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Zion's News

*Gathered by God's grace, we are empowered to
serve and sent to share Christ's love.*



Pastor Caitlin Kurtz

Dear Members and Friends of Zion's:

Throughout 2020, Zion's Council Members will be sharing a bit about themselves, their faith, and how they see God at work at Zion's. Christine Techky, Council Vice President, is the author of this month's feature article.

What brought you to Zion's, and how long have you been attending? I've been attending Zion's for about eight years. I was looking for a new church (to me) in the area and had made a list of about half-a-dozen churches that I wanted to check out. The first on my list was Zion's, simply because I passed it every day on my way to work. When I entered Zion's sanctuary and became a part of that Sunday morning worship service, I felt completely at home. It wasn't one particular thing that drew me in but it was a sense of belonging, of feeling this was the place I was meant to be and that I didn't have to look any further. I never did get round to checking out the other churches on my list.

What keeps you here? Pastor Caitlin, in part. Her energy, her love of God, her love for the congregation and outreach to the community are inspiring and make you want to push yourself beyond your own comfort zone. Also, the generosity, the caring of individuals, the congregation as a whole, and the members of the ministries and committees that reach out to the community make me proud to call myself a member of Zion's.

Share a favorite memory of a worship service or event here. Every single Sunday morning worship that I attend means so much to me because we are a congregation that celebrates Holy Communion every week. This part of the service makes me feel the closest to God, not only because of the Sacrament and sharing it with others, but also because I see people lining up to participate and I know that for some of them it is difficult to even make it to church because of either physical or emotional restraints. Yet they stand there, patiently waiting in line to take part in

Communion and it is moving to know how strong their faith is that they are here, no matter their troubles and how they are feeling that day.

Share your favorite hymn/Bible verse/Bible story.

Isaiah 41: 10 "*Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*" This verse has helped me personally with illness. Sometimes you feel scared because of your circumstances but this verse centers you and makes you realize that you don't handle anything on your own...God is always there with you.

Share about a time God seemed especially present with you. Some years ago, when I attended my former church, I was dropping off groceries in the social hall on a Saturday afternoon for an event the next day when I felt an overwhelming need to go up into the sanctuary and fall on my knees to praise God. I didn't understand what had brought this about, but then I went home and listened to a voice-mail message from my future daughter-in-law saying that she had heard the news about my husband's car accident and was so glad to hear that he wasn't hurt. Apparently, a driver, high on drugs thought he could drive in between my husband's car in the right-hand lane of Interstate 81 and the driver in the



passing lane. Nobody was badly hurt, but then I realized why I had been called to thank God for His intervention that afternoon.

What's the one ministry at Zion's you always share with others? (Or a time you were especially proud of how Zion's lived in response to God's call) I do some administrative work for the Property Committee. As I became more involved with that group, I realized how much work each individual on the committee contributes to the smooth running of Zion's. I know that we believe the church isn't a building but we need a safe space to congregate and this group of

people always rise to the challenge of any problems or improvements needed to the building that we call our church home.

What do you think God is calling our congregation towards? I believe that God is calling us to be bold. During the past several hundred years it was accepted that everybody attended church and everybody read the Bible, but the challenges of life in the twenty-first century are different for earlier times and if our congregation wants to spread Jesus' Word and thrive today, we have to reach out to people who do not believe that Jesus could be part of their lives.

Thank you, Christine, for sharing with us this month!

NEED HELP DURING THE CORONAVIRIS CRISIS?...CALL 211

The 211 Human Services 24-7 hotline number provides free, non-emergency information and assistance to residents of Lebanon County, not only during the current crisis, but all year round. When you call 211, you will talk live with a person trained to help you with housing, employment, food, substance abuse and mental health issues, transportation, and re-entry into the community after prison. Dialing this number saves you from calling around for different services that you may need. Translation services are available. The program was created through United Way of Lebanon County to give residents somewhere to turn when they want assistance, and to help alleviate the number of non-emergency calls to 911, which is needed for life and death situations. The United Way has recently launched a COVID-19 campaign and 100% of the money collected will go to local non-profit organizations that help support the community through this difficult time. By calling 211 you'll be able to find information on where to turn if you are an employee whose work has been impacted by the virus, and where to find meals for children who would normally be receiving them at school during the day.

Christian Education

Chair: Michele McQuaide(michelemcquaide@rocketmail.com;330-958-3399)

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All Church Event in Honor of: Holy Week Palm Sunday, April 5, 9:15 AM

Together we'll experience the events of this special week in Jesus' life, as we prepare to celebrate the Good News of Easter. Getting to Know You Snacks will be available at 10 AM, and then we'll head to the Jonestown Square for the Palm Processional.

LUNCH BUNCH

The next Lunch Bunch will be held ON ZOOM on Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 pm. We'll be discussing "The Letter" and "Church Stories" from Rachel Held Evans "Inspired". All are welcome!



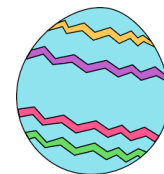
The next Women's Bible study will be held on ZOOM at 7:00 pm, on Thursday, March 26. We'll also be discussing "The Letter" and "Church Stories" from Rachel Held Evans "Inspired".

"Wise" guys: Men's Bible study will be held on April 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Zion's social hall. All men of the congregation are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and learning, as well as some sweet goodies!



Youth Group Leaders: Pastor Caitlin and Joanna Guldin-Noll
pastorckurtz@gmail.com joanna.guldin@gmail.com

***Egg My House:** We'll fill and hide your Easter eggs so you don't have to. Eggs to be delivered and hidden in your front yard between 8-10 pm, Saturday, April 11. All proceeds benefit Zion's youth group who are raising funds to fund a trip to Minneapolis in 2021 to attend ALIVE! Sign up on our website or facebook page.



Congregational Care Team (formerly called Social Ministry)

Chair: Sharon Davis (dsvdavis11@comcast.net; 865-2781)

Care packages for college students and military will be packed in the coming weeks. This was not done on March 16 as planned due to the Coronavirus impact.



We look forward to delivering lilies to our homebound during the Easter season.

COUNCIL

Next Meeting: April 20, 2020

7:00 pm

President: Joanna Guldin-Noll (joanna.guldin@gmail.com; 717-228-9846)

Highlights from March 16 Council Meeting. *Please note, entire minutes can be picked up in the Gathering Area.*

Much of our Council meeting on March 16 focused on how ministry will continue during this time when "loving one another" means we must refrain from gathering in-person. Please see Pastor Caitlin's letter for those decisions. Other decisions made that night include:

- Approved the "Egg My House" and King's Plantation Garage Sale to benefit the Youth Group
- Approved adding a credit card option to our Vanco Simply Giving
- Appointed Noel Strattan and Brian Adams as voting members for this year's Synod Assembly, together with Pastor Caitlin

Your Council members are: Joanna Guldin-Noll, President; Christine Techky, Vice President; Kelly Rittle, Secretary; Cathy Houser, Treasurer; Brian Adams; Terry Ludwig; Traci Root; Tracy Hoy; Noel Strattan; Deb Reiner; Kerri Price; Matt Wolfe; Linda Wenrich, and Pr. Caitlin Kurtz

MISSION TRIP

We are getting closer to April 12, the day Mission Trip commitments are due to Heather Buffington and commitment fees are due to Joette Hollinger. The WISH LIST of projects that Union Canal, Kirchenwald/Wittel Farm, and Historic Schaefferstown would like for us to complete during our Local volunteer time June 17 to 19 is on the table in the Narthex with the Local and WV commitment and other forms. Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon, Cumberland Street, will not be able to give us exact work projects until closer to June.

We do not know which project we will complete on which day but Heather and Denise will provide that schedule once we have all the commitments. Be ready to sign up at our all volunteer meeting April 30, 6:30pm Holy Trinity Lebanon. Please prayerfully consider giving a day or more to assist in our Local Mission and /or signing for our week long Mission Work June 21 to 27 to WV Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity. We need you and everyone is welcome ages 14 and up.

Any Questions, contact Denise 717 628 1461 or Heather 717 926 3917

Worship

Chair: Noel Strattan (dns@telecommute.net; 865-7747)

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Palm Sunday, April 5, We invite anyone who wishes to meet us in Jonestown Square (weather permitting) at 10:30 AM for a Palm Processional towards the church building. Anyone who desires to skip the Palm Processional can go directly to the sanctuary, where someone will lead a parallel worship service beginning at 10:30 AM, until the processional group joins us.

Maundy Thursday, April 9, Dinner Church beginning at 6 PM in the Social Hall. As we remember Jesus' final commandment to "love one another as Jesus loves us", we will gather around a simple supper to consider what it means to "love the earth as Jesus loves us". We will share an "earth-friendly" meal, celebrate Holy Communion and confession and forgiveness, and also practice "loving the earth" with a small service project. All are welcome, and an RSVP in the Gathering Area or to the church office would be helpful.

Good Friday, April 10, Stations of the Cross Thru the Eyes of Creation beginning at 7 PM in the sanctuary. We will walk with Jesus through the last events of His life, with scripture and hymns, and then hear how each one of these stations relates to something happening in creation today. The final station, "they laid Him in the tomb", will bring us to a place of holy waiting as we long for the promised renewal of all the earth, and remember what God can do with death.

Easter Sunday, April 12, Festival Worship at 7 AM and 10:30 AM in the sanctuary. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Together we will celebrate how Christ's triumphal resurrection is Good News for ALL creation.

Mission Ministry, (formerly Evangelism)

Chair: Elaine Ludwig (eludadvo@comcast.net; 865-3757)

LENT 2020: Pass for the Planet

The overall theme for Lent 2020 at Zion's is "Caring for Creation". Our Wednesday night prayer services will focus on the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth", with lessons from Jesus, who often uses nature imagery to explain the Kingdom of God.

Sunday morning worship will focus on "Changed by God for the Sake of the World", with stories of how Jesus encounters people in scripture and forever changes their lives. Together we'll consider how God's encounter with each of us calls for *change* in our lives—how we treat one another, how we treat ourselves, and how we treat this beautiful world God has created.

Mission Ministry is also building on this discussion by asking Zion's members to reflect on our relationship with the earth, and particularly, how *single use plastics* have become an everyday reality that harms the earth in a variety of ways. These plastics are not biodegradable or, often, recyclable. We use them for a short while, and then they live in our earth for **thousands** of years. We encourage you to make a difference by 'sacrificing' the use of some of these items for Lent, and, hopefully, for longer!

Finally, we encourage you to participate in "Meatless Monday" by planning and eating meals that contain no meat. This isn't simply an effort to "save the animals": the production, transport, storage, cooking and wastage of food are **substantial contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, which are destroying our ozone layer. Reducing meat consumption, even a little bit, is one way we can all care for creation (and save money! And, arguably, enjoy some health benefits!)*

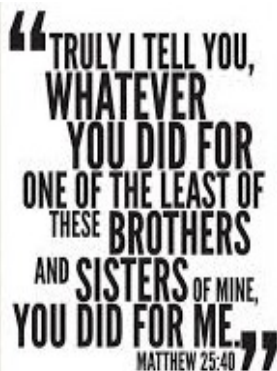
Eco-Palms – Stewardship & Justice

Environmentally and Socially Responsible Palms for the Easter Season.

Why should my congregation buy eco-palms? Eco-palms are sustainably harvested and fairly traded. That means the money you spend on the palms is directly benefiting the communities where the palms are harvested. The extra nickel you spend per palm can send young girls to school, employ women, and build community centers. The palms are also being harvested in an environmentally friendly way. These new harvesting practices ensure that the same quality palms you see today will be there for years to come. Purchasing these palms protects the forests they are grown in.

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM) Wish List:

Toilet Paper, Laundry detergent, Tissues, Men's deodorant, shampoo, body wash, hand soap, canned pasta, canned hams, rice, beef broth, chicken broth, baby formula, diapers-SIZE 4, 5 AND 6, Baby food-all stages. Place contributions in the container marked "LCCM" in social hall. (Watch expirations)



The 12th Annual Jim Northridge Spaghetti Miracle

Sunday, April 19, following Worship in the social hall.

The cost of the meal is a box of spaghetti or pasta and a jar or can of spaghetti sauce. If you also want to add a can of fruit, it would be most appreciated. No need to sign up, just show up!!



DDS Dance - May 9, 4-7 pm.

Jonestown Outreach panTRY (JOY) Wish List:

Canned Potatoes, Canned Lima Beans, Canned Meats, Mixed Vegetables, Beef Stew, Spam, Soup

Place contributions in the container marked "JOY" in social hall. (Watch expirations)

KOINONIA CLASS

Next meeting: Sat., May 9, @6:30, at church

President: Karen Hitz (rnkhitz@gmail.com, 717-272-9520)

Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020 @ 6:30 pm, at the church.

Spring activity: Tentative plans were made for an evening at the Lebanon Community theater on Thurs. April 23. The play will be "Cheaper By the Dozen". Contact Karen Hitz (717-272-9520) for more information.

It's never too early to think about the Hollyberry Bazaar, creating a basket, making a craft, or setting aside used items for Book and This and That tables. Due to limited space at church, it would be best if you would store donations until October, 2020. If you have questions contact Janet Bird,

jbird75@comcast.net



Winter update for the 2020 Father's Day weekend shore trip

Zion's shore trip is the 3rd weekend in June/Father's Day weekend. As of now the hotel has no vacancies, but you may contact them and ask to be put on the Zion's Lutheran Church group waiting list. The Roman Holiday office is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm., contact the hotel at (609) 522-3111 or stay@romanholidayresort.com. Mention that you are with the Zion's Lutheran group.

Questions-contact Janet Bird, jbird75@comcast.net.

Anyone wanting to book at another hotel in that area, the Roman Holiday office manager recommended the Matador 609-522-1234, Le Boot 609-522-0500, and American Inn 609-729-7700. A few other motels that are a little further but highly recommended are the Paradise 609-729-5000 and Crusader 609-522-6991. The rates will be different than those at the Roman Holiday.

Memorial Fund 2020

In Memory of John E. Fortna, Jr.
Given by: Irene Fortna

The Basket Raffle-Auction committee is currently accepting items and/or gift cards that you received and you really don't want or can't use. Please place them in the receptacle located in the gathering area. or you can give it to Deb Reiner or Steph Livingston.

Pre-School Registration for 2020 – 2021 school year has begun!

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in registering for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact Missy Ditzler at zionspreschool@verizon.net or 717-861-4416.

Men's Lenten Breakfast, Saturday, April 4, hosted by St. John's UCC. (tentative) Watch your emails and bulletins for more details!

To my church family, Thank you for the beautiful birthday cards for my 92nd birthday. I loved them, and thank you very much. - Ingrid Erb

It's time to start thinking about summer camp at Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. There's something for all ages, and Zion's offers scholarships that help make camp possible *for everyone!* Scholarship forms must be completed and returned to the Church Office by June 1, 2020, together with a *copy* of your camp registration form. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered. Zion's will provide a scholarship for *one* camping experience per child per summer. Scholarship forms can be picked up alongside the Camp Brochures in the Gathering Area or on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Caitlin. Scholarship Forms, and a link to the Camp Brochure, are also available at www.ZionsJonestown.com

Hospital Admissions

Please inform the church office when you or a loved one becomes a patient in the hospital or other health care facility, or if there are changes in your health status. The federal HIPPA regulations do not permit health care providers to release personal information such as this without your expressed permission. Not all health care facilities have chaplains on staff to contact us about your admission. A phone call to the church office at 717-865-2848, will help us to respond to you with pastoral care for a time of change in your life.

April 2020

For the foreseeable future, all meetings and Rejoicing Spirits will be on ZOOM. Sunday morning worship is on YouTube at 10:30 AM, and posted to Facebook later.

Facebook Evening Prayer every night at 7 PM... Monday-Friday

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 7:00 Lenten Service 7:30 Adult choir	2	3	4
5 PALM Sunday 9:15 ALL CHURCH 10:30 Worship	6	7	8 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Youth choir 7:30 Adult choir	9 6:00 Maundy Thursday Dinner Church	10 7:00 Good Friday Service	11 8:00 am Men's Bible study
12 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	13	14 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Mtg.	15 5:30 Family Meal 6:15 REJOICING SPIRITS 6:45 Bible study/Youth choir 7:30 Adult choir	16	17	18
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May Newsletter Deadline!

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What won't change: CHRIST HAS RISEN, HALLELUJAH!

Worship Participants for April 2020

	Lectors	Crucifer	Children's sermon	Acolytes	Prayers of the People	Communion Assts.	Elevette Operator
5	Tracy Hoy	Zoe Menzel	Stephanie Livingston	Max Clark Dante McFarland	Laurie Gill	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Tom Frey
12	7am Elaine Ludwig	Madison Hess	Pastor Caitlin	7am - Livingstons 10:30 Bucks	Lilyanna Harris	7am Kelly Rittle 7am Noel Strattan 10:30am Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Jim Adams
19	John Mohn Jr.	MacKenzie Hess	Linda Toth	Madison Hess Daryl Root	Kristin Hoffer	Madison Hess MacKenzie Hess	Tom Keefer
26	Noel Strattan	Gavin Bush	Pastor Caitlin	MacKenzie Hess Cassie Bortz	Larry Houser	Madison Hess MacKenzie Hess	Brian Adams

Altar Guild 5- Bucks Family 12- 7am Boisvert/Strattan 12- 10:30am Bucks/Strattan 19, 26 - Jen Boisvert, Noel Strattan	Ushers Mike Long, Jim Cascarino, Linda Toth, Tom Mohn	Getting to know you time April 5 - Mission Ministry
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PANDEMIC HOPE

A DEVOTIONAL FOR LIFE DURING COVID-19



I'm writing this on March 16, 2020.

Most of us have been paying attention to the news as information about COVID-19 changes hour-to-hour.

This virus is aggressive.

Our government leaders' strong encouragement to social isolation feels extreme.

You know what? As people of faith, "strong" and "extreme" also describe our **hope**.

Hope that this virus will be halted. **Hope** that our sense of community with one another will be restored. **Hope** that God has not left us to fend off this virus alone.

The tendency in days like these can be to turn inward: stockpiling supplies, making lists of all of the tv shows we want to watch and books we want to read, making schedules for our kids so they don't fall behind in their schoolwork, and focusing on how this virus is affecting us, as individuals.

But this virus is affecting us as congregational, local, AND global communities.

In the waters of baptism, we are claimed as children of God, as part of God's family, which means we don't live in this world separate from one another.

We invite you to adjust to your new schedule by joining together in a time of deepening faith and listening to how God is calling us to love and serve our neighbor.

Here are devotional readings & activities prepared for the next 7 weeks, following the Faith 5 model (instructions on next page). We encourage you to share your responses with whomever you are in contact with during these days of isolation--maybe people you live with, maybe people you can call. Or, you can journal your answers. These readings will also be the basis for our virtual evening prayers (Mon-Sat, 7 PM)

The readings, activities, and webpages for the activities are grouped by week on the subsequent pages.

Let's remember we are not a people of fear, but of hope.

In hope, Pastor Caitlin



SHARE

your highs and lows

What was the best thing that happened to you today? What was the worst thing that happened to you today? You can share more than one good thing or bad thing, but this is about connecting with one another and talking about your day.



READ

a Bible verse or story

Each day, there will be a few verses or a short Bible story to read for the day. What did you hear in the story? What was your favorite part? How does this story show God's love?



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Listen for how God cares for those in the story and how those in the story respond to God and even thank God! How can you respond to God? What are some things you want to say, 'thank you!' to God for entrusting to you?



PRAY

for one another's highs and lows

Pray with one another and for one another. Pray that each of you learn to listen to God when God is guiding you.



BLESS

one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads and say, "(Name), you are known and loved by God." Or, "(Name), you are a child of God." Or, you can make up something new each night! What are different ways you can bless one another and remind yourselves that you are protected by God?

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2020

Monday

READING

Psalm 118

FAITH PRACTICE

Play-Doh Prayers! <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/01/play-dough-prayers.html>

Tuesday

READING

Psalm 27

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands

Wednesday

READING

Exodus 3:1-12

FAITH PRACTICE

Make s'mores! <https://christinevhides.com/2016/04/22/smores-prayer-recipe/>

Thursday

READING

Exodus 3:13-22

FAITH PRACTICE

Make a list of all the names for God you can think of. Which one is your favorite and why?

Friday

READING

Exodus 4:1-17

FAITH PRACTICE

Make Bible Cookies! <http://pumpkinseedcrafts.blogspot.com/2012/05/scripture-cookies.html>

Saturday

READING

Exodus 4:18-31

FAITH PRACTICE

If the weather cooperates, go for a walk together. Who can find the biggest (and still carry-able) stick?

Sunday

READING

John 11:1-45

FAITH PRACTICE

Create cards to send to homebound members. Contact your church office to get addresses!

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2020

Monday

READING

Psalm 121

FAITH PRACTICE

Pray for people who are helping our communities this week. Some ideas to get started: Grocery store staff, hospital staff, first responders, IT staff, custodians & waste disposal staff, gas station attendants. Who else?

Tuesday

READING

Psalm 40

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands,

Wednesday

READING

Exodus 16:4-5,9-18

FAITH PRACTICE

Plan a happy surprise for a friend or family member.

Thursday

READING

Philippians 1:1-11

FAITH PRACTICE

Write a letter to someone you miss and tell them how much God loves them!

Friday

READING

Psalms 44

FAITH PRACTICE

Pray for the countries where there are active cases of COVID-19. Look them up on a map or globe.

Saturday

READING

1 Kings 17:7-16

FAITH PRACTICE

Draw a picture of Elijah with the Widow of Zarephath and make a gratitude list on the back of the page.

Sunday

READING

Matthew 26:14-27:66 Make palm branches!

FAITH PRACTICE

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2020

Monday

READING

Psalms 130

FAITH PRACTICE

Prepare a paper with the word FORGIVEN using invisible ink. Once it's dry, take turns writing our sins in pencil on the paper. Reveal the word FORGIVEN using a candle. Link to invisible ink recipe: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Be-_OgewR1M.

Tuesday

READING

Luke 1:46-56

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands.

Wednesday

READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

FAITH PRACTICE

Draw a cloud on a piece of paper. Write the names of people who have helped you grow in your faith. Post this somewhere in your house where you will see it. Add to it when you think of someone else.

Thursday

READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Take turns washing each other's feet.

FAITH PRACTICE

Friday

READING

Psalms 22

FAITH PRACTICE

Explore stations of the cross. <https://prayingincolor.com/stations-of-the-cross>

Saturday

READING

Mark 16:1

FAITH PRACTICE

Smell different spices in your spice cabinet (like cinnamon) and discuss what smells make you think of God. (A warm chocolate chip cookie? Fresh baked bread?)

Sunday

READING

Matthew 28:1-10

FAITH PRACTICE

Make Resurrection Rolls! <https://www.coffeewithus3.com/resurrection-rolls/>

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13

Monday

READING

Psalm 67

FAITH PRACTICE

Make a list of your family and friends, neighbors and teachers, etc. and ask God to bless each one by name.

Tuesday

READING

Exodus 15:1b-18

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands.

Wednesday

READING

Genesis 9:13-16

FAITH PRACTICE

Paint a rainbow and hang it in a window to remind you of God's promise.

Thursday

READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

FAITH PRACTICE

Call a homebound/assisted living member and see how they're doing. Pray for them at the end of the call.

Friday

READING

Psalm 16

FAITH PRACTICE

Write out some of the good things God has given you and your family.

Saturday

READING

Exodus 10:1-10

FAITH PRACTICE

Name ways that God has protected you and cared for you when you needed help.

Sunday

READING

John 20:19-31

FAITH PRACTICE

Line a bunch of dominos up in a long row, & make predictions of what might happen if one were to fall over. Start the chain reaction and watch the dominos topple in a row. How is this a good example of how we share God's love?

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2020

Monday

READING

Psalm 80

FAITH PRACTICE

Weather permitting, go for a walk today & take note of the things that are coming back to life after winter.

Tuesday

READING

Psalm 95

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands.

Wednesday

READING

Jonah 2:1-10

FAITH PRACTICE

Make a fort in your home and together pray for those who are far away.

Thursday

READING

Psalms 98

FAITH PRACTICE

Make a band with your family using whatever you can find (a pot for a drum, your hands for cymbals) and make a joyful noise to God!

Friday

READING

Psalms 2:14a, 22-32

FAITH PRACTICE

Write down some places you have seen God while you've been at home & share them with your family. Did any of these surprise you?

Saturday

READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

FAITH PRACTICE

Have you ever seen a baptism? That person is your sister or brother in Christ! Pray for your friends from church or your friends who go to other places of worship.

Sunday

READING

Luke 24:13-35

FAITH PRACTICE

Tell the story with colored paper. <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Emmaus>

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2020

Monday

READING

Psalms 85

FAITH PRACTICE

Go on a nature walk and hunt for signs of Spring together. Can't go out? Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nXmlDejoHk>

Tuesday

READING

Psalms 103

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands.

Wednesday

READING

Acts 16:12-15,40

FAITH PRACTICE

Talk about women who have taught you about Jesus' love. Give thanks for Lydia and other women of faith!

Thursday

READING

Acts 2:1-13

FAITH PRACTICE

Time for a science experiment to show us how the Spirit sends us out to spread the good news of Jesus! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqQSIEViNpk>

Friday

READING

Galatians 5:22-26

FAITH PRACTICE

Listen to the Fruits of the Spirit Song and share how you practice the Fruits of the Spirit. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rezg4jYFojO>

Saturday

READING

Matthew 7:24-27

FAITH PRACTICE

Use Legos, Duplos, or other building blocks to illustrate the story, then say a prayer. <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2015/03/lego-or-duplo-prayers.html>

Sunday

READING

John 10:1-10

FAITH PRACTICE

Make sheep using cotton balls or pancakes and talk about Jesus, our shepherd. How does Jesus lead us? How do we hear Jesus' voice?

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2020

Monday

READING

Psalm 126

FAITH PRACTICE

Take turns telling your favorite joke and thank God for filling our mouths with laughter. Need some inspiration? <https://parade.com/968634/parade/jones-for-kids/>

Tuesday

READING

Luke 2:29-32

FAITH PRACTICE

Learn a new song from the Hymnal Handwashing Hits (included) to sing while you wash your hands.

Wednesday

READING

Matthew 20:24-28

FAITH PRACTICE

Think of 1 thing you can do to serve everyone else in your household today.

Thursday

READING

Acts 2:42-47

FAITH PRACTICE

Plan an activity that your congregation can do together in celebration for the next time you gather for worship.

Friday

READING

Revelation 21:1-6

FAITH PRACTICE

Write out the alphabet & add something to pray for that begins with every letter.

Saturday

READING

Psalm 136

FAITH PRACTICE

Listen to Chris Tomlin song "Forever" and be reminded of how God's love endures forever. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUH_NzfRmbs

Sunday

READING

John 14:1-14

FAITH PRACTICE

Download a reflective coloring sheet, or try making your own. <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2017/05/reflective-colouring-sheet-john-146-7-i-html>

NEED HELP DURING THE CORONAVIRIS CRISIS?...CALL 211

The 211 Human Services 24-7 hotline number provides free, non-emergency information and assistance to residents of Lebanon County, not only during the current crisis, but all year round. When you call 211, you will talk live with a person trained to help you with housing, employment, food, substance abuse and mental health issues, transportation, and re-entry into the community after prison. Dialing this number saves you from calling around for different services that you may need. Translation services are available. The program was created through United Way of Lebanon County to give residents somewhere to turn when they want assistance, and to help alleviate the number of non-emergency calls to 911, which is needed for life and death situations. The United Way has recently launched a COVID-19 campaign and 100% of the money collected will go to local non-profit organizations that help support the community through this difficult time. By calling 211 you'll be able to find information on where to turn if you are an employee whose work has been impacted by the virus, and where to find meals for children who would normally be receiving them at school during the day.