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Sages and Saints

Sages and Saints sends their best wishes and good health to everyone, and is suspending all activities until we can all be together again.

In Christ's Love,

Patty Ingalls

The following items have been found in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. If any of these items belong to you, they can be picked up in the office.

- ♦ Worship Booklet for Pilgrams—Walk to Emmaus
- ♦ Gold Hummingbird Brooch with different colored rhinestones
- ♦ Gold & Green Wreath Brooch with clear rhinestones



PASTOR'S PONDERING

Psalm 27: 4

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

The one thing on everyone's mind is when can we return to worshipping God together in His sanctuary! As our State lifts the quarantine guidelines, we are making preparations to resume our normal worship schedule. Right now, we're looking at a Sunday in late May but will make any necessary adjustments as the situation unfolds in our community.

As we resume our public gatherings, keep in mind the following:

If you remain concerned about your health, do not feel pressured to immediately return to worship. We will continue offering Live Stream services even after we resume public worship.

While at church, be respectful of 'Social Distancing' guidelines. We will have a limited seating capacity in the sanctuary. Overflow seating will be available in the narthex and fellowship hall.

All items will be removed from the pew racks. All surfaces will be sanitized after a worship service.

Please refrain from shaking hands and exchanging hugs. There will be a safer time to do such things.

We do not plan to pass any objects during worship. We will provide designated baskets and boxes for offerings.

We have a plan to safely partake of communion.

There will be no other gatherings at the church. We will need to set another date to resume Sunday School and Bible Study groups.

We will hold off on serving coffee and refreshments.

Please, if you do not feel well, do not attend any public events.

Remember: you can give online, use the mail, or drop by the church of-
fice between 9am to 2pm. Your continued tithes and offerings sup-
port our staff and ministries.

Be encouraged my friends! Trust in the Lord because God is really good at leading His people through difficult moments. God remained faithful in leading His people for 40 years in the desert. God guided His exiled people back home to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and its Temple. God provided safety for the holy family from a deranged tyrant after Jesus' birth. And God gave us Easter morning after a terrible Good Friday. Trust in the Lord, and we too shall return home!

In Christ's Service,
Andy

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Disclaimer: All scheduled events in this Newsletter, throughout the month of May, are subject to change according to the CDC recommendations.

CHOIR NOTES BY NANCY HAJEK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I miss you! Do you realize how strange it is being in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and not seeing nor hearing you? I can't wait for this social distancing to be over and we can embrace and shake hands and sing and worship together again! I understand why we're doing it, but it doesn't mean I have to like it!

Once this is all over, choirs will begin rehearsals again, but until we get the green light from the human powers that be, we'll keep doing what we're doing. Until we can meet again...

Soli Deo Gloria!

Nancy



Sunday—May 3rd—Come to the church's south parking lot any time between 10:30am to 11:15am for communion 'DRIVE THRU.' While safely in your car, you will be directed through several worship stations which will include receiving a prepackaged communion kit.



Wednesday, May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th—6:00pm—Mid-Week Service

Sunday—May 10th—Mother's Day

Tuesday—May 12th—COM Meeting—5:00pm

Monday, May 18th—Single Board Meeting

Monday, May 25th—OFFICE CLOSED



SINGLE BOARD MEETING

**Monday, May 18th
5:30PM
ROOM #15**

PRAYER WALL



The Prayer Wall is a new feature on our website. Easily share joys and concerns with your church family. You can respond to other requests by clicking: ***"I've Prayed For This."*** Doing so will send an email to the person lifting up the prayer. You also have complete control over the personal information shared.

Check it out!

EASIER LIVE STREAMING



We've made it easier to watch all of our live streaming events:

1. ***Watch everything through our church's website. This is best for computers, phones, and tablets.***
2. ***Vimeo streaming is still available if you want to watch through a smart TV.***

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministries during this time of separation. There are three ways to offer your gifts:

1. ***Online Giving is safe and secure.***
2. ***Mail your offering***
3. ***Drop by the office***

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—Thursday, 9:00am—2:00pm
Friday—Closed**



COVID 19 INSURANCE STRATEGIES



Pastor Andy and Jim Howse recorded several videos with guidelines for consideration in reducing your insurance costs with little impact on your coverage. These are applicable to personal and small business insurance coverages. The video is available on the FUMC website.

YOUTH GROUP

Hello Church,

If you would like to see what has been going on with the youth, it is all on our new website!

Here are the links below to see what all we have been doing online, we would love for you to watch our zoom meetings and lessons!

Children Ministry Online:

Children's At-Home bulletins (FUN sheets) online: for every Sunday or anyday of the week, has activities and coloring sheets. Direct link to all of these through the end of May is here: <https://www.lgfumc.org/article/childrens-fun-sheets/>

- Children's Sunday School Lesson online. This is one page for the family to have a short but really great bible lesson to include:
- Scripture reading, A bible point, Bible lesson, A visual example to do at home, Talking and discussion points, Prayer

- Then an additional activity, game or skit to do together

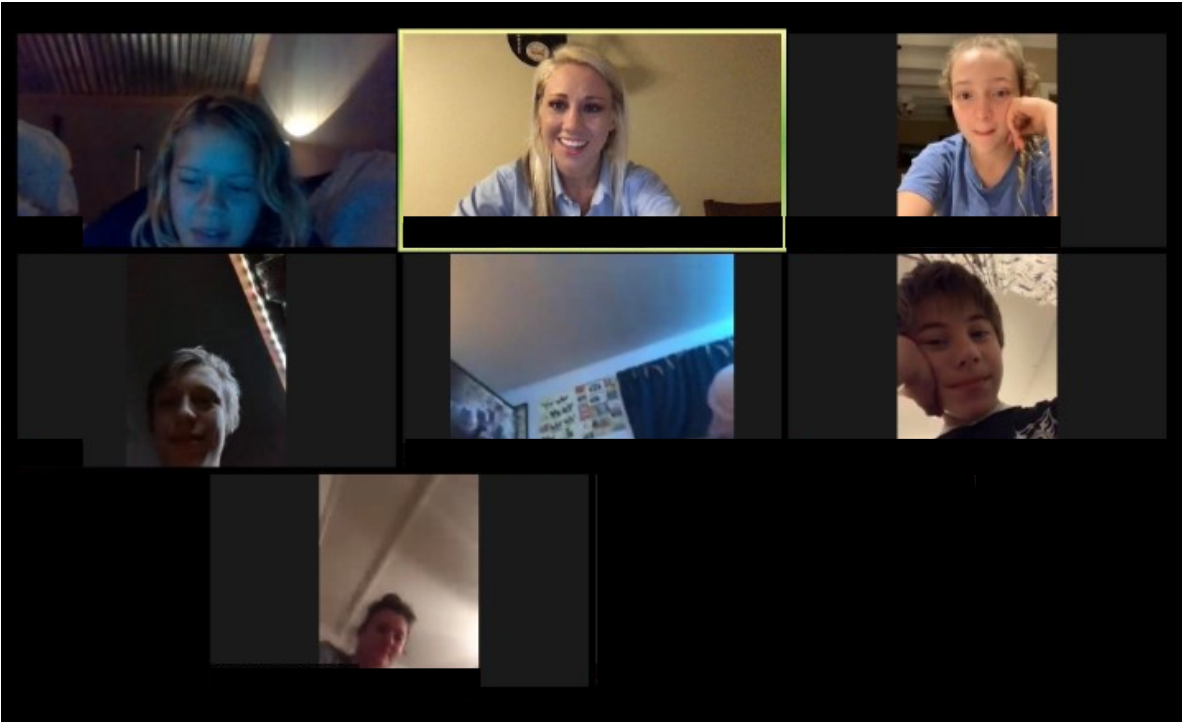
Direct link to see this is: <https://www.lgfumc.org/article/childrens-sunday-school-lessons/>

- Easter Basket Deliveries to Children & Youth.
- 27 baskets delivered total. 17 to children and 10 to youth.
- Baskets contained a Childrens easter story book for grades K-2, a bible trivia book for grades 3-6. A journal for prayer/bible notes, conversations with God for all youth.
- Baskets contained candy and eggs and fun toys along with a hand written card to the children & youth with scripture and Easter encouragement.
- All baskets were delivered by Friday April 10, 2020

Youth Ministry Online:

Wednesday youth lessons online each Wednesday: started off with recorded lessons and shared through Vimeo, now doing Zoom meetings with all youth. We have 11-13 participants each week on zoom. These can be found on our website here: <https://www.lgfumc.org/article/youth-video-devotionals/>

Sunday school lessons online are recorded and can be found here: <https://www.lgfumc.org/article/youth-sunday-school-online/>



****Copies of LGFUMC Financials & Single Board Minutes are available upon request.**

Birthdays of the Month

Tre Scott	May 1	Richard Ingalls	May 9	Kari Willrich	May 23
Kellie Bretz	May 4	Wendi Pyle	May 9	William Koenig	May 24
Kristine Naiser	May 4	Matthew Marks	May 11	Henry Buscher	May 25
Andrew Baker	May 5	Harold Pieratt	May 11	Mary Collins	May 25
Kathleen Wilder	May 5	Patti Allen	May 13	BB Connor	May 26
Justin Koudelka	May 6	Joy Hall	May 13	Dave Vendel	May 26
Mildred Todd	May 6	Nicholas England	May 14	David Hinman	May 27
Reuben Maas	May 7	Alan Pyburn	May 14	Kristyn Schramm	May 27
Brandy Zinglemann	May 7	Jeff Parker	May 16	Mark Karonika	May 29
Guy Hardin	May 8	Connor Pieratt	May 16	Brianna Scott	May 29
		Michael Burton	May 20	Ed Murphy	May 31



Chuck & Vicki Guzman	May 4	Bill & Lori Pieratt	May 21
Charles & Joy Learned	May 6	Ed & Janet Murphy	May 22
Andrew & Melissa Baker	May 14	Jon & Maxine Ballard	May 30
		Carl & Michelle Pittman	May 31



Our Methodist Men's group would like to keep the congregation informed with what we have planned for our monthly meetings. However, meetings are postponed until later notice.

Introducing ShelbyNext



ShelbyNext: What is it?

- **ShelbyNext** is our new church database system. It provides a digital church directory and church calendar. It also manages online giving and privately stores your giving records.
- All members and participants of our church family can have access to ShelbyNext.

- * Access the church directory
- * Make contributions
- * View your giving records
- * Update your own contact information

Using ShelbyNext with a Computer

Open your web browser to: <https://lgfumc.shelbynextchms.com>

- Enter your **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD**
- If you do not have a password or forgot your password:
 1. Click on **"Forgot Password?"** to create a new one.
 2. Type the email address associated with your church record.
(Please contact the church office to add or change your email associated with your church record.)
 3. Click **"Send Password."** An updated password will be sent to you automatically by the ShelbyNext system.
 4. Check your email! Your username will be different from your email address.

Contact the church office if you have questions or problems.

Using the ShelbyNext APP

Shelby can be used on any smart device. Visit the APP store associated with your device and download: **ShelbyNext-Membership**

- To use the APP, you will be asked to log-in using your log-in credentials:

Domain: **lgfumc.shelbynextchms.com**

Username: _____

Password: _____

Look for this Logo:



Editing Your Personal Information

Important: only your name, contact information, and photo are visible to those authorized to use our Shelby account.

Once you access Shelby, please review all of your personal information and that of your family. Make any necessary changes.

NOTE: Any edits will be sent to the church office for approval before being published.

How To Make Edits

Personal Information:

- Using a Web Browser: **1) Click on the EDIT tab. 2) Update any incorrect or blank information. 3) Click SAVE when finished.**
- Using the APP: **1) Tap on your NAME at the bottom. 2) Update any incorrect or blank information. 3) Click SAVE when finished.**

Username or Password:

- Using a Web Browser: **1) Click on the ACCOUNT tab. 2) Update the information in the credentials box. 3) Click SAVE when finished.**
- Using the APP: **1) Tap on your NAME at the bottom. 2) Scroll to the bottom of your record and tap CHANGE PASSWORD. 3) Enter new password and tap OK.**

What To Edit

1. Personal information... *name, preferred, and formal name*
2. Contact Info... *Home #. Cell #. Work #. Email*
3. Address... *include mailing and residential address (physical)*
4. Dates... *yes, your full birthday! Baptize? Joined? (if you know these dates)*
5. Photo... *add one if you can. (if not, we can take a picture at church)*

Contribution History

To view or print your giving history, click on the GIVING tab. *(this is private and never included in the directory).* A family couple that makes contributions together will both have access to this information. To update your giving records, please contact Eva Gregory at finance@lgfumc.org