



# OUTREACH



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Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

In these unprecedented days, we are most assuredly putting John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules" to the test, as we attempt to "Do no harm. Do good. (and) Stay in love with God." We are also tested when we attempt to live out the Hays 1st United Methodist Church mission to 'share the Word of God with all people through spiritual growth, worship, fellowship, and service.' There is an invisible beast that is sickening and killing people world-wide, attacking young and old. It seems that the best way to fight this virus is to distance ourselves socially from one another, trying to maintain at least six feet of space between us to prevent the virus from jumping from one to another and spreading unabated to others.

And so, we stay at home as we continue to 'Shelter in Place', and even though our worship is now online at home, we wonder as the Psalmist David did long ago, "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 89:46a) I, for one, miss seeing each of you on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. I miss our handshakes and hugs. I miss coffee and cookies and good conversations with my church family. In short, I miss you all and even though I see a number of you via the interactive platform known as ZOOM, nothing is the same. But still I am resolute that we must protect one another from an unseen enemy, this pandemic that to date has sickened over 1.5 million and killed over 90,000 people in our nation alone. It preys on the most vulnerable, and by all accounts, is a gruesome way to die. And as insidious as that is, it is most often spread by those who do not realize that they have the virus...until it is too late.

So what can we do? We can and will do no harm by being diligent in not spreading this virus by religiously washing our hands, by wearing masks when out for essentials, and by being happy at home. We fight back by continuing to Shelter in Place until it is truly safe to come back, not only for those who are healthy, but also for those who are most vulnerable. We will do good as we continue to "share the Word of God with all people" through our online and on air worship services. We will 'grow Spiritually' by participating in new Bible studies and prayer groups that will be available online. We will join together in fellowship by hosting virtual coffees and calling family, friends, and neighbors to say 'hi-how-are-you' on the phone. And we will serve the needs of the church and community by sharing what we can with those who have lost their job or are in need. By joyfully doing all of the above, we will stay in love with God and neighbor.

To help us in all of these endeavors, beginning June 7th, I will begin a sermon series that will be based on Galatians 5:22-23a... "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Each Sunday, I will highlight one of the nine fruits of the Spirit throughout the summer and contrast it with our need for these spiritual fruits during this pandemic. Please place the name "*Outreach*" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, June 21, 2020**. The next Outreach should be received by **June 25**.  
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- I want each of you to pray each week this summer for our church to receive a double portion of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- I want each of you to endeavor to join an online or telephone group that discusses the 'focus fruit for the week' (e.g. 'love') and how it affects us today.
- I want each of you to endeavor to call, text, or email a family member or friend and share the featured fruit of the spirit with them.

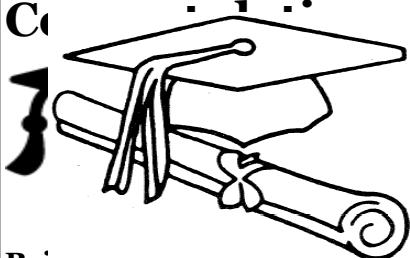
But I need your help...

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Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mike

## Congratulations Graduates



**Brianna Aldrich** will graduate from FHSU with a BSN in nursing. She is the daughter of Sandy Aldrich and Troy Aldrich.

**Denton Rathke** will graduate from Tabor College in Hillsboro with a BA in Accounting/Finance with a minor in Management. He is the son of Eric & Charlotte Rathke.

## I Cannot Do This Alone

O God, early in the morning I cry to you.

Help me to pray

And to concentrate my thoughts on y

I cannot do this alone.

In me there is darkness.

But with you there is light;

I am lonely, but you do not leave me;

I am restless, but with you there is pe.....

I do not understand your ways,

But you know the way for me...

Restore me to liberty.

And enable me to live now

That I may answer before you and before me.

Lord, whatever this day may bring.

Your name be praised.



## Thank You

Thank you to Lexie Robinson for her years of playing for church services and accompanying the choir. Lexie will be retiring May 24th. The congregation will miss her beautiful music. Thank you, Lexie, for sharing your gift of music with FUMC for 20 years as church pianist. Before that she accompanied the youth choir and served as Education Chair.



*Joe Edwards*

Thanks to Bill Losey for his donation of soup and jelly jars for Peddler's Fair.

## INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

### PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Mike Rose  
 Congregational Care Director, Troy Miller  
 Director of Music: Johnny Matlock  
 Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory  
 Organist:  
 Pianist: Alexis Robinson  
 Handbell Choir Dir., Shawn Henderson  
 Children's Ministry Director: Jo Swayne  
 Asst. Children's Director: Melissa Pyle  
 Youth Ministry Director: Matt Dumler  
 Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

### SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley  
 Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher  
 Financial Secretary: Don Forssberg  
 Childcare Director: Melissa Pyle  
 Building Supervisor: Joe Edwards

## Sympathy

*Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of*

*Joe & Jan Edwards on the death of their nephew, **Matt Farwell**, who died on April 17.*

*Gary Goodchuck who died April 21.*

*Jerod, Jessica, Riley, Lauryn, Anderson, Jeremy, Jennifer,*

*Reanna & Lila Goodale on the death of **Randy**, father & grandfather, on April 30.*

*Bill & Ronda Hayden on the death of their daughter-in-law, **Sara Hayden**, on May 4.*

## Memorial Committee

Memorial money has been designated for various projects throughout the church. The church is very grateful and pleased to remember the following people and their contributions:  Marie Munsinger, Marie Grover and Ivy Lee Munsinger.



If you or a family member are in the  chi wo Co visi you hone



## Congratulations

*to Layla Stuart on her baptism on April 22. Layla is the daughter of R.W. & Krista.*

*Thanks to all the Educational Volunteers for 2020*

Sandy Aldrich

Jill Arensdorf

Erica Berges

Meghan Brown

Austin Chart

Tina Conger

Mike Cooper

Marla Copper

Alyssa Dees

Lindsey Dreiling

Matt Dumler

Susan Dumler

Jessica Goodale

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Mark Hantla

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Michelle Holdeman

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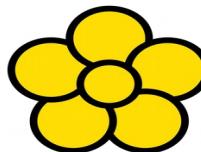
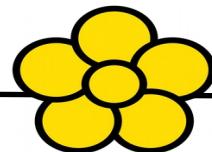
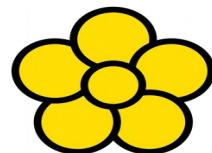
Carla Thomas

Stacy Weilert

Karen Wilson

~~Josh Zweifel~~

Shauna Zweifel



I am lead ~~KIDS CORNER~~ to normal" said every person reading this article! But what will our new normal look like? As we safely watch and wait for an end to the COVID pandemic, it has forced all of us into a time of being uncomfortable, a time of indecision, a time of frustration. This has also been a time of renewal, rest, reflection and prioritization.

For me personally, quarantine has been fine, not great, not bad, but fine. I've been baking....I know right? Ms. Jo baking? That's been fun. But I'm done. I'm ready for this to be over. I'm ready to start planning again. I'm ready to have something to look forward too. I'm ready to see all the kids and their families.

While I'd love to think that we'll have Summer Sunday School and VBS "like usual." I've been forced to think that maybe children's ministry this summer will not be "like usual" and may or may not be usual even into the fall.

What does this mean? I sure wish I knew. At the time of this Outreach, we are still undecided as a church as to when or if to open our doors. This puts a hold on our Summer Sunday School plans. Melissa and I will be discussing in the next couple of days a virtual Sunday School option and really need your input.

**FEEDBACK NEEDED\*\*\*\*** Would you tune into a brief SS lesson for kids, if it were offered? Would it be best to offer these on Sunday morning, during Sunday School time or post it during the week? Please do not be afraid to share that you would watch it too!! We need honest feedback from parents with children this age. Ask your kids. While I know parents/guardians will ultimately reign and possibly assist with logins etc., what do your kids and you as parents truly want to do?

# HELP

Up District 1 did make a decision to hold virtual summer camp this summer. As they determine what that looks like for each church, info will be sent out. This will be an amazing opportunity for our children who haven't yet had the experience of summer camp to test it out from home! More to come.

Looking forward: As of printing, we are still holding on to the hope that we can have some sort of VBS, July 20, now if you'd like to help! New Beginnings Sunday will be August 16 and WOW will kick off on August 19.

 We are trying to make the best decisions for the children of our church. We're also trying to remember the wellbeing of all of our church family. We have faith that although things might look different, we are determined to figure out that balance. Hang in there with us church! Believe me, we need you now more than ever!!

If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Melissa Pyle (pyle\_melissa@hotmail.com) or Jo Swayne (jswayne33@gmail.com).

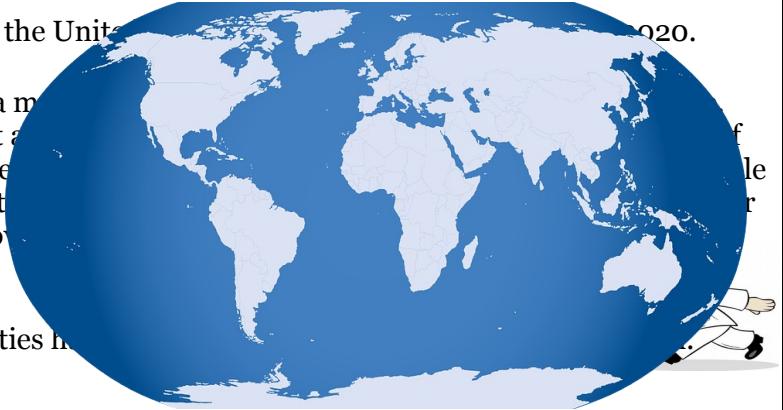
## Children's Ministry Crazy Crayon Mission Project

Do you have any broken or unwanted crayons? Well our children need them to complete a MISSION! Their goal is to collect 100 pounds of crayons to recycle! Once crayons are sent off to the recycling company, new recycled crayons will be purchased for kids in our community! We are also collecting new color books to go with the crayons. Drop off location will be located in the hallway at the top of end floor until August.



## The Community of All Creation is the first of the United Methodist Social Principles to be updated since 2010.

We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness. Human beings, plants, animals and other sentient and non-sentient forms of creation, and their flourishing depends on the care and stewardship of God's people. We call for stewardship and to live in right relationship with the earth. We call on all people to respond to this sacred calling to be responsible stewards and to love and protect the earth.



### **Creation in Peril:**

We acknowledge that unsustainable human activities have contributed to the following:

1. Destruction of Ecosystems
2. Global Warming and Climate Change
3. Dependence on Fossil Fuels

### **Stewardship of Creation:**

The goodness of God's creation, and the value given to every part of it, call people to respect, protect, and care for the creation and all interrelated aspects of it.

1. Environmental Racism: The negative impacts resulting from the degradation of the natural world have fallen disproportionately on marginalized communities and vulnerable groups.
2. Sustainable Policies and Practices: The church supports local, regional, national, and international cooperative efforts aimed at redressing the ecological harms humans have wreaked on a global scale.
3. Food Justice: Food systems that are ecologically sustainable, locally oriented, and equitably distributed are urgent policies. We also affirm food sovereignty, which promotes the rights of all people to healthy, culturally appropriate food.
4. Caring for all Creatures: We support the respectful and humane treatment of animals.
5. Protecting Space: Our charge is to be responsible stewards extends well beyond humankind's immediate environs and encompasses our own solar system and other galaxies.
6. Affirming Science and Traditional Wisdom: We affirm the value of science and reason in providing deeper understandings of the origins and functioning of the cosmos.

We will continue to present each of the principles in future issues of The Outreach. We hope that this information is both helpful and inspiring as we explore the United Methodists Church's official positions on societal issues, casting a vision for a just and equitable world.

### **The Church and Society Committee**

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass,  
it's about learning how to dance in the rain.

*Vivian Green*



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## Upcoming Events

### Stay Safe

**God be with you till we meet again  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

