



FIRST AND TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020 CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Through Jesus Christ, we use our hearts, our minds, and our hands to meet the needs of God's people. We will prayerfully attend to our congregation, our community, and our world.

Pastor Kim Speaking:

Can you distinguish which is real diamond and which is fake one? A jewelry-ignoramus like me has no idea which is which. But there is one way for me to find out which one is real diamond. I just need a nail. According to the Mohs scale of mineral hardness, diamond is on 10, the hardest and steel is on 4-4.5. If I scratch the material with a nail, the false diamond will be scratched but the authentic one will remain the same.

Crisis is like scratching minerals with a nail. Through the crisis, people are revealed who they are. After the outbreak of coronavirus around the world, violent hate crimes have happened around the world. Groups of people punched, kicked and even stoned the victims. That is surely an ugly part of human nature. In this chaotic situation, the anxiety causes people to be angry and violent toward certain groups of people, just like witch hunting. For some people, even though they are not actively violent, they might like this news, getting vicarious satisfaction.

On the other hand, a life-giving action has taken place in this crisis. According to NPR, the first volunteer to test Coronavirus Vaccine was Jennifer Haller, a 43-year-old mother-of-two from Seattle. She says, "I wanted to do something because there's so many millions of Americans that don't have the same privileges that I've been given. They're losing their jobs. They are concerned about paying bills, feeding their family." She works from home for a small tech company now and her courageous action revealed who she was in crisis.

In Crisis, we the church should show that we have faith. We are children of God and are connected as One Body of Christ. We believe in Jesus Christ who overcame the death, by whose grace we're given the eternal life and through whom we became one family. So, let us have hope in Christ before we search for the information about vaccination or coronavirus update. Let us look around us so we can find our family, friends and neighbor who are still fearful and anxious and need God's peace and hope. If you feel a nail scratching your life, show your identity. You are a genuine diamond, beloved children of God and a precious member of faith family with us all.

"God is with us! Stay healthy! Stay connected!"



Peace!

Rev. Young Je Kim



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**CHURCH
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Items to Share

Sermons for April

- 4/5** (Passion/Palm Sunday): "The Women who met Jesus: Mary of Bethany"
(John 12:1-8)
- 4/12** (Easter): "The Women who met Jesus: Mary Magdalene" (John 20:11-18)
- 4/19** (2nd Sunday of Easter): "People who met the risen Lord: Cleopas & his friend"
(Luke 24:13-16)
- 4/26** (3rd Sunday of Easter): "People who met the risen Lord: Thomas"
(John 20:24-29)

*Radio Worship

We will not be holding on-site Sunday worship services until further notice because of current situation. Instead, there will be a Live Radio Worship through 1230 AM or 107.1 FM at 10:30 am on Sunday. You can also access this channel through the KTNC website. Bulletins will be found in the Resource Section of our website (fcfumc.org).

Activities

Since so many of us are spending more time at home due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we thought we would add some activities to this month's newsletter. There are 10 hidden symbols of Lent and Easter placed in the bulletin. (This is for the children or just the young at heart.) There is also a Lenten Quiz. Good luck testing your knowledge. Hope this helps pass some time. Stay safe everyone!



Deadline
for the
May news-
letter
is April
22nd.

Extended Lent & Easter Worship

We're having a real Lent, being apart from the world due to pandemic. Sin is like an epidemic disease that leads us to death. Let us meditate more about our sins and God's grace so that we can embrace Easter with joy! We will celebrate Easter on the first Sunday when we are together again!



WOMEN IN MISSION

The Friendship Tea has been cancelled.

Hostess:

PARISH CIRCLE

The Friendship Tea has been cancelled.

Hostess:

EVENING CIRCLE

The Friendship Tea-cancelled.

Hostess:



Giving: During this unusual time we are facing, please continue to give to the church. You may mail contributions to: FUMC, 1700 Harlan, Falls City, NE 68355. The Church will be open from 8:30-10:30, M-F. Most days it will be open until 12:30, but call ahead.

Native American Ministries

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Your contribution supports Native American outreach within annual conference. There will be special envelopes available to anyone wishing to donate to this cause.



Inspirational Items

Hello from First United Methodist Women: Our Potato Bake on March 15th was very successful netting nearly \$500. The profits will be given to Navigators and our public library to provide snacks for students. Thank you to everyone working and supporting this project.



All of our Women's meetings/projects have been cancelled due to COVID-19. This includes the Good Friday Breakfast.

Our Garage Sale will be rescheduled at a later date, when everyone is well.



Tami Dunn and Doris Erickson Co-Chairs

The Garden



The shared garden space on E. 21st Street is ready to go for the 2020 growing season. The rain and sunshine have been provided to us, free of charge, by our great Provider. Warmer temperatures are coming. The soil awaits the seeds. Two raised beds are available this year. Contact Joyce Jones, if you are interested in working a small patch this year (home phone 402-245-3407).

SCRIP Cards from SunMart

Purchasing a prepaid card to use at our local Sunmart grocery is a simple way to give to the church. With each card purchased, 5% is donated to First UMC. [\$5 for each \$100 purchased] These cards are available for purchase from Tami Dunn. Contact Tami at home at 402-245-3255. Over \$600 was received in 2019 through this program.

Contact Doris Erickson for purchasing SCRIP cards from other businesses, such as Walmart, Subway, Kohl's, Menards and more. Percentages for donation vary for each business.

First United Methodist Finance Team Update

Thank you! to Mary Lunsford for writing payroll checks and paying the bills for First Church for over six years. Mary began in 2013, serving as Assistant Treasurer. In 2014, she committed to serve as the Church Treasurer. Currently, two members have agreed to give their time and skills to continue the work that Mary has been doing for us. Tami Simpson is the new Church Treasurer in 2020. Jenny Strecker is our Payroll Clerk; a position created to work with an outsourced payroll service for our five employees. Mary has agreed to continue as the Asst. Treasurer in 2020.

Thank you! to the Counters, the persons who stay after the worship services to actually count, record and deposit the offerings collected through the week.

Thank you! to LeAnn Bek who serves as the Financial Secretary for First Church. She records our giving throughout the year; then prepares our year's-end Contribution Statements.



Thank you! to all of you who give generously for the mission of the church.



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April
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Falls City, Nebraska
First United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Heard on Radio 1230 AM or 107.1 FM)
Adult Bible Study Sunday 9:15 Children Sunday School during worship

Rulo , Nebraska
Trinity United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship - 8:45 am

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