



## St. Georges United Methodist Church

*Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.*

**April 2020**

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

2 Timothy 1:7 states, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

The Season of Lent 2020 has been like no other. On Ash Wednesday, the St. Georges family came together to receive Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. During that service, we acknowledged our mortality, repent of our sins, and recommitted ourselves to Christ. In addition, many of us devoted ourselves to prayer and fasting over the next 40 days, so that we might grow closer to God and become more like Christ. However, when the Coronavirus (COVID-19) hit the United States, everything changed.

Instead of giving up chocolate or French fries, I found myself giving up social gatherings and committing myself to physical distancing. Instead of visiting the grocery store weekly for my basic needs, I found myself loading up on food and paper products at Sam's Club. Instead of meeting for church on Sunday morning for worship, I found myself recording my sermons in advance for an online worship experience on Facebook. Instead of leading Bible study at the church, I found myself administrating a virtual Bible study on Zoom. And, my life is still changing daily. In these precarious and fluid times, it would be understandable for me to succumb to fear.

However, in 2 Timothy 1:7, Paul speaks against fear. We all face situations and circumstances in our lives where we feel afraid. For some, speaking in front of others makes them feel afraid; others may be afraid of confrontation, while others are afraid of rejection. We all deal with fear. According to the text, the first step in dealing with fear is to understand that fear is not from God. Yet, when we do feel fearful, we are to trust that God's power is supporting us and that we are safe in His hands. Also, God has given us a spirit of love and a sound mind. So, in the midst of these uncertain days we can still love one another, even at a distance. We can also remain calm, use reason and at the same time resist the temptation to panic. Stay safe and be blessed.



Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Rudy



## Donna Goes Walk About....



Okay. I'll admit it. I'm scared. This Covid-19 mess is scary! In the beginning it was just so darn inconvenient. But now...we are all putting a bubble of protection around ourselves and watching the news as others are losing their battle, around the world. Oh Lord, we need you now! As Christians we trust that God has our best interest at heart, but that doesn't mean we don't still worry. I know we're not supposed to worry. But we do. I told the kids in one of my children's message videos, "you have to remember, God's got your back". I have to remind myself of that every day. This is a challenging time for all of us, but what I DO know, is that we'll get through it. Together. With God's help. We're seeing more compassion between people. Yes, there are still some people that are struggling to show their better side. They are still so wrapped up in themselves, they can't find their way to feel what others might be feeling or going through. All we can do for them is pray that sometime soon their eyes will be opened. In the meantime we pray for strength and take care of each other. The compassion and caring that I'm seeing through this experience is just awesome! So many people are willing to help others. You see it on the news, how people are figuring out ways to come together, without coming together! They're singing, they're dancing, they're checking in on each other using modern technology. Mom and I actually took a good old fashioned Sunday drive in the country last week. We had no destination, We didn't stop anywhere or talk to anyone. We just drove around a bit and got some fresh air. Other than that, Mom and I have self isolated since March 17. So many people are offering to drop off groceries, it's been so gratifying. I think I would have been fine to continue to work if it were just me, but as Mom's primary caregiver, I was compelled to isolate with her and not risk bringing the virus home. We are doing fine, thanks to our family, your prayers and everyone's willingness to help. Unfortunately, it takes something like this to bring us out of our own tunnel vision and get closer together. I think we all remember the last time we felt anywhere near this way. 9-11 2001. The helplessness is hard to overcome. But we will overcome it. Together. With God's help.

I would normally say "That's all for now so I'll see you on Sunday morning!" but of course we can't do that quite yet. So, trust God's wisdom, pray unceasingly, stay in touch with each other, stay well, and we'll see each other soon.



**Donna**



## Friendship Star Quilters

Our quilting group will not meet in April, but hopefully will be able to get together in

May. During these times of confinement remember Sewing forever, housework whenever!



## Methodist Women

The Methodist Women will not be holding any activities until further notice. We regret that the "Women of Hope Banquet" for this year will be cancelled, but we hope to bring it back next May. We have also cancelled out Sweet Sunday bake sale for the last Sunday in April. Hopefully we will be meeting again by June when we put together our personal care bags for the local Women's Shelters. We pray that you all stay safe and well and that we can get together soon.



**“ My house will be called a house of prayer” – Mark 11:17**

## Mission Update

Even though we may not be worshipping together each Sunday for awhile, we are still God's children and we have a responsibility to reach out to our community. At this point, we shouldn't be going out into the community; however, we can help in other ways. Most importantly, pray-especially for health care workers, police and first responders, our military/guardsmen and women, our elderly and our children. Pray for our leaders as they have to make extremely difficult decisions on a daily basis. If you are going to the grocery store or pharmacy, check with a neighbor to see if they need anything. We can donate to agencies that are out in the community offering much needed help. Pray for those who have lost their jobs and thus their income.



Always remember that we are not alone-GOD is with us all the way.

I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE NOR FORSAKE THEE. (HEBREWS 13:5)

Carole Jaques  
Mission/Outreach Chair

## Troop 123 & Ship 123 Update

The Scouts are using their time off from school to get some of their requirements done for Merit Badges. They miss their weekly get-togethers, but both Troop and Ship are having video meetings, preparing for when they can be together again.





## Happy Birthday to...

Carol McGlothlin.....April 4

David Moore.....April 4

Sue Tobin.....April 13

Matthew Carrico.....April 20

## Happy Anniversary to...

Jim and Sue Gestwicki.....April 1

Ron and Edith Carroll.....April 4

### Office Hours & Contact Information

If you have a prayer request that you would like sent along on the prayer chain, please contact Rudy White by phone at 302-832-2211, by email at [pastor@stgeorgesumc.com](mailto:pastor@stgeorgesumc.com), or use the prayer wall at [www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall](http://www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall)  
Church office: 302-832-2211 Phone: 302-632-8065 (texting ok) Email: [office@stgeorgesumc.com](mailto:office@stgeorgesumc.com). Office hours: M-Thurs 9 to 2

## Epic Kids Update

The youth team is brainstorming to come up with a variety of ways to stay connected to our kids during this time of social distancing. Unfortunately we had to cancel train day and of course we're not meeting on Sundays for the time being, so it's been a challenge. Rest assured, we are figuring it out! Stay tuned for an announcement about spending time with Mr Steve via Zoom during the week. And we'll continue to offer the children's message on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. The kids had a great time working with the puppets and doing a presentation for the congregation last month, so that will carry on. The next puppet presentation will be called KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH CASTLE! Sounds exciting! We can't wait! It's a challenging time, but we'll make it through. And when we get back to the point of being together again, we will have learned so much about ourselves and the people we love. Stay well and hope to see you very soon!

Don't forget that the financial needs of the church continue even though we are not gathering together each Sunday. *If you are able*, please consider sending in your regular Sunday offering via the donate page of our website [www.stgeorgesumc.com](http://www.stgeorgesumc.com) or by mailing a check to St. Georges UMC, P.O. Box 145 St. Georges DE 19733



# HOW SOME OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY IS SPENDING THEIR TIME AT HOME



Miss Kitty says hi!



Tobin Family fun!



First time playing Will's homemade Duckman game -covid-quarantine 3-24-2020



Heidi's work area



Matthew and his trains



Charlie Carrico working from home



Kent McEvoy doing his computer thing at home!



Sue Tobin spent hours sewing PPE masks



Anita and Tony have been cuddling with their four legged buddies



Tony Mokienko in his new work area



Some of the Draper gang full of smiles

Finn Draper & The Mohawk returns!



Pastor Rudy and Vernetta hanging out

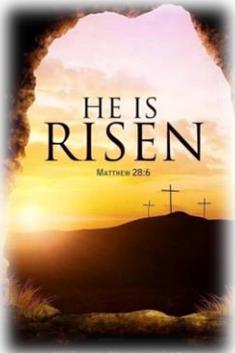


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**Dates to Remember**

- April 1 & 8.....Lenten Bible Study via Zoom
- April 5.....Palm Sunday
- April 12.....Easter Sunday/He Is Risen!



Traditional worship service every Sunday @ 10 am  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 am  
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