



OZONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

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Maintaining Connections

As a result of the corona virus pandemic, we have had to become more intentional about our daily lives. Prior to our need to shelter in place, to keep as much physical distance between us as possible, our ability to maintain connections with people was driven by our daily routines. All those routines are gone! Most of us have been staying at home as much as possible, and I encourage you to continue to do so. I wish I could tell you we will be "Back to Normal" soon. However, it looks like we will be in this new reality for quite a while.

We all know that we can deal with this for a week, maybe two without much difficulty. But we are meant to do more – we are meant for abundant life through Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us in John 10:10, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Maintaining abundant life during these times will require us to be intentional. We find ourselves in a new world that is NOT of our making and that can be scary.

I find having a daily routine is essential to my ability to thrive during these days. Therefore, I invite you to join me in a new ritual. Each morning at 8 am I will be reciting the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada. I find it to be particularly appropriate for our current situation.

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made Flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen

As we draw closer to Holy Week, we will need to find new ways to be together. We will NOT be able to gather physically. However, we can gather spiritually and emotionally. We will be together in a new reality as we share God's word in new ways. I am not sure what Holy Week will look like for Ozona UMC this year. I am still working through all the possibilities.

What I do know is that the promise of Easter is real. On the other side of uncertainty, fear, darkness, illness and death is RESURRECTION! The mystery of our faith remains true!

CHRIST HAD DIED. CHRIST HAS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Pastor Leigh

Palm Sunday, April 5th Communion Offering...

We will be worshipping with Pastor Leigh online.

Our April Communion offering will support our Ozona Community Center. Checks for this offering should be made payable to OUMC Church Advance Special with OCC written on the memo line. They should be mailed to OUMC/PO Box 983.)



We will not have an Easter Lily Order this year since we will be having our Palm Sunday & Easter Services online with Pastor Leigh.

We will order some lilies to be put out in front of the church for Easter morning.

The three crosses will be placed in the front yard of the church on Saturday, April 4th.

We will be decorating the Easter cross with flowers on Easter weekend. Flowers will be available on the front steps or you may bring your own from your home. Your family is invited to come to the church **anytime** on Saturday afternoon April 11th or Easter Sunday, April 12th. to place flowers on the cross.



*March Memorials
In Loving Memory...*

*George Bunger
By Lorrie & Arthur Uhl*

*George Bunger
By Jerry Lynn Pierce*

*George Bunger
By Erby Chandler*

*George Bunger
By Tom & Diane Anderson*

HAVE A
BLESSED EASTER
HOLIDAY!



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