

Sounds of Sunny Lane

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"Not So Fast . . ."

When Governor Stitt indicated last week that some businesses and churches could re-open effective May 1, our Oklahoma Bishop Jimmy Nunn said to our clergy . . . "Not so fast." Bishop Nunn has not given permission to any of our Oklahoma Methodist churches to re-open just yet.

We are to continue with the suspension of public worship, to keep groups of people in the church to less than 10 at any one time, and to continue with social distancing, sheltering at home, and live-streaming of worship services. We are still prohibited from conducting public funerals. In other words, we are to maintain our new normal throughout the month of May. Bishop Nunn will issue his next updated ruling on May 17.

So, you are invited to continue watching our virtual worship being live-streamed and archived on our church's face book page, or watch it on YouTube. I also provide a "Mid-Week Meditation" that is posted to our face book page on Wednesdays.

Additionally, I have been sending out via email a "Monday Morning Missal" that includes updates and our latest Prayer List.

This will all be set aside someday and be a part of our collective history . . . but for now, let us maintain our current course of separation and yet together in our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. He is risen indeed!

MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 10

ONLY ONE MOTHER

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,
Hundreds of shells on the shore together,
Hundreds of birds that go singing by,
Hundreds of lambs in the sunny weather.

Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one Mother the wide world over.





UMW Ladies,

During this stay at home order, I, as many of you, have had plenty of time for reflection. I got to thinking about the everyday life I miss so much and how much it revolves around church and family. I can remember when I was growing up and you got the national news once a day. It was at 5:30 every night. It only lasted 30 minutes. But now it is on 24/7. At the beginning, I found myself watching news all day, every day. I realized it wasn't very healthy for my spirit or mood. So, for me, I will only watch the news once a day and not be fixated on it. Wouldn't it be great if during this pandemic we could write down in our journals five things we are grateful for each day? Take a stroll down memory lane at all the fun times you have had and be grateful.

March 25, I sent each chairperson an e-mail. It reminded them that UMW is still working around the world during this pandemic. UMW's are volunteering to make masks, food delivery, prescription pick-up, clothing for parolees, and so much more. Keeping that in mind we need to remember to send our pledge money through the mail, please send it to your circle treasurer. Once she has logged the money in for her records, she will send it on to Alice, our unit treasurer. Then Alice will deposit the money into our account. This ensures our unit will be able to keep up with our pledge.

1 John 1: 3-4 tells us to fellowship with Christ and each other. I encourage each group chairperson and individuals to keep in contact with each lady. God has given us each other and we have plenty of time on our hands and a telephone to call and chat. It's important to remind each other we love and care for them. That call might be all that is needed to lift that person's spirits.

As I was doing my daily Bible study and meditation, I came across Isaiah 24:10-16. People think there is no time to walk out in the field or sit quietly on the patio and reflect and pray. However, we have a God-given opportunity for this helpful indulgence by reason of this unique time. Out of necessity our churches are closed and all public gatherings have discontinued. This draws us together for Facebook worship and telephone calls. But now, we have the opportunity to sit on the porch or walk in a field and give ourselves to thought and reflection. That should bring great comfort to us as we share in these unique ways. As we do this, let us each reflect on our many blessings and rejoice. We are not alone; God will see us through. God be with each of you until we gather again.

Love and Blessing

Jacci Freno – President

MAY-JUNE UPPER ROOMS

We would encourage you to secure your latest, free copy of our denominational daily devotional book entitled, *The Upper Room*.

Copies of the May-June edition, both regular and large print, are located in plastic tubs outside the Main Entrance of the church building. We are allowing the tubs to remain outside for your convenience on a 24/7 basis. Come by anytime and pick up your copy.

If you've never used *The Upper Room* previously, now is a great time during "shelter at home" to begin this efficacious spiritual practice.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



This year Sunny Lane has three members graduating from area high schools. Our Seniors will be recognized when we are able to reopen the church. They are listed below:

Jessica Fugate, Del City High School
Daughter of Andy and Jamie Fugate

Sara Kelton, Del City High School
Daughter of Kendall Kelton

Andrea Daquiaoag, Del City High School
Daughter of Myrna Daquiaoag and Jun Daquiaoag

Congratulations



CALLING ALL THOSE WHO LIKE TO SEW

If you know how to make the cloth masks that we all are supposed to be wearing these days, I would like to invite you to make some for Sunny Lane. I would prefer those that have the elastic ear loops. Each mask should be individually sealed up in a plastic zip-lock baggie.

I would like to have a supply of these masks at each of our Sanitation Stations that will be located at our entrances once we are able to return to public worship. These masks would be available for people to take who may have come to worship without one that day. I am anticipating that our Bishop will require the wearing of masks, at least for a while. Thanks! Lynn

Hello Everyone!

Just wanted to give a short clarification about masks for the church. I had been told that a few people were making them, and I wanted to coordinate with them so we don't end up with more than we need.

If you are currently making masks, with the intent to give them to the church, please let me know. I currently have 23 made. Kay Lancaster has committed to make a dozen, as has Cathy Maroney. So let's work together to cover our church family, and then if you want to donate to others you can certainly do so, and I'm sure they would be appreciated. I hope I haven't overstepped my bounds or stepped on any toes.

Bless each and every one of you that have offered to make masks for our church or our community. I'm looking forward to the day that we can all worship together again.

Lynda Estes-Coonfield (405) 737-0424

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 26

We held our quarterly Administrative Council meeting last Sunday by means of ZOOM, which is a digitized version of meeting separately but yet simultaneously via computerized video. For our first-time effort, I thought it went quite well.

Teresa Scott gave her report on behalf of the Finance Committee. In short, we are maintaining ourselves under our current structure. Your stewardship financial giving has been absolutely amazing as you've shared your gifts via the USPS. Teresa thanks everyone for their continued faithfulness in honoring their pledges to the church.

We had one item of business that required a virtual vote: The Conference is requiring every local UMC to create re-launch teams so that we are properly prepared to re-open and resume public worship and other activities when the time comes. Specific directions from the Conference indicated that the teams should be no more than eight persons in number, and also specified the positions that should be represented on each re-launch team.

Our Re-launch Teams will be as follows . . .

"Re-Open Team"—Pastor, Administrative Council chairperson (Stan Buss), Lay Leader/Delegate (David Freno), Trustees chairperson (Frances Birdsong), Worship Committee (Chris Moore), Medical Person/Parish Nurse (Kathy Bray)

"Economic Impact Team"—Finance chairperson (Teresa Scott), Treasurer (Donna Alexander), Financial Secretary (Barbara Zapf), Pastor/Administrative Assistant (Jo Ellen Reed), Margo Hirschman (VIM Committee chairperson), Gail Montgomery (SPPRC chairperson).

Motion was made by the pastor that the Administrative Council give decision-making authority to the "Re-Open Team" and "Economic Impact Team" regarding details of re-launching the church whenever the Bishop gives permission. Motion was seconded by Teresa Scott. Motion carried unanimously.



Thursday, May 7

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The President is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

SANITIZING THE CHURCH BUILDING

Our church custodian, Yalonda King, has been deep-cleaning portions of the church building that might represent a health hazard once we return to worship. She has been shampooing all carpeted areas downstairs, including the Fellowship Hall, office areas, and the Sanctuary. She has used Murphy's Wood Soap to scrub all the wooden pews. Upstairs in the classrooms currently being utilized, Yalonda has wiped down all tables and chairs with disinfectant.

SANITATION STATIONS

The pastor will be creating “Sanitation Stations” at specific locations around the church building for once we return to public worship.

Each station will contain hand sanitizer, disinfectant wet wipes (if we can purchase them), and a supply of cloth masks.

There will be Sanitation Station close to the Main Entrance, the Sanctuary, and the East Entrance by the Fellowship Hall/Home Builders classroom.



Dear Friends at Sunny Lane UMC,

Thank you for your gift to OCU in January 2020. We appreciate your faithfulness in giving to the University. Your gift impacts many areas of life at OCU. We are very grateful and we want you to know that your gift is appreciated.

Rita Hines
University Church Relations

On behalf of my family and me, I wish to express our gratitude for all you have done. Great things you have done in service for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Brack and Chris Moore for a beautiful service, and to Ina Lane and all her helpers for a wonderful meal. Please know that all your prayers, encouragements, hugs, and generosity have been so deeply appreciated over the years of this long, hard journey we have walked. Praising God that He keeps His promises and has provided for all our needs day after day. God has shown me how big He really is, and how much He really loves us. May the Lord bless and keep our Church family all our days, and may we continue to serve Him and share Him with others.

Love, Grace, & Peace . . . Carrol Jackson & Family

Thank you so much for all the love and kindness shown our family during the loss of our Robin.
Kerry and Kevin Pitts Dennis and Patty Harrold Rhonda Schroeder
Kyle and Brooks Schroeder



March 9, 2020

Hello Sunny Lane Church,

I would take to express my thanks to you and all of the lovely people I have encountered in the past months. Starting with your Christmas program, Dawna Beavers and Annette Anthony invited me to it and was overwhelmed with the joy in the performance. Needless to say I came last night to your Soup and Sounds and enjoyed the performance again. It is rare to find such an excellent group within one church; you are blessed. I'd like to show my appreciation with a small donation. I am on a fixed income or I would send more. I believe in letting people know how much they are appreciated and all the women that ran around making sure everyone was taken care of. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Reed

A prayer for Memorial Day




We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Peter 5:7(NIV)

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