



HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK APRIL 2020

Notes from the Pastor



Well, what can I say, our April will certainly be different than any other most of us has ever experienced. Even though Spring has sprung! Isn't it just wonderful to see the signs of new life in the springtime---the flowers in bloom, the trees budding---especially our beautiful Cherry, redbuds, & dogwoods, the grass turning green, the newborn calves & fawn. I've thought many times that God chose HIS time of

resurrection at just this time of the year when new life begins.

However, we are all asked to not leave our houses until—at least—April 30. You might say, well that only applies to those “Hot Spots” in New York, New Orleans and other larger metropolitan areas. But, having 47 positive cases of COVID-19 with 3 deaths---and the number is growing---in our small town of Greers Ferry is a “Hot Spot”. We will adhere to the directives from our health officials and not gather together.

I pray that you will utilize all the resources (Face Book, e-mails, one-calls & personal calls) we are providing to continue worship with our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.

Normally prior to Easter, we celebrate as Holy Week (from Passion/Palm Sunday April 5 through Holy Saturday April 12). In the entrance with the Palms we experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. It is important not to let the celebration of Palm Sunday crowd out the observance of Passion Sunday. There is no triumph without suffering, no crown without a cross. Please read, study, meditate & pray on the Scriptures we'll provide during this time.

Also, again this year, we are asking each of you to spend at least 30 minutes in prayer on Holy Saturday April 11. Pray: *“Merciful and ever living God, Creator of heaven and earth, the crucified body of your Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy day. Grant that we may await with him the dawning of the third day and rise in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen”*

Here is the prayer that I always open the Easter Season (April ^{12th}) with:

Lord of Life, submitting to death you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of your death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen

The season reminds us of the presence of the risen, living Christ in our midst, and that it is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that we can know the risen Christ.

May the Good Lord bless & keep each of you in HIS loving arms during this season. When we are allowed to gather together again as the Body of Christ-----it will be a great day of jubilation.

Your Loving Servant, Pastor Dan



4/5 Ruth Anne Brand
4/5 Mark Berrett
4/6 Bob Best
4/6 Craig Smith
4/9 Jan Mella
4/10 Pam Wicher
4/13 Pat Smith
4/16 Jimmy Acree



4/15 Mike & Beth Voss
4/27 Loretta & Leon Moore
4/28 & Jody Liegh
4/30 Dennis & Jan Brune
4/30 Craig & Pat Smith

Memories from February:



UMW working hard to make Care Caps



UMW & Quilters presenting quilts to The CALL



Special music by Analea Cook & family



Fat Tuesday Chili Supper



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◀ March		April 2020					May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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All Events for April has been CANCELLED due to COVID-19 VIRUS