

# FARMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2020 Newsletter



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE, STAY SAFE!

PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY!

EXERCISE! EXERCISE YOUR MIND!

CALL A LOVED ONE!

CLEAN OUT THE JUNK DRAWER!

READ A GOOD BOOK, MAYBE  
ALOUD TO SOMEONE!

STAY POSITIVE, THIS TOO SHALL

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## Covid-19 Version Newsletter

Due to the covid-19 outbreak, Farmington United Methodist Church will not be having any activities at the church. Join us for streaming online worship service at 10:30 am on Sunday morning. To access the worship service, click below

<https://farmingtonumc.online.church/>

You may also like to follow us on  
Facebook.

[Facebook.com/farmingtonarumc](https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonarumc)

Also you can watch recorded worship  
services at

<http://www.farmingtonumc.net/worship>

## A Note from Pastor Dee

Dear Farmington Church Family,

Maybe this is true for you to, but I know for me the reality of what we are experiencing has finally set in. Each day we hear the news about rising cases of COVID-19, worries about lack of protective equipment for healthcare workers, and stories of sadness and grief for those who have lost family members.

Not only that but also as a result of this crisis many of us are working at home and trying to balance the demands of helping children or grandchildren with school and our own work. Some of us are worried because of lost jobs or because we have had to shut the doors of businesses.

It is tempting to completely give in and lose hope. But I encourage us to do today is acknowledge and name our fears and worries, give them a moment and live with them, but then don't let them overwhelm us. Let that thought keep flying by and don't hold on to it.

Also, I want to invite us to have long memories. The reason I say that is because as I look at God's interaction with human beings' in scripture memory is very important. Did you know that a form of the word that we translate as "remember" appears around 150 times in the Old and New Testament?

For the Hebrew people and the early church memory served as an important way to remember who God is. Often, leaders like Moses, Joshua, and David would remind the people what God had done for His people in the past. This was especially true when they faced times of illness, despair or hopelessness.

In fact, you could really chart salvation history through the lens of the many times that God delivered God's people. And of course, Jesus is our Savior, who delivers us from sin and death.

I am not going to pretend that things will not get harder in our country than they are now. We already see that there struggles ahead. What I do want to lift-up is that God is faithful.

Isaiah 43:2 reminds us, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

I also believe that our God is the God of hope. Will we have moments of doubt and fear. Moments when are new normal and attempts at new schedules frustrate us? Yes, but we have hope because the Holy Spirit fills us with hope. It is not because of our own striving, but because of what God is doing in us. Thanks be to God.

If you need to talk or visit please call me, 501-593-8978. Our if you would like to Zoom and chat let me know. I will have afternoon times available to visit during this month and would be happy to see your faces. God be with each one of us and gives us strength.

In Christ,

Pastor Dee

## Children's Ministry News

\*Children's ministry lessons videos are being posted to Facebook. If you are not seeing them, email Melanie and she will send you the link directly [mellyki@yahoo.com](mailto:mellyki@yahoo.com) .

\*Kids will be having a virtual Palm Sunday parade with palms they make at home for all the congregation to enjoy!

\*The children's ministry will make "to go" Easter egg hunt bags for all the families with children in our church and those who utilize our food pantry. Be watching for information on when/where to pick them up.

\*VBS plans are on hold for now.

Melanie Barnes

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There will be no Lilies ordered this year. If you would like, you can still donate to the roof fund for Easter in memory of someone or in honor of someone. Any amount will do. Mail a check to the church P.O. Box 42, and put Roof Fund on the check. Or click this link to donate on line.

<http://www.farmingtonumc.net/giving>



# Happy Easter



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& STAY  
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GET BETTER

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