

The Life of the Church

by Pastor John
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Dear Church Family,

When WUMC adopted a list of strategic goals a couple of years ago, one of our top priorities was to “improve communication within the church.” We’ve made big strides in that area in the meantime; but the past few weeks have created a whole new set of challenges for communicating with one another! In the absence of face-to-face contact, we’ve become increasingly dependent on electronic communication.

Our church’s tech experts have risen to the occasion, providing us with new ways to stay in touch by conference calls and remote worship broadcasts. At the same time, steady improvements have been made to another resource for communication – our church website, www.woodburyumc.net. A website is often a gateway for inquirers from the community to familiarize themselves with what a church stands for and offers. But it is also a terrific means of communication for our own church members, provided we use it. Since the pandemic shutdown began, our website has been updated and improved in many ways. It’s easy for you to access recorded worship services, a church directory, prayer concerns, a daily devotional, and convenient ways to make financial gifts.

In the past, our primary means of communicating with the congregation from the church office has been through emails. We will continue to do that, of course, but we will be directing your attention more and more to the website as a source of information. For example, when you receive this week’s *Messenger*, it will come to you via email as always. But instead of opening the *Messenger* as an attachment, you will be directed to a link where you will find the newsletter already posted as a feature of the website. Since you’ll already be there, why not look around and get acquainted with what the website has to offer. You just might learn something about your church that you didn’t know!

During these unprecedented times, communication within the church is more important than ever. We will be making greater use of the website as a way to “get the word out.” Please avail yourself of this valuable tool for communication.

And what is the main thing we want to communicate? “Love Is Spoken Here” – God’s love for us and our love for one another and our neighbors, especially in trying times.

Grace and peace,



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