* ___ *Mother's Day*
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Please use this gift of \$ _____ for:

- ___ Centenary - General Fund
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- ___ Designated Projects (*See back side.*)

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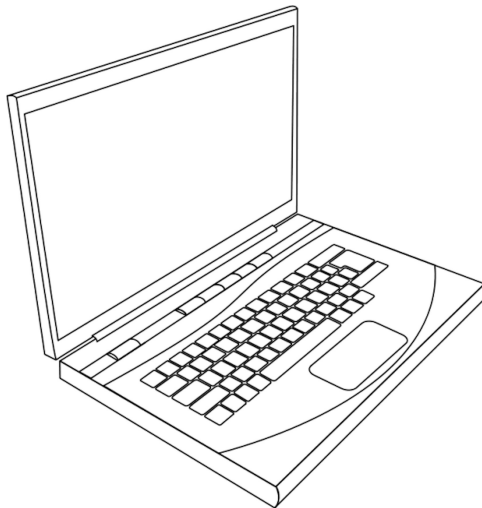
	Mon., June 1	Tues., June 2	Wed., June 3	Thurs., June 4	Fri., June 5	Sat., June 6
Abbreviations (F) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor (S) Adult Sunday School Room (N) Narthex	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P)	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	6 p.m. - Education 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)			
Sun., June 7	Mon., June 8	Tues., June 9	Wed., June 10	Thurs., June 11	Fri., June 12	Sat., June 13
Holy Communion	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P)	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	6:30 pm - Missions 7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)			
Sun., June 14	Mon., June 15	Tues., June 16	Wed., June 17	Thurs., June 18	Fri., June 19	Sat., June 20
	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P) 6 pm - Finance	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	9 am - Messenger Deadline		
Sun., June 21	Mon., June 22	Tues., June 23	Wed., June 24	Thurs., June 25	Fri., June 26	Sat., June 27
	10 am - Staff Mtg 6 pm - MNBS (P)	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	7:30 pm - Al-Anon (F)	9 am - Messenger Folding Party		
Sun., June 28	Mon., June 29	Tues., June 30	NOTICE:			
Pennies for Hunger	10 am - Staff Mtg. 6 pm - MNBS (P)	6-9 am - SafeCo Fellowship 9:30 am - Bible Study @ Barb Wooldridge's	Due to the governor's order all scheduled meetings and events in June are subject to change. Please check our Facebook page or Website for the latest information. For those of you unable to access the online church, information will be shared by phone or mail.			

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A mid-week update and devotion will also be posted on Facebook every Wednesday afternoon.

Please check these pages often for updates and your inbox for email updates as we continue adapting to our new reality.

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