



### **A Thankful Pastor**

In these days of challenge, how thankful I am for my church family. Our separation so strongly reinforces how much I miss you and our gatherings. And I know you feel the same.

I'm so thankful for musicians and tech people who are working so diligently to keep you connected. Nathan Hight and the praise team still lead us in Contemporary worship, and Traditional worship seems strange with only three people (Kevin Lust, Leon at the organ, and me)- but we know that many of YOU are able to be with us as well online. Online worship is truly not the same as "being there" but it is still a gift none the less.

I'm also thankful for our wonderful staff. We have a great team assembled. Mike Milani and our youth are connecting online. Mike has been making many short videos as well as live content. April Hight has been working on congregational care calls and with Cathy Thigpen to implement Congregational Care teams. She's also been working with our Wesley Child Care Center in their decisions. Angela Long has been continually connecting with families with children. She and I made some videos last week for the chapel services that the children will miss. She has also found ways to implement the children's study material online. Cathrin Owens has been graciously working to get this newsletter out-even after recovering from surgery. And Angie Arnold has been overseeing the wrap-up of our

### **Worship Times**

#### **Sunday Mornings**

Christ Chapel 8:30AM

The Well 9:45AM

Traditions 11:00AM

### **Office Hours**

#### **Mon - Thurs**

9:00AM- 4:00PM

#### **Staff Meetings**

Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

#### **Lunch**

12:00-1:00PM

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geothermal repairs and other operations. And Amy Sticha and Devon Stoy have been working hard with various cleaning and repairs.

And yes, even I am learning and doing new things- like video editing and using a teleprompter. Many of you have responded positively to the midweek devotions that we are releasing on Wednesdays. I had a dream when I first came to this church about making our beautiful stained glass more understandable (there's a lot of symbolism) and more dearly beloved for our congregation- and I felt like the Lord was telling me, "Now is the time." I could not make this happen without the help of Bob McCrory.

I'm also thankful for your support during this time. People have sent me encouraging words. People are still praying. And people are still finding ways to give their offerings.

A great blessing for me is the new members we have received since we shut down. We have had four join in two weeks and I baptized two children. Another will join on Palm Sunday.

As many of you have heard me say in online worship- the doors may be closed, but the ministry goes on!

I love my church- and I long to be with you again.

Pastor Ronnie

PS- During Holy Week, look for some special devotional postings by me on Facebook for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

The day will come when we are all back together. I'm calling that day Homecoming!

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Music, Contemporary  
Nathan Hight

Music, Traditional  
Kevin Lusk

Housekeeping  
Amy Lohr-Sticha

Maintenance  
Devon Stoy

Organist  
Leon Curenton

Pianists  
Pam Myers, Susan Smith

Sexton  
Samuel Allen

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## Women's Service Group Cake Sale

Postponed until further notice!



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## Youth Ministry

### ***Discovery Weekend Announcement***

After lots of prayer and consideration we have decided to postpone Discovery Weekend 2020. The dates at this time are to be determined. We are in uncharted territory as we seek to remain faithful to the call to steward the young men and women of our community while simultaneously doing what is necessary to keep all people safe from the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. This is not a cancellation. This event will happen. In the meantime, I ask all parents, students, and relatives to be in prayer for our church, our town, and our nation. Please check out the youth ministry Instagram page at [cfumc\\_student\\_ministries](https://www.instagram.com/cfumc_student_ministries) for updates and content as we adapt to our current situation. Thanks for all you do.

-Mike Milani



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### **Sager Brown Depot UMCOR Trip**

UMCOR Sager Brown—United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is not a first-response organization, but stands ready to accompany communities in need over the long haul of their recovery until a “new normal” is established after a crisis. The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot is the hub of UMCOR’s relief-supply operations. UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to its local neighbors through food distribution and housing rehabilitation projects, engaging volunteers in these projects that help families and the elderly. They also assist with building of ramps for the elderly and disabled, work at Chez Hope, the local domestic violence shelter, in their thrift shop and volunteer at Matthew 25 International which conducts outreach work in countries such as Haiti, Peru and India. UMCOR Sager Brown couldn’t accomplish all they do without volunteers. That is where we come in. Team Sager Brown goes to Baldwin, LA each year to work at the depot, on campus and out in the community to continue their mission of aiding those in distress.



Your FUMC Team Sager Brown is forming now. We have 12 openings to fill for a mission trip on the bayou scheduled **September 27-October 2, 2020**. The time for sending in the 1<sup>st</sup> partial payment for our stay is coming soon. So, get with Pam Hight at [pjhight51@gmail.com](mailto:pjhight51@gmail.com) or 850 758-8201 for more info and to sign up.

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### **April Greeters**

Our campus is closed until April 15, as far as we know.

April 19- Gary & Jan Rohr

April 26- Debbie Watson

### **Traditions/Main Sanctuary 11:00AM**

April 19- Elaine Mantle, Suzanne Long

April 26- Linda Biondi, Mark Young

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### **April Ushers**

**8:30 Christ Chapel-** Skipper Kemp and Debbie Watson

### **11:00 Traditions- Team 1**

Leaders: Mark Young

Carli Owens, Bill Beard, Darrell Smith

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## **Important Dates in April**

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April 17- Sr. Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH

April 28- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

\*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room

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## **Looking Ahead to May**

May 1- Women's Service 9:00AM in Rm 213

May 3- Trustees 5:00PM Conf Rm, Finance 6:30PM Conf Rm

May 6- Kid's Street Summer Fun Program begins, Study Groups end until Fall

May 11- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH

May 12- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

May 13- CommUNITY Dinner, Church Council

May 15- Sr. Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH, Parents Night Out

May 25- June Newsletter Deadline, Office Closed for Memorial Day

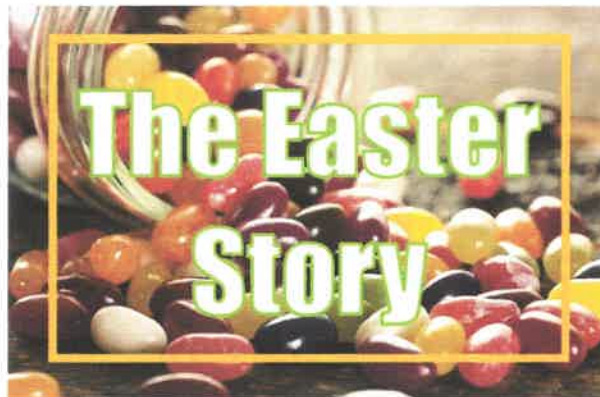
May 26- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

May 31- Pentecost

\*FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

Little jelly beans tell a story true.  
A tale of Father's love just for me and you.  
GREEN is for the waving palms.  
YELLOW is for the sun above.  
BROWN is for the soft earth where People sat hearing of His love.  
A SPECKLED bean for fish and sand.  
RED for precious wine and BLACK is for the sin He washed from you soul and mine.  
PURPLE's for the sadness of His family and friends,  
and WHITE is for the glory of the day He rose again.

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