

THE CONNECTION

June 2021

Newsletter

A Note From Pastor Ronnie

Revised COVID Policy

Based on recent CDC changes in guidelines and the status of COVID in our area, the Long Range Planning Committee has decided that most of our COVID procedures are discontinued.

Two exceptions will be that we will continue to do Holy Communion the way we've been doing it in the last few months and the Offering/Grace Notes will continue to be collected at the end of the service at the exits.

Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be available to all at the entrances to worship for those who wish them.

We do have two requests as we move into this next phase.

Please Be Responsible. Make attendance and behavior decisions that are best for you. And as always, if you are not feeling well, please watch worship online and do not risk spreading anything at church.

Please Be Respectful. Some people will wish to continue to wear masks and we encourage them to do so if they like. Others will not wear a mask. Let's respect people in the decisions which make them feel the most comfortable.

And as always, our policies may change in the future as conditions warrant.

Furthermore, as we've stated many times before, Online Worship Ministry is here to stay! The Well Service at 9:45 and the Traditions Service at 11:00 will continue to be streamed Live online on Facebook.

Morning Glory Early Service Changes: June 6

The early service will return to the Chapel on June 6. We will also shift back to 8:30 AM once we are in the Chapel (so remember to keep coming at 8:15 through the month of May).

Community Dinners will resume in July. We are not ready for covered dish dinners yet, but we will be offering meals again on a Wednesday evening every other month (same night as the Administrative Council Meeting). Always listen out for details in the future.

We look forward to many great things in the life of our church in the days and months ahead.

God is faithful, and we are so very grateful.

Pastor Ronnie

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings

Morning Glory at 8:30AM

Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM

The Crossroads Center

Traditions at 11:00AM

Main Sanctuary

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings

Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

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Thank You From the Bottom Of My Heart!

Dear Church Family,

I just want to say "Thank you" for all the prayers on my behalf during my surgery and recovery. Also, the cards and many other forms of kindness you blessed me with. I love each and every one of you and I hope to some day know everyone by name.

Blessings Always,

Betty Stewart

Food Drop Round-up

To our Church Family,

Last fall, our friend Sam Field tried to arrange a Food Distribution event for our community on a couple of different dates. They were not able to work the original dates in the fall, and finally settled on a date in January 2021. Sam made all the arrangements, but by the time of the event, he had fallen ill and was not able to make it to the event. His coordination and the efforts of our church family led to the event going off so well it was repeated 3 more times this spring. The people of the Crestview First United Methodist Church stepped up to

fill the void when we lost Sam, and through their efforts between Jan and May 2021 we were able to distribute 40,000 pounds of donated grocery items to over 1,000 families in our community.

To everyone who helped, whether you parked cars, bagged groceries, registered people, loaded cars, broke down boxes, prepared tables for moving to the site, called grocery bag manufacturers trying to find us less expensive bags, passed on word to your neighbors who might be in need, created colorful fliers, loaned us a trailer last minute, brought family members out at the crack of dawn on a Saturday, came out in the rain, THANK YOU! This effort never would have been possible without the assistance from all the people who were involved, no matter what the job was. Each of you has the gift of a servant's heart. Thank you for all the help and support. Y'all did Sam proud.

'Show hospitality to one another without complaining. As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another. If anyone speaks, he should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone serves, he should serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom the glory and the power forever and ever. ' 1 Peter 4:9-11

-Kristen Sallberg

Upper Room Devos

Thank you to all that contributed to the **UPPER ROOM Devotional** funds. We will continue to offer these to the congregation as long as there is a demand. There is a donation box at the front office entrance as well as at the Crossroads Center for donations and order requests. The books are delivered every two months on a standard order.

-Angela Long

Looking for Audio/Visual Minded Volunteers!

Interested in learning the sound board & all things camera techy? We're looking for volunteers to work the audio/visual equipment for the **11:00AM Traditions** service. It isn't difficult to learn and you get prime seating. Call the front office if this is your thing and can help out!

REFIT Classes

ReFIT will continue to meet throughout the summer- WOOHOO!

New members are always welcome!

Join in on **Monday & Friday** morning classes at 8:45AM in the FUMC Fellowship Hall and **Wednesday** evenings at 6:00PM in the Youth Rm in The Crossroads Center.

Childcare is available for 8:45AM Monday & Friday morning classes.

UMCOR / United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR Sager Brown-- **October 3 – 8, 2021** is the week our team is scheduled to go to Baldwin, La. to work at the Sager Brown UMCOR facility. The campus is still closed; however, we are moving forward with forming our team in readiness of reopening. As of right now we have several slots open to meet our obligation of 12 members. This is a short, fun and rewarding mission. One that touches the lives of people across our nation and world.

Sager Brown is the main depot for making, receiving, storing and distributing disaster response kits such as cleaning buckets, hygiene kits and school kits for those in need because of a crisis such as floods, fires, tornados, etc. Because of the campus closure this past year, the need is great right now to replenish these kits, and teams to do the work. This is the perfect time to answer that whisper you may have been getting to

go on a mission. For more information, contact Pam Hight, team leader, at 850 758-8201 or pjhight51@gmail.com.

-Pam Hight

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

VBS is scheduled for **July 12-July 18**, from 6:00-8:30PM. Donate and sign up to volunteer electronically by visiting fumcrestview.com or email Angela Long at kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com.

Keep a look out for our Treasured Needs board that will list items needed. Please take a card or two and turn your donations in by the date listed on the card.

Soup Kitchen News

Two exciting new things to report in the Soup Kitchen! First, please join me in welcoming a fun addition to our soup kitchen team ... Paul Adams and the youth group! They will be helping during the months that include a 5th Saturday and will be supporting the Eglin Team, who prepares the meal. Thank you so much to Paul and our youth! Second, we recently received a 2020 year-end donations report from Panera Bread. Through their "Day-End Dough-Nation Program," they donated 5,346 bakery items to First United Methodist Church at a total value of more than \$13,500! Donations included various breads, muffins, cookies, pastries, bagels, scones, cinnamon rolls, croissants ... the list seems endless! These donations are in addition to breads and sweets from Publix North and Back Home Bakery on Main Street and they help supplement the weekly soup kitchen meals that our various teams provide to folks and families in our community every Saturday. Thank you FUMC family for your support of this ministry!

In His Name, Eileen Kurtz

Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Matthew 25:35 - "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School We are a go for VBS and schedule for July 12 to July 16 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. More outdoor activity, more fun, snacks, water, and games as we learn about how TREASURED we are! Ages PreK 4 (space limited for PreK) to 5th grade. Vacation Bible School. Registration is open online at www.fumcrestview.com. Please contact Angela Long if you are interested in an option for toddlers during the day.

Butter and Egg: The children's ministry 3rd through 5th grade students will participate in a day at Butter and Egg Adventures in Troy, AL on June 14th, 2021. (7:00 AM to 6:30 PM). Please click on the link below for registration forms, links and further instruction. A hardcopy of the form will be available on Kids Street. All documents and \$35.00 fee should be turned in to Angela Long by June 6, 2021. Please email kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Children's Nursery

The nursery on Kids Street remains open for all services. Nursery staff have Kids Street open by 8:15 on each Sunday.

Promotion Sunday: Please join us on June 6th at the 9:45 service for our annual Promotion Sunday. We will recognize each child that is moving into the PreK, K-3, 4th and 5th grade, as well as those who are moving up to the Youth Group. We will also take this time to acknowledge all of the children that joined our nursery this year. If your child has been worshiping from home and you would like to be a part of this day please contact Angela Long at kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com.

SUMMER FUN:

June Wednesday Night Schedule

June 2: 6:00 PM – Movie Night

June 9: 6:00 PM – Bingo Night

June 16: 6:00 PM – Domino Night

June 23: 6:00 PM - Pizza and PJ's.. bring your favorite game
June 30: 6:00 PM - Uno Fun

Volunteers are needed for Sunday School leaders and helpers. Please email kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com to sign up or become a volunteer.

- Angela Long

Youth Ministry

It is incredible that we are already in June of 2021!

Summer is here and school will be out for everyone in a matter of days... We look forward to a summer full of Christ-centered fun, fellowship, and growth. During the month of May, our youth went to Ft. Walton for a beach day and had a blast. We hope to have events and outings like this for the youth as often as we can afford to. We continue to meet on Wednesday nights for Bible studies and games from 6-7:30pm and meet on Sunday mornings for Sunday School at 9:45am and 11am. We have just finished the book of Romans in our Wednesday night meets and have now started to go through the book of Daniel! Also, the program seems to be growing at a steady pace.

Slowly but surely, more and more students are attending our meetings as we transition away from Covid and move back into our normal lifestyles and routines.

Please be in prayer for our church's youth program. Pray for the spiritual growth of our youth and for the growth of the program overall. Thank you to any and all who support the youth at this church in anyway. Please reach out to me, Paul Adams, if you have any questions or suggestions for the program.

In Christ,

-Paul Adams

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Adult Discipleship

WED NIGHT SMALL GROUPS officially ended for the summer as of May 26. Please note that a few of the groups will continue to meet through the summer on their current study. New members are welcome but need to know that the group is finishing up a study they worked on through the spring. Keep your eye out for our **Fall Book Fair** that will begin sign up on July 14 and officially kicked off at our July 28 Community Dinner & Council Meeting. The Wednesday Night Small Group date officially begins on August 18. Please visit our church website for updates to this information. More details will be announced in July.

PRAYER GROUPS: We are so excited to see our Prayer Groups meeting and thankful for the extra prayers and support each week lifted up by this faithful group.

- Angela Long

Yarn Ministry

"We look for wool and linen, And work with our hands in delight."

-Proverbs 31:13

God is so faithful! As doors continued to be closed due to Covid, He opened venues and ministries that we could not have even imagined!

Our Yarn Blessing on May 30th will see our altars filled once again with beautiful shawls, afghans, hats and blankets and will be donated to our new partners in ministry:

Crestview's Hope House - Crvw Lutheran ministry for children & teens.

Eglin's Fisher House - for military members & families who visit Eglin AFB long term for medical treatment.

Crestview Pregnancy Center - Crvw First Baptist ministry for women & children.

Saving Grace Women's Home - Rescues women out of addiction, abuse and homelessness (located in Baker, FL).

Wesleyan Child Care Center - our own child care facility here on campus.

This month's meetings will be held **Tuesdays, June 8 & 22** at 6:00PM in Rm 213.

Please join us and get caught up in all the Yarnie fun!

-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the

work of our hands."
-Psalm 90:17

June Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters

June 6- Deb Watson & Skipper Kemp
June 13- Lowell & Maryrose Scott
June 20- John & Cynthia Leitschuck
June 27- Melanie & Gary Zick

Ushers

Skipper Kemp and David Bloom

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists: Nell Sutherland- June 6, 20 (First & Third Sundays), Dan Taylor- June 13, 27 (Second & Fourth Sundays)

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters:

Youth (Leaders: Mike Steen & Carli Owens)

Ushers:

Back (office): Youth, Darrell Smith

Front (narthex/foyer): First Sun/ June 6- Mark Young, Second Sun/ June 13 - Jim Hight, Third Sun/ June 20- Mike Steen, Fourth Sun/ June 27- Dax Reeves

Liturgists:

Paul Adams & Mike Steen

Important Dates In June

June 2- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM at David's Catfish House with speaker Mayor Whitten.

June 6- Children's Promotion Sunday 9:45AM The Well service

June 8- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

June 13- Youth Committee 12:00PM Youth Rm, Missions 5:00PM in Rm 212

June 14- Butter & Egg Adventures Kid's Street Field Trip, United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH

June 17- Prayer in the Parking Lot 6:00PM at Crvw Courthouse

June 20- Father's Day

June 21- July Newsletter deadline

June 22- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

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

Please see <http://fumcrestview.com/calendar-1> for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead To July

July 4- Happy Birthday America! All military are invited to wear their uniforms to worship service.

July 5- Church office is closed

July 7- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM at David's Catfish House, Worship Committee 5:30PM in Rm 212

July 11- Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance 5:00PM Rm 212

July 12 through 16- VBS

July 13- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

July 14- Fall Book Fair CRC

July 18- Children's Committee 12:15PM on Kid's St

July 19- August Newsletter deadline

July 25- Long Range Planning 5:30PM Youth Rm

July 27- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Rm 213

July 28- Community Dinner / Summer Shindig

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"See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God, and so we are."

-1 John 3:1

Happy Father's Day to Our Father in Heaven

This Father's Day as we honor our fathers, let us also remember and honor God the Father who created each and every one of us to know Him, love Him, serve Him and be happy with Him in Heaven.

Jesus taught us to pray the Our Father inviting us to a very intimate relationship with God who wants us to call Him Father.

What a great and awesome privilege this is.

Jesus revealed God the Father to us saying,

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father," John 14:9.

May God the Father, who loves each and every one of us with an infinite and everlasting love, bless us and make us holy in Jesus' name.

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