



# FIRST AND TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER JUNE 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:

Pandemic, unprecedented, lockout, lockdown, quarantine, social distance, disinfection, face masks, online worship, and Zoom. These are the terms that we've recently used much more often than before. It has been quite a rapid change. It has been more stressful than we thought as we have had to stay in town and our houses. Restrictions have been loosened a little bit. But, people are cautious and worried about traveling to another area, especially big cities or crowded places. Even in town, when we meet our friends, neighbors, and even our loved ones, we cannot hug or shake hands anymore. It's been like a dream or a disaster movie from which we want to wake up.

But we cannot just sit down and complain about it all day long. We need new lenses to see the world in a different angle. As we've had an online worship at home, our houses have become places of worship which are holy places. We feel sacred moments and God's presence in our houses. As our families worship together, we now have more sense of a community of believers, which is a church, within our families. Look into the eyes of each of your family members who are holy children of God. God loves them and has plans for them.

However, for those who have not been able to establish a family church in their houses, it is a very difficult time for them to feel a sense of belonging. It's lonely. So, as a church, we have to look around us and connect to each other as the Body of Christ. In lieu of selfish family bonds, we need to extend our sense of family to our friends, neighbor, and the community in Christ.

In this regard, we will start to organize small groups. You can organize your own small group with your family members, friends, or neighbors according to your interests, hobbies, where you live, and so on, and inform the church. Or you can simply call the church office or me to show your intention to be a part of any small groups. Through these small churches (people), I believe God will work something that we can't imagine right now because Jesus promised that He will be with us when we gather in his name with even a small number of people. We can encourage each other, comfort one another, make a difference collaborating, and grow together.

Friends, we're living in a very different world from before for sure. But, our God is the same. His unchanging love and grace will help us to move forward for His kingdom. God bless you all!

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



Peace!

Rev. Young Je Kim

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**CHURCH  
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**8:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.**  
402-245-3281

# Announcements

## Sermons for June

- 6/7** (1st Sunday after Pentecost): "The First Church" (Acts 2:1-4)  
**6/14** (2nd Sunday after Pentecost): "The Early Churches: Antioch" (Acts 11:19-21)  
**6/21** (3rd Sunday after Pentecost): "A Firm Foundation" (Matthew 7:24-29) Joyce Jones  
**6/28** (4th Sunday after Pentecost): "The Early Churches: Philippi" (Acts 16:12-15)



On **Sunday, June 7**, we will have online **Holy Communion**. Please prepare a loaf of bread and grape juice for your family.

## Calendar

- 6/1 (Mon): Trustees Zoom meeting @ 7:30 pm  
6/3 (Wed): Children's Zoom Bible Study @ 7:30 pm  
6/7 (Sun): Peace with Justice Sunday  
6/10 (Wed): Children's Zoom Bible Study @ 7:30 pm  
6/17 (Wed): Finance Meeting @ 5:30 pm  
6/17 (Wed): Children's Zoom Bible Study @ 7:30 pm  
6/24 (Wed): Children's Zoom Bible Study @ 7:30 pm



### **WOMEN IN MISSION**

Nothing scheduled until further notice.  
Hostess:

### **PARISH CIRCLE**

Nothing scheduled until further notice.  
Hostess:

### **EVENING CIRCLE**

Nothing scheduled until further notice.  
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. See additional article in this newsletter about other giving options.

### **Direct Your Dollars**

Continue to save SunMart receipts. We have turned in \$101,776. This is 68% of the \$150,000 goal.

**Deadline**  
for the July  
newsletter  
is June  
22nd.

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## Small Groups

We're organizing small groups to connect each other as a Body of Christ, the Church. We are a faith family and family should be connected. Each small group can be organized by families, friends, hobbies, interests, areas, etc. Each small group will have a leader who will have a role, connecting the group with the church. If you want to either organize your own small group or to be a part of a small group, please call/email to the church office or Pastor Kim by Friday, 6/12.

## Seniors of 2020

We had a special evening on May 26 with two special young people and their families. Keldon Campbell and Skylar Baker are the graduates from Falls City High School this year that are members of First United Methodist Church. Even though they couldn't have their commencement ceremony, their achievement, effort and passion for their future couldn't be hidden. We gathered this evening, wearing masks and maintaining social distance as much as possible, even when they were taking their gifts, to recognize their preciousness and affection and love from their families and church. Keldon's sister Peyton Campbell, who recently graduated from college (congrats to you!), was in attendance. Thank you, Baker family and Campbell family for raising these awesome young people for the community and the world!!

Skylar plans to attend Southeast Community College in Lincoln and major in Culinary Arts.

Keldon plans to attend Southeast Community College in Milford and major in Diesel Ag Equipment to become a Service Technician.

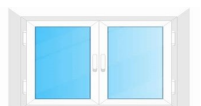
Skylar and Keldon! May God bless you and be with you in every step of your life!! We love you!!!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Due to the social distancing protocols, I know many of you have not been into the church in a while. I thought I would update everyone on the projects that have been completed during this time. The window project is completed—finally done! The downstairs entryway and kitchen had the floors removed and a new epoxy floor put in. The carpet was removed from the steps and new carpet installed. Some areas of the Church have also had a new coat of paint put on. Wow, the church is looking pretty spiffy right now. I am sure enjoying the new look and can't wait until everyone comes back and can see it.

Take care everyone! LeAnn Bek



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June  
2020

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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