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New Life Worship Service
9:00 am

Celebration Worship
10:30 am

Nursery available at both services.

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Office Hours During this Time

Pastor Dale and Kim Roberts our Administrative Assistant plan to keep the church office open with one of us at the office each day from Monday through Friday from 9:00-noon. We do this because church business continue and the bills keep coming. If you need us, call us. But also know, if you want to come to the church to pray, the doors to church will be open at that time. We will maintain social distancing.



Keep Giving to Church



During this corona-virus situation and response, our church continues to need your support financially. Know that one can always send in a check to the church office by mail. We will process the mail and every two weeks or so, make deposits to the bank.



Monday Evening Prayer time

Pastor Dale is leading a shared Prayer Time on Monday evenings at 7:00pm using a program called zoom. It is fairly easy. It is basically a video chat or phone chat. You can join either using a computer or cell phone.

It is participatory, and I can have up to 100 people together in the 'meeting'. We will take prayer requests, and then we as a group will pray together. (there is actually a way to raise your hand when you want to speak to the whole group, and I unmute you to speak.)

If you want to join, contact Dale and he can send you the link.

Consider joining us when you can on Mondays.



Reese's Pieces

As we move into May, I have been reflecting on the changes the COVID-19 situation has brought. A couple of months ago, these words or phrases hardly passed our lips: coronavirus, COVID-19, social distancing, flatten the curve, self-isolation, virtual meetings, and even pandemic. Now though, they are part of our routine conversations.

There have been other changes as well. For myself, I am spending my time planning virtual Zoom Bible studies & prayer meetings, video-taping worship services, and making phone calls to check on how people are doing. This surely is not how I pictured 2020 being at all for my life and work situations. But we adjust.

Personally, I am trying to make the most of this anxious and uncertain time of life and ministry. I am enjoying connecting with people through Zoom meetings and gatherings. I am feeling blessed beyond measure for our worship experience with music staff and technical help which makes our weekend worship experience good for our congregation and community. In some ways, I am being challenged to be more inspired and creative. I hope you will join me in trying to 'make the best lemonade out of the lemons handed to us' by the COVID-19 situation and time.

One other concern has taken hold in my thoughts lately as I write this at the end of April. There is almost a backlash movement toward leaders (especially government leaders) who are trying to lead based on their ability and advice from experts. They are in a difficult position. If they move too quickly, we could see a rebound effect on the pandemic and have to close down again for a long period of time. But at the same time, if they do not open up the world, depression both economically and in behavior of people can begin to have a profound effect. I urge strongly for us to pray for our leaders to guide us with wisdom and godly clarity. As Christians we must take the words from I Timothy 2:1-3 and Romans 13:1-7 to heart. Read them and follow their instruction and wisdom.

Finally remember, we can count on God for peace during this time,

Pastor Dale Reese

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

Pastor Dale is planning to do a Zoom Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Using a computer program called zoom, people will join a video chat or phone chat. It can be participatory since You can join either using a computer or cell phone to join the conversation and teaching time.

We are going through the various Fruits of the Spirit. This month's topic: *Peace Overcoming Anxiety and Conflict*. This will be a 6 week study with this proposed study schedule:

May 6	Coping With Anxiety Philippians 4:4-9
May 13	Why We Shouldn't Worry Matthew 6:25-34
May 20	Feeling Safe in God's Presence Psalm 46:1-11
May 27	Feeling Safe in God's Care Psalm 91:1-16
June 3	Living at Peace With others Romans 12:17-21
June 10	Christ Our Peace Ephesians 2:11-22

If you want to join, contact Dale and he can send you the link. Send him an e-mail request to either his regular account, or to puffin882@yahoo.com

VBS 2020

We will not be having our traditional weeklong VBS on June 14-18 as originally scheduled. This was a difficult decision to make and one that fills us with great sadness. The situation in our world is full of unknowns right now. Uncertainty regarding when stay at home orders will be lifted, restrictions on large gatherings and social distancing requirements all played a part in the decision. Currently, we are working on an alternative to the traditional VBS that we usually have, this will most likely happen later in the summer. We ask for your prayers as we find new ways to program for the children in our church and community.

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World Labyrinth Day

World Labyrinth Day is always the first Saturday of May. This year, it is May 2, 2020.

This got me thinking. The stay at home order can be really frustrating. From the crude beginnings of our labyrinth, we had to consider the energy we wanted to infuse, and the spirit it would evoke. Many elements come together to realize a vision of synchronicity. So, you set an intention, either before you walk, or before you build. "Weather can affect the speed and spirit of the installation, don't be afraid to postpone if storms are forecasted". I certainly didn't see this coming!

The journey of the labyrinth is a reflection of life. The 180 degree turns that take us farther from the center disorient us. When feeling lost, the important thing to remember is to trust the path and continue forward, knowing that there are no dead ends or mistakes that can be made. Here, we cultivate acceptance and forgiveness and realize that the journey of life is, indeed, a long and winding road.

"Walking" a labyrinth on paper has the many benefits of walking it in person. My hope is that you take some time, and walk our labyrinth, and send that energy out into the world.

There are three stages to the walk:

Releasing (the journey within)

Let go of the details, distractions and extraneous thoughts as you symbolically shed your skin. Open the heart and quiet the mind. Find your natural pace.

Receiving (at center)

When you find yourself at the heart of the labyrinth, stay as long as you like. Sit or stand. It is a sacred space for meditation and prayer. Receive what is there for you to receive.

Returning (coming back to life)

When you leave the center, follow the same path back out. It's ok to leave some things behind. Allow the insights, lessons, intangibles to sink in. Re-emerge with what you have received.

Labyrinths provide time and space for self-reflection, being present when the chaos of life seems overwhelming.

May your journey be richly blessed!

Toby Karp

