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Hello church family,

What a wonderful, active, busy week it has been at church! Here's some stuff to celebrate:

- Our neighbors are actually enjoying our drive-in worship services! We were concerned that they would be annoyed by it, but instead we have had several people slow down and wave, and 3 who live within walking distance who have stopped by and asked about the church.
- Yesterday we agreed to partner with New Frontier to distribute food boxes full of fresh vegetables, milk, cheese, and meat to families in need. The grant that provides it lasts through June, and we will receive boxes once per week to give out. In the meantime, we are partnering with the Fallon Food Hub for a similar grant that begins in July!
- We have amazing new leadership in place, and new volunteers who have stepped up to run our Epworth Community Food Pantry.
- Hospitals have opened up to visitors, but just one per patient, and I think it has to be a family member. Still though! Progress.
- I have loved to hear about the ways you are spending time with friends, checking in on neighbors and church members who live alone. Thank you for being the church!
- I just received word that the July 4 parade is ON! I would LOVE to really get creative with our float this year, and make something fun. There is a volunteer list on the back page of this newsletter for this and a bunch more, call and let us know what you'd like to do!
- I love to see that so many of you are growing things, and making things, and sharing things, and getting outside more than you used to. Except for a couple of very strange days, the weather has been SO nice, and moving and getting out into God's beautiful world is so good for us. I am so blessed when you share pictures of your kids and grandkids, your thoughts about life and faith, your favorite Bible passages and inspirational things you've run across.

Friends, God is SO GOOD. As we move carefully and safely forward as a church family and as a community, we are keeping ourselves focused on Jesus and what he called the greatest commandments: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In Jesus precious name,

Pastor Dawn

Worship by the Dashboard Lights, at the Kitchen Table, on the Front Porch, Anywhere and Everywhere!

Can't wait to see you in worship this week! We will pray and sing and worship in our cars beginning at 9am, and thereby bless each other and our whole neighborhood. We will worship electronically, just as we have been doing...we have called Spectrum to come in and see if they can banish the tech gremlins that have been disrupting that part, and hopefully they will be able to come this week. Join us however you can, in person or electronically...**we are a church family, and we need each other!**

This week, we continue our summer worship series using movies as modern day parables. Our movie this week is sweet and heart-warming, AND based on a true story! Pastor Dawn was able to interview a man who was on the American All-Star Team, and is still in touch with some of the boys who played in this game. We will post some video of that conversation, and an awesome team photo from the 1956 All Star Team, on our YouTube and Facebook pages, and we will send it by email too. There is a lot we could talk about as it relates to our faith using events and themes from the movie, and since the sermon hasn't been written yet God only knows where we will end up together! As you prepare your heart for worship, take a look at Psalm 108 (it's quoted in the movie, because there are 108 stitches in a baseball) and Romans 15:1-7 and verse 13. It will be a great day! Praying that God is blessing you abundantly.



Oh, and! Our songs for worship this week are My Hope is Built (a great traditional favorite), and My Feet are On the Rock (a newer song by a Christian music group called "I Am They.")

News and Fun Stuff!

An Update from Your Finance Team

Your church is so, so blessed by your generosity! You have kept up your giving, and many of you have even given extra to help support your church and the folks in need that we serve. Fallon Daily Bread and our HeLP ministries are so blessed by your extra giving, and surprise donations from folks in our community. Our church budget is on target, all of our bills are paid, and we have been able to pay more toward our Conference Tithe. And several of you have given extra toward our roof fund, bringing our total up to about \$70,000. We are almost there! Praise God!

As we sat in the Wolf Center just now, giving away those wonderful boxes of fresh vegetables, meat, and dairy products, we got to talking about what a blessing giving has been in our lives. We talked about how hard it is, and how scary it is to stretch to a 10% tithe...but all of us agreed, when we each made that leap that somehow our home finances actually got BETTER. We told stories about how, on paper, we should never have been able to afford it...and yet, somehow, we did. And how good it felt,

Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

Luke 14:12-14

and continues to feel. Some of you have told us stories like that, too, when you felt God nudging you to give toward a specific thing or give more regularly than you thought you could, how blessed you were by it. One of those miracles of God. ♥

Growing in Our Faith Together

Here are some ways you can spend time with your friends at Epworth, enjoy time with our Young at Heart, and continue to deepen your faith. For more info, call the church office!

- **Saturdays with the Young at Heart**
Join us for a story, a song, an activity, and just time to talk together about Jesus. Every Saturday at 11:30am. Zoom link and phone number will be in your email, or call Pastor Dawn.
- **Sunday Youth Group**
Come hang out with us by Zoom, Sundays after worship at 10:30am. Call Pastor Dawn for the log-in or phone number.
- **How Is It with Your Soul?**
Now that we can meet in person in small groups (not in the church building just yet, though), let’s create some prayer and fellowship groups. If you’d like to lead a small group, or be part of one, please call or email Pastor Dawn at 423-4714 or pastor@eumcfallon.org.

The United Methodist Youth Service Fund

Youth Service Fund (YSF) is the national United Methodist mission fund supported by youth. Through YSF, United Methodist teens raise money for other teens doing ministry in their churches and communities impacting poverty, illiteracy, absenteeism and social justice.

The Youth Service Fund is a unique ministry because it is run completely by, with and for youth. Youth contribute the money, they decide what projects receive the money, and the projects supported are youth-designed, youth-led, and youth benefited. Youth from everywhere may apply for funding. Applications are due by June 1 for funding to begin the following calendar year for successful projects. Project categories are: Faith Sharing and Outreach, Leadership Development, Scholarship, Ministry with At-Risk Youth, and Agricultural/Vocational.

Youth groups and annual conferences have many creative fundraisers throughout the year and the annual conferences award the YSF funds in their local conference. YSF provides a way for youth to be in REAL ministry with each other. ♥

Send in Your Prayers and God-Sightings!

Where has God been at work in your life? Have you had an answer to prayer, an experience of something beautiful, heard a new favorite song, read a story that blessed you? Is there someone in your life who needs prayer for body, mind, or spirit? Is there something on your mind and heart you’d like to share in prayer? Please do! You are welcome to call Kathy Reynolds at 423-0689 or email her at kmreynolds3@gmail.com. For prayers you’d prefer remained private, please call Pastor Dawn on her cell phone at 671-5553. Prayer is such an important part of our life together, don’t ever hesitate!

June Birthdays!

Viola Heinle, 6/7
♥ Bill Deal, 6/8
Gaye Johnston, 6/8
Levia Coval, 6/9
Erica Stritenberger, 6/13
Margot Mills, 6/14
June Conner, 6/16
♥ Pam Thornton, 6/16
Marge Lister, 6/17
Sharon Foster, 6/20
Gretchen Felte, 6/21
♥ Vera McGarity, 6/21
Kathy Underhill, 6/21
Ron Evans, 6/22
Zachary Mills, 6/22
Suzanne Noonkester, 6/24
Tony Albiston, 6/26
♥ Dorothy Smith, 6/26
June Young, 6/28
Mary Lou Grumstrup, 6/29
Steve Young, 6/29
Alana Hughes, 6/30

Levia Coval turns 10 years old this year!

♥ *Special prayers for the families and friends of Bill Deal, Pam Thornton (Pastor Jason's mom, who passed this year from ALS), Vera McGarity (John McGarity's mom), and Dorothy Smith (beloved of Dick Powers).*

VOLUNTEER, WE NEED YOU!

We don't know about you, but we here in the office are really ready to shake the dust off our old bones and DO SOMETHING. In small groups, with masks and distancing, there is a lot your church needs help with and doing it will be SO GOOD for your soul. We can all do a little something! Call the church at 423-4714 or email office@eumcfallon.org and let us know how you'd like to participate, so that we can put you on the right list and let you know times and dates and whatnot.

We are all in this together, we can't be the church without you!

Getting Ready to Open:

Spruce up the church on Friday, June 19:

- Help clean, sanitize, de-clutter, and re-set the small kitchen and Fireside Room
- Pull weeds, sweep, and tidy up outside the sanctuary and Wolf Center
- Sanitize and set up the sanctuary for worship
- Donate boxes of 3-ply or N95 masks, rubber gloves, and hand sanitizer for us to have on hand

When We Begin In-Person Worship:

- Outside greeters to welcome folks in
- Inside greeters, to say hello and offer masks and sanitizer
- Bathroom attendants before, during, and after worship to wipe things down after each use
- Sanitize and re-set between services, and after the last service
- Learn how to run the sound and video system for worship!

Epworth Community Food Pantry

- Greet folks and help them check-in on Monday mornings
- Escort our guests through the pantry, to help them get what they need
- Clean and re-set everything into the pantry area after we close on Mondays
- Monday food delivery pick-up at Out of Egypt
- Unload and stock new food onto the shelves when it comes in on Monday mornings
- Break down and recycle cardboard boxes from deliveries
- Periodic sorting and tidying up

July 4 Parade

- Donate patriotic-themed stuff to decorate the flatbed trailer
- Donate candy!!!
- Be on the decorating team well before July 4, to make something new
- Ride or walk by the float to represent Epworth and toss candy to the kids