

**IDEAS ABOUT WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY.
WE ALL HAVE NEEDS.
WE ALL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO BE HELPFUL.**

Send postcards. We are very aware that this is a time of sacrifice and loss in all sorts of ways on all sorts of levels for all sorts of people. And all of that is important. It is the season of Lent, also. We are still approaching Easter as people of justice and compassion and joy!

Identify a specific time for mutual daily prayer. And please put it on the neighborhood elist! Let us begin! At noon. Starting Monday, March 16. In the midst of whatever, or setting time aside, we are all invited to send out a prayer. Starting place: Let the community I pray with be well and whole....

Use all available email groups and listserves. Your communications team intends to use every means possible, and welcomes conversation to identify which of these tools are working. It is very, very helpful if you let the team know what kind of contact you find useful. Particularly, if your contact is limited to direct mailings or phone, an alert would be appreciated. We need two-way communication as well as solid central information.

Webcast the service. As we first tried March 15. Feedback about the efficacy of the ZOOM tool is positive! We are grateful for this connection and particularly thank Cathy Eberhart and the Communications Team (David, Cassie, Anna, Chris) for really quick responses that allowed us to experiment. 14 households/people (we can't know which) participated in the service via ZOOM. 41 were present. On March 22 we hope most households will join. We intend to post some kind of tutorial on the church website to help folks get connected to ZOOM. Together, we'll figure it out.

We intend to post part of each service as a recording. At this time, we are still determining the legality and safety issues involved in posting a service in its entirety.

Sing Happy Birthday! Mary Parish and others said they would enjoy phoning others on their birthday to sing. Maybe we can extend this to non-birthday songs of good cheer!

Establish phone buddies. Several people are interested in having a phone buddy. If you are one, please let the pastor know. (Text, phone, email: 612-965-0178, dragonflize@earthlink.net) We'll be actively figuring this out in the week to come and getting the word out.

Establish a prayer chain. Came up after worship. We'll be actively figuring this out in the week to come and getting the word out.

Establish a way to let people know you need something (and need help). We'll be actively figuring this out in the week to come and getting the word out.

Tapping Meditations. We know stress is not our friend. Angela Hed-Vincent is offering an antidote with a tapping meditation that we will post on the church website and/or distribute via email. She is also available for individual sessions if needed (currently using Zoom to maintain social distancing). If you need help contacting Angela, let us know.

All of the following are under development. If you have input (or interest), please use the pastor's contact info above, or any other communication pathway, to let us know your thoughts:

Send out a question of the week OR a thought for the day.

Hold a small group meeting mid-week. Morning?

Forum for questions in general: an "Ask Me Anything" sort of question for the pastor.

Be mindful of taking part in neighborhood associations and organizations.