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STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP @ OUR LORDS IN MAY.

A Story to Tell: Resourcing for Good and for Each Other

I answered a call today from a spry senior asking for my help in making a donation. This person was feeling blessed and simply wanted to offer out of their abundance that others might be served. As we chatted, I discovered that Milwaukee and the Central City was a deep concern for this giver and so I suggested a gift to United Methodist Children's Services. Wanting to remain anonymous, in name and amount, I supplied the mailing address to UMCS and that was appreciated.

This is just one of many many calls I have answered over the last 6 weeks since Stay Safe at Home went into effect here in Wisconsin. Here's my reflection:

- ~ First, people needed to have the 'rules' reiterated and reinforced with my continuing insistence that yes – this applies to ALL of us!
- ~ Then folks wanted to share their stories of 'joining in' to support local businesses – getting take out and doing online shopping for pick up. These were new ways of doing things that made an impact and it felt good to talk about it.
- ~ Next we turned our eyes and hearts, with intention, to the frontline health care workforce. Helping launch/support the ministry of mask making became a tangible way to help these amazing, brave workers and to safely connect us just a little bit.
- ~ Then people wanted clarification – as the first order was due to expire – what would be happening next? Can we really have Easter online?
- ~ Over the last 2 weeks, especially, more people are relaying their, now personal, experiences of concern and grief over those suffering with or have died from COVID.

Many times I cannot offer helpful, comforting answers. I pray, as I humbly admit, "I don't know the future – we stay safe one day at a time"- that somehow I can offer, at the very least, a reminder that we are ALL in this together and that God is a very near presence, always.

As May unfolds, I pray that you and yours continue to be vigilant, continue to be safe and continue to reach out to others to just see how they are doing. I appreciate those who pass on names for pastoral care and those who have offered me care, as well.

Conversations about re-entry protocols will begin soon. Even today, Gov. Evers has relaxed some non-essential businesses rules and I am watching to see how the rate of infection will be affected by this action in the coming days. I am praying for grace and wisdom regarding the pathway of re-entry for the Our Lord's community. I welcome your prayerful support and patience as we attempt to do this well, for everyone.

Everyday is a day to be grateful and to share your story of the abundant love of the Living Christ among us with others – perhaps like the person who called me today or in any number of other meaningful ways! Pray, and let God use you to be a blessing!

God bless and keep each of you safe and well in God's care. Peace be with each of you.

Pastor Kelly

The Need is Great: Giving Opportunity

UMCOR Sunday, Native American Sunday and Heritage Sunday special offerings have been missed due to our changed habits of worship. As I prayed about how not to overwhelm anyone with the many places that have financial need and are wonderful mission ministries to support I saw this and want to share as a solution:



"Sheltering In Love" Advance Special # 3022612 on the memo line. You may give securely online through the UMC Global Ministries [website](#).

"...Through the UMCOR COVID-19 Response Fund, grants will be rapidly released to equip partners to assist vulnerable populations around the world impacted by COVID-19, including racial/ethnic and indigenous communities in the United States.

...Even as you shelter in place, you can be there for others. When you say "yes" to supporting the UMCOR COVID-19 Response, you will help bring God's love to life for those who need it most."

Friends, I'd like to suggest this advance for May as we continue to shelter in place. Certainly, giving to other advance specials is important and our Coordinator of Business Administration (Wendi H.) will be sure to rightly direct any gifts you mail to the church for distribution as you direct.

Thank you for your generosity in April! The Easter Offering designated to UMCS raised \$2265.00! This gift goes with our prayers to the UMCS staff and to the Washington Park/ Central City communities they serve.

Pastor Kelly

News from New Berlin Preschool

We are continuing registration for the 2020-21 school year. Spaces are filling up fast, so if you know of a family that is looking for a school option for their 3- or 4-year-old, please pass on our information. New Berlin Preschool information can be found at our website: newberlinpreschool.com.

Learning made fun through play - come play with us!

CLASS SCHEDULES

4-YEAR OLDS:	Mon/Wed/Fri	AM	8:45-11:45am	
	Mon/Wed/Fri	PM	12:00-3:00pm	
3-YEAR OLDS:	Tues/Thur	AM	9:00-11:30am	
	Tues/Thur	PM	12:30-3:00pm	

Maximum class size is 15 students per class

TUITION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

4-YEAR OLDS (3 days/week): \$2050.00/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A \$100.00 deposit for the 1st child (\$50.00 for each additional child) must accompany the registration form in order for your child to be registered.
3-YEAR OLDS (2 days/week): \$1400.00/year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tuition may be paid annually or monthly. ✓ Children will be registered so that their age is appropriate for the requested class on or before September 1st. ✓ The Preschool Program will plan to follow the calendar of the School District of New Berlin with a few exceptions.



Happenings @ Our Lords

Our Lords Life @ Home

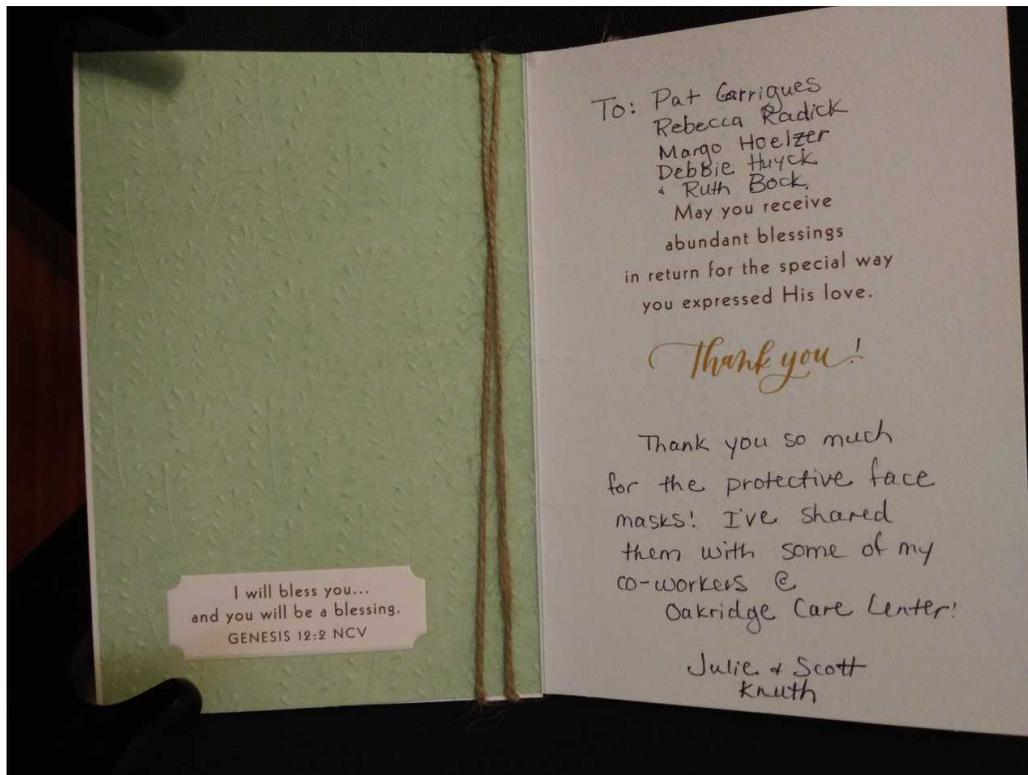
Send us your snapshots of what's happening at YOUR house while we are staying safe at home! Photos will be added to the slideshow on the church website. You may email your photos to the church office. Check out the fun things our members are doing right [here!](#)

Chalk It Up!

Stop by and leave a message, a prayer or a bit of creative expression on the church parking lot for everyone to enjoy! Please keep the bag of chalk you use and reuse it at Our Lords parking lot anytime or use it at your home!

Mask Making Ministry is Appreciated!

Here's a photo of the note received from grateful healthcare workers, and wonderful church family person! Keep being safe everyone!



Caring Ministry Cares

Team Leader Rebecca Radick offers this personal reflection which includes excerpts from “Mornings with Jesus” (April 2020)

“Why are you looking in the tomb? He is not here, He has risen from the dead!”
(Luke 24:5&6) Jesus affirmed His credibility and proved that He was who He said He was—the Son of God. He had battled evil and won!

We too are or can be victors over evil. Not just the physical death of someday, but we now can overcome the enemy’s attempt to keep us down or drift away from Jesus. The enemy wants nothing more than to destroy us and seal us in an emotional, mental, or spiritual tomb. The enemy wants us to feel alone, afraid, helpless and dead to joy, peace, and love. The enemy wants to keep us from having a purpose or passion for life. But Jesus made a promise, which He staked His life on and that changes everything. Jesus’ purpose is to give us a rich and satisfying life and His resurrection confirms this truth. Jesus came out of the grave fully alive and victorious, so we can follow in His steps. We are to worship and give thanks to Jesus for everything that He has done to give us new life.

Without the resurrection, dead would be dead. We would not have Jesus' promise that death is not the final word - not only in the eternal sense of the word, but in our everyday lives. In the accidents, our bad choices, the disappointments, the hurt of broken relationships, or now during this coronavirus pandemic and in all the brokenness of our lifetime, there is still new life springing forth. The temptation is to look back and want what we used to have. It's easier to want what we once had, because the way forward is unfamiliar and starting over will be much harder.

Jesus knows our fears and desperation, for He also wanted to turn back. Jesus wants us to feel His compassion and love for us. He wants us to move forward to walk in communion with Him through the Holy Spirit. Do you hear the angel's voice saying, "Why are you looking here? He is gone!" We are to look for the new life that is happening all around us. Don't look back- for that's not where we should be going. Remembering that Jesus rose! It is time to rise with our living Savior! In this difficult time of solitude, look for ways to strengthen your faith and to move onward and upward with Jesus, for there is more life to come!

Dear Jesus, through your suffering and resurrection, we have the power to say "No" to the temptations around our daily lives. Thank you for setting us free and giving us new life. To see new hope and joy ahead. Amen!

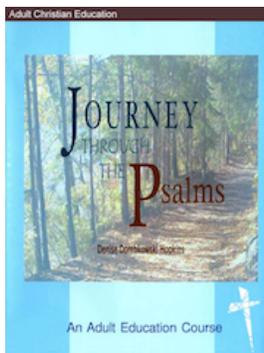
Save the Monarchs

Make your garden a favorite for butterflies! Pick up milkweed seed at the church drive "take one" box for yourself and a friend!

Christian Education @ Our Lords

Intergenerational Learning

Chuck Knows Church is still happening! Visit the church [website](#) for links to the videos and accompanying worksheets.



Sunday School Continues into May on Zoom

Join the Adult Sunday School class for a "Journey Through the Psalms". The class meets via Zoom on Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. If you'd like to be included, [Email](#) Mary Schulz to get your invitation to the Zoom call. Class information and readings can be found on the [website](#).

Worship @ Our Lords

“HEART OF THE MATTER”: An Easter Season Series for Online Worship

This gift to pastors/worship leaders from Marcia McFee and her Worship Design Studio guides our weekend worship this Easter Season. Gather your household, create a worship space with a candle, heart stones (found rocks you've drawn/painted hearts and other affirming symbols onto), something to eat and drink and a music playing device and join in for this time of worship and care.

Extra fun aspects of this worship and time we share include:

Dance parties conclude the worship. Songs are on YouTube and it's fun to move our bodies and celebrate how good God is!

“Egg-stra” Learning/Affirmations – keep out those plastic eggs you had planned to use for the annual egg hunt and insert an affirmation or something that “stuck” from the day that you can offer as a learning to others. Hopefully, a huge egg hunt can be shared at the church in the future!

And more fun is coming in May:

- ~ **Holy Love Feast** is a part of the way we feed our bodies every time we gather and on first Sundays it is also a focused blessing on the way in which we are fed by God's blessing in our lives through the food that nourishes us.
- ~ Making twig crosses into flower crosses / cup full of blessing / creating a “God-box” and “Red! Red! Red!” are other add on aspects that will emerge with this weekly series making it the same and a bit different each week.
- ~ I also offer these video meditations from The Work of the People who are collaborating with Worship Design Studio for this series and who are granting use of these videos free @ www.theworkofthepeople.com:

4th Sunday: Abundant Life – NT Wright – what is abundance?

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/abundant-life>

5th Sunday: What breaks your heart open – Rowan Williams – children; music

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/rw-what-breaks-your-heart>

6th Sunday: Hearing the Voice of Love – Phileena Heurertz – self love, self care

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/hearing-the-voice-of-love>

7th Sunday:

(Ascension) Love Get's the Last Word – Becca Stevens – it's all about love in the end

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/love-gets-the-last-word>

Pentecost: Suspended Space – Peter Rollins – worship; no distinctions

<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/suspended-space>

Friends, invite your household to join in, whenever it's convenient – we're not tied to Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. for now! Perhaps scheduling a watch party for the Daily Connections on Facebook will allow you to gather others together for prayer and encouragement. Share the website address and our Facebook page with your friends on social media with a short invite saying what these resources mean to you, at this time in particular. Follow up with friends you see viewing these resources and ask them how you can be in prayer for them and if there is anything they need.

This is a unique and important time for ALL of us to offer and share the love of God!



Reaching Out to Those in Need in 2020

It is time to mark your calendars to reach out to those in need in our communities. If you cannot go to serve, why not plan to provide part of the meal at the Cathedral Center or provide milk, coffee, and/or cookies for The Gathering? Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. The dates Our Lords has committed to serve at these sites are given in these articles.

Cathedral Center

The dates to serve at the Cathedral Center are **Tuesday (note the day change); October 19 and Monday; November 9.**



People in community,
feeding the hungry.

The Gathering is a community of guests, volunteers, and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind, and spirit. Ten to 11 meals are provided each week, cooked on site at four Milwaukee locations, to those who would otherwise go hungry. They also offer services associated with ending hunger and homelessness, and work to educate our community on hunger issues. The Gathering serves 51 weeks out of the year, closing for one week between Christmas and New Year and on major holidays, with some exceptions. For more information on The Gathering, go to <http://www.thegatheringwis.org/>

Our Lord's UMC, along with Memorial UMC, serves at The Gathering four Saturdays each year at the NEAR SOUTH SIDE SITE: Christian Faith Fellowship Church East 724 South Layton Blvd. (South 27th Street near the Mitchell Park Domes). This year, our Saturdays to serve are: **5/30/2020, 9/19/2020, and 10/24/2020**. Are you able to help? Mark one or more of these dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

On those Saturdays, Our Lord's needs 5-7 volunteers from 9:45 a.m. until 1 p.m. We prepare some of the food and assist the cooks in getting ready to serve. We welcome guests from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with warm smiles as we serve food and clean up afterwards. Come and work with fellow United Methodists as we assist in this community-based meal program.

UMW has committed to serve at The Gathering on Saturday, September 19. Since the people served by the Gathering really appreciate homemade cookies, UMW may have a cookie baking session at church. Please watch for details closer to the date.

The Gathering is actively monitoring the coronavirus situation, and will keep us informed as to how this may affect their guests and our volunteers on May 30th. I will be in touch with you as to any modifications or cancellations for this date. If we can help in other ways, I'll let you know also.

Debbie Huyck

In Our Prayers

Dee (cancer treatment)
 Kathy (loss of mother)
 Carolyn and Cliff (Cliff is in hospice)
 Cassie, Matthew and the 'grands' (birth of Rowan Scot)
 Scott and Julie Knuth (brave healthcare workers)
 Abbi, Molly, Sue and Mary (essential workers)
 Jessie, Abbi, and Jacob (our graduating seniors)
 Becky and her sons (as they grieve the loss of Dennis)

And happy homecoming to snowbirds
 Karen and Len Haubert

With Gratitude

Each Accountable Leadership Board Member

Tabitha Manning – Our office administrator

Wendi Haubert – Our coordinator of business administration

Dave Smith and Perry Huyck – managing building systems

Carri Haubert – parsonage and Leslie care!

Conference Updates

The Wisconsin Annual Conference dates have been moved from June 5-8, 2020 to October 23-24, 2020. The event will still take place in Green Bay, WI, and Perry Huyck, Lay Member and Pr. Kelly will attend.

The Jurisdictional Conference scheduled for July has been postponed with no dates published at this moment.

The General Conference, scheduled originally for May 5-15, 2020, in Minneapolis, MN, has been tentatively rescheduled for August 31 – September 10, 2021 in MN.

Pastor Kelly

Season and a Time for Change

As Spring turns our attention toward flowers and home gardens some of us are likely to turn our thoughts and care for our Church garden to our dear Gwenda, who has been the resident 'minister of horticulture' @ Our Lord's for quite some time! This new season and this new decade have led Gwenda to make a change that she voiced to ALB via email on April 16, 2020, saying in part: "I will no longer continue to garden at church. I have decided to focus my gardening efforts at my daughter's house as I can garden there whenever I want to, am up to it, and the weather cooperates."

Gwenda's annual efforts and off-season planning has been a gift to our Church curb appeal and to many a parishioner and friend of the community whom she nurtured and worked alongside in the garden beds since she sold her house in 2013. The roadside, butterfly and entry way garden beds are laden with Gwenda's love and sweat. The big garden behind the church has been a source of produce and fundraising - giving well beyond its' furrowed rows.

Gwenda deserves our thanks and appreciation for her years of service. In this stay safe at home climate the collective voice of the church is hard to hear. It is hard to miss out on celebrating milestones or to give thanks properly. Gwenda, please accept our thanks and appreciation for all you have given of yourself to the grounds around Our Lord's UMC.

The future re-entry process will continue to evolve ministry, as we know it, and safe access to the building and grounds for at risk groups for any activities, including gardening, will take patience and planning.

I am beginning to pray about what is necessary and what safe opportunities we will have for our grounds this season. As May unfolds, join me in prayer and contact me if this area of ministry interests you.

Pastor Kelly



Continued gratitude for the faithful giving offered by so many in our community. Donations for Ministry @ Our Lord's and toward the May UMCOR-COVID Response Fund may be made securely on our website. Get set up with VANCO on www.ourlordsumc.org.

NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED (Facebook Meme)

SUN is not cancelled
SPRING is not cancelled
RELATIONSHIPS are not cancelled
LOVE is not cancelled
READING is not cancelled
DEVOTION is not cancelled
MUSIC is not cancelled
IMAGINATION is not cancelled
KINDNESS is not cancelled
CONVERSATIONS are not cancelled
HOPE is not cancelled

Keep adding to this list to encourage your spirit!

Website, Facebook and Telephone Resources

Website: www.ourlordsumc.org - weekend worship, @ Home slideshow, online giving info.

Our Lord's United Methodist Church on Facebook: Pr. Kelly's Daily Connection is live at 9:30am Monday through Friday and then pushed to the website and archived weekly.

Telephone: Weekly telephone message of encouragement for callers @ 414-425-7030.

(Please share that this is available with people you speak with or write to who do not have email and won't see this until the SALT arrives via regular mail).



Kathy Jacobs	5/1	Amanda Beltrame	5/16
Sonya Darnall	5/3	Jerry Ford	5/19
Kathy Darnell	5/4	Garrett Davis	5/20
Linda Davis	5/5	Amber Feurt	5/21
Renee Couture	5/6	Jordan Feurt	5/21
Florence Makoo	5/8	Margo Hoelzer	5/22
Judy Hunsaker	5/9	Andrew Krier	5/24
Rachel Kaufman	5/12	Morgan Radzius	5/27
Nannette Piasini	5/14	Blair Dixon	5/28

Reach out if you have a need:

Pr. Kelly cell phone: 414-378-4012
 Email: pastorkelly@ourlordsumc.org OR
 message her by name on Facebook.