

Footprints



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Advice For Our Times



During a Pandemic

Main Goal: Limit the Spread of Germs and Prevent Infection



- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

source: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

August 2020 - Mini Edition

- A Christ-centered church with a warm and friendly heart, an open mind, & an adventurous spirit!
- A Progressive, Peace & Justice, Open & Affirming, and Global Ministries Church.
- A successfully aligned congregation of two denominations, the United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) DOC.

Worship Schedule August 2020

Worship Services begin at 9:45 AM (on-line)

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Aug 2 - PROPER 13

Virtual Communion

Reading: Luke 17:20-21

Sermon: "Waking Up Sacredness"

Aug 23 - PROPER 16

Reading: Luke 22: 14-19

Sermon: "Our Life Together"

Aug 9 - REV NANCY BRINK PREACHING

Aug 30 - PROPER 17

Reading: Matthew 21:23-27

Sermon: "Informed Faith"

Aug 16 - PROPER 15

Virtual Communion

Reading: Gospel of Thomas, Saying 64

Sermon: "An Inclusive Gospel"

(This month includes: Pastor's 2nd thru 5th sermon of 6 sermons on the "Principles of Progressive Christianity")

Then stick around for **Fellowship Hour** via Zoom at 11:00
(If you need instructions on how to join in, contact the church office)

Note: All sermons and readings are subject to change at the leading of the Spirit, or the whims of the pastor.

Church of the Foothills is an accepting, caring, open, and affirming Christian congregation that welcomes and includes all people of every ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, economic status or religious background.

"Soul Food"



PASTOR MIKE'S MUSINGS



Much has been written and said of late that the days we are living in now in 2020 resemble in many ways the year 1968.

I remember 1968 well. As a twelve year old in a military family the year started for us moving from Denver, Co. to live on an Air Force base in Idaho. It was the worst time of the Vietnam War. The Tet Offensive of the Viet Cong that winter unmasked the political spin that America was winning the war; even Walter Cronkite said so. In response, Pres. Johnson announced he would not run for re-election.

On April 4th, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. where he had gone to support striking garbage workers who wanted more decent wages. His shocking death was followed two months later by the assassination of Robert Kennedy, a presidential candidate who gave hope to many that real change would come.

During the summer of 1968, off from school, I watched the Summer Olympics from Mexico, and the Democratic and Republican national conventions. At the Olympics, two African-American athletes, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, each raised a black-gloved fist during the playing of the national anthem. They paid a great price for their protest that Black Lives Matter; unfortunately, most white Americans missed the message.

Like now, 1968 was a presidential election, and like now, the country was divided. Youthful war protestors were met with police brutality in Chicago. The election was extremely close and the winning candidate was the one who called for more law and order.

Nearing the end of the year, still in Idaho, we were thousands of miles from the rest of the family in North Carolina. Between the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I answered the phone one day and heard a request to speak to my sergeant father. He was given orders to report to Saigon in January.

There are similarities between 2020 and 1968, but differences also. Then, we did not have to deal with a nation wide pandemic or a great recession. Yet, that sense of division in our country and great anger over the direction of our republic is evident in both years.

For those of us old enough to have lived through 1968 and today, we know that we will get through this, and together, whether we like it or not. And as always, there will be a need for a time of national healing. We need to heal the racism wound that has so scarred our history. We need to heal the American dream of equality and justice for all. We need to heal our moral standing in the world. We need to heal the divisions among Americans.

As a progressive, inclusive, open and affirming, peace and justice loving church, your work is ever before you. Carry on the great tradition. Bless you!

Pastor Mike

Honoring Pastor Michael Holland on His Retirement

When: Friday, September 11, and Saturday, September 12
Hours to be determined

Where: Church of the Foothills, patio area in front of the sanctuary

How: Outside, in Masks and with Social Distancing. There will be safety instructions about entering and exiting church property. Members to bring their own chairs if desired, no bathrooms or childcare available.

Invitations will go out soon for Church members to reserve a time slot for themselves and their immediate family to offer Mike and Tricia a fond farewell. Each family group will have Mike and Tricia to themselves for approximately 5-10 minutes.

Gifts: Pastor Mike feels very strongly that the three-month Sabbatical to him by the church is generous gift enough. Anyone wanting to do more is encouraged to donate to the church in honor of Pastor Mike. Members may designate gifts to church programs like the ONA ministry, PB&J, Global Ministries, Family Promise (all started under Pastor Mike's leadership), or to the general church budget. *"Nothing would honor me more,"* said Pastor Mike, *"than a gift to the church."*

Pastor Mike's farewell sermon will be September 13, 2020. There also will be a *Service of Release* at the end of worship that day formally recognizing completion of Pastor Mike's ministry here at Church of the Foothills. September 13 is "Rally Sunday" and we will rally virtually for a final fellowship hour with Pastor Mike.

Additional questions? Contact members of the Planning Committee:

CJ MacLean, Jennifer Surges, Denise MacLean & Pastor Kel Henderson,
or members of the Cabinet.

“ There are no
goodbyes for us.
Wherever you are,
you will always be
in my heart. ”

— Mahatma Gandhi

How lucky I am to have
something that makes
saying goodbye so hard.

A. A. Milne

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY - NEWS & EVENTS

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY...

KEL'S KORNER

"We are all in this together and we are making a difference."

SPECIAL IN-PERSON SERVICE PLAN (UPDATE)

The **Outdoor Worship Planning Committee** is still hopeful of hosting an outdoor service soon, however with Covid-19 cases on the rise this, hope is being delayed. The committee is dedicated to being good public health stewards and recommends we move forward with an outdoor worship service only when the virus is more contained and when the church can meet all State and CDC requirements. The new "hopeful date" for an outdoor service is **Sunday August 30th**. This date will be reviewed and decided on during the Cabinet meeting on August 18th and **is subject to change**.

This unique service will be held on a Sunday morning from 9:15 am - 10:15 am, to avoid high temperatures, and there will not be fellowship time afterward. It will be held in the courtyard and the attendance will not exceed 30 people including the morning worship team.

All worshipers will be asked to:

- Be mindful of attending only if they are in good health
- Temperatures will be taken upon arrival, above 100.4° will regretfully and out of abundance of caution, be unable to attend
- Masks must be worn
- Physical distancing will be maintained
- Online reservations must be made
- Worshipers need to bring their own chairs

Please note, for this service:

- Childcare will not be provided
- Bathrooms will not be available during the service
- Worshipers are invited to bring their own drinks, but food will not be allowed on the campus

If you would be interested in attending or assisting with an outdoor worship service, please contact Pastor Kel or the church office.

***Blessings,
Pastor Kel***



Thank you to all who have supported our food drive for **Western Service Workers**. WSW is a community organization that is actively providing food for 24 local families, as well as families in other counties. COTHF has been in partnership with WSW for many years. We are inviting our church friends and family to help them by supporting our continuing food drive.

Donations of food can be brought to the church on **Mondays and Tuesdays until 4 p.m.** and placed in the shopping cart outside of our front sanctuary doors. Our church secretary Kathy Vail will be setting the baskets out Monday morning and Pastor Kel will be collecting them Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Kel will be delivering the donations to Western Service workers.

Contact Pastor Kel or the church office if you would like to support the food drive but are unable to deliver your donations on either Mondays or Tuesdays.





CELEBRATIONS!!



August Birthdays



8/02 Sam Brezarich
8/02 Jami Underwood
8/10 Keni Cox
8/11 Jennifer Surges
8/14 Claire Camaya
8/14 Barbara Gear

8/24 Kathy Alexander
8/26 Cindy Guziak
8/30 Kathy Dunlap
8/31 Tina Peterson
8/31 Lisa Rodriguez

August Anniversaries



8/17 Shelly & Randy Candias
8/30 David & Robin Underwood



If we missed (or "mixed-up") your special day, we're very sorry! Please contact the church office and we will correct our records.

IT'S A BABY GIRL!

Born to Gary & Annie
Haroldson:

Aurora Bo Haroldson
born - 7/16/20
8 lbs., 9 oz
20.5 inches



We send our heartfelt congratulations and wish them the best with their new blessing!

A BIT OF HUMOR FOR THESE HARD TIMES

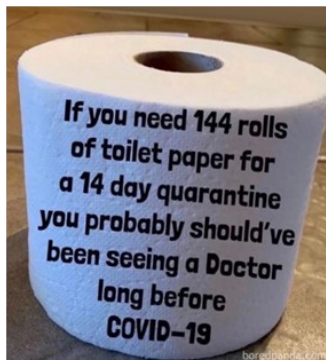


Sir Michael
@Michael1979

QUARANTINE DIARY

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix



"I think it's essential to joke about coronavirus because humor is a release mechanism to help us cope during dark times," Ariane told **Bored Panda**. "Shared humor also helps us bond with one another. Lockdown would be very gloomy indeed if we couldn't laugh about our predicament!" she added



jonny sun
@jonnysun

my 30th birthday is today but i just want everyone to know that i will be postponing it indefinitely due to coronavirus, and i will be turning 30 at a later date. thank you!

♡ 27.2K 5:31 PM - Mar 12, 2020

CONNECTIONS

PB&J Sponsored...

Social Justice Virtual Book Club

First book -the acclaimed: *How to be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi.

"Antiracist: One who is expressing the idea that racial groups are equal and none needs developing, and is supporting policy that reduces racial inequity."

Kendi

Presented by Church of the Foothill's PB&J Ministry in collaboration with Orange County's Poor People's Campaign. Affiliated groups are being set up with other church and Orange County groups.

Groups will meet on different nights during the month using the same book. This is a unique opportunity to read and think about this important topic with whichever group meets your schedule.

PB&J's book discussions will start Monday, August 10th, 2020. 7—8:30 pm via Zoom.

Sign up now: suvangeer@sbcglobal.net

Get more information: Sunny Erickson sunnyedc@msn.com



Exciting Things Are on the Horizon!

Annual Gala Details

Registration is NOW OPEN for our first ever Virtual Gala Event, **Boots and Bling Virtual Fling!**

Join us for our Silent Auction and Live Stream Event!

**Live Stream Event on You Tube Live
August 22 @ 6:30 p.m.**

With Entertainment, Raffle Prizes, Fun Trivia and more surprises!

Silent Auction Opens - **August 17th @ 4:00p.m.**

Silent Auction Closes - **August 22nd @ 4:00 p.m.**

REGISTER NOW to be entered into our Early Bird Raffle Drawing!
Early Bird Registration cutoff is Saturday, August 31st @ 4:30 p.m.

Registration is FREE!!!

REGISTER NOW!

THE 2020 CENSUS & YOU

In the midst of these challenging times, we ARE all able to do something important and impactful! **Respond to the 2020 Census NOW** at my2020census.gov or by phone at 1-844-330-2020 and help our local communities get a fair share of federal funds. Each year, more than \$675 billion is distributed **based on census data** to support vital community programs like healthcare, housing, education, and employment.

Even if you have filled out the Census, there are still so many folks left in our community who haven't. **Please don't let an undercount happen. An inaccurate count will mean our hardest-to-count and most-at-risk communities won't receive the federal and state funding they desperately need.**

Please tell friends and loved ones that now is the time to participate in the Census. It is **SAFE** and **INCLUSIVE!** Individual census responses are confidential and protected by law. Your data can **NEVER** be shared with any government agency, including ICE, the FBI, or the police. Also, the Census does not ask about your citizenship, immigration status, or Social Security number.

Again, **respond to the 2020 Census** at my2020census.gov or by phone at 1-844-330-2020.

