

First UMC Starke News

Church Updates on COVID-19 / Coronavirus

Update #7 – Wednesday, April 29, 2020

PASTOR MIKE HAS BEEN REAPPOINTED BY BISHOP CARTER!

We are thankful that Bishop Carter has reappointed Pastor Mike to First UMC Starke for another year! Pastor Mike is very excited to continue as your Pastor and will do everything possible to lead the church forward during these unprecedented times.

Pastor Mike is available to you anytime by phone (904-263-0527). You can call if you would like to talk about the sermons, bible study or to just catch up on life. He misses you terribly!

CHURCH AT HOME - IT'S VIRTUAL COMMUNION SUNDAY!

Sunday morning at 10AM at firstumc.cc we will do virtual communion again. Invite your family and friends to join in. To participate you will need to get your bread and juice and you will need to have access to the attached Communion Liturgy.

Virtual Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Virtual dinner and bible study will continue each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on (Pastor Mike's Facebook Page) Facebook Live with Pastor Mike. Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually.

YOUTH ONLINE

The Youth Ministry will continue meeting this week online through Zoom to connect, have some fun, and lean into what God is saying in this season. You can download Zoom for free on any computer or cell phone. Josh will be sending out details to all student families. If you need more information about Youth Online contact Josh at joshreinken@firstumc.cc.

Kid's Ministry

Continue checking the church website firstumc.cc for the weekly lesson, craft and video. Please send Mrs. Kim pictures of kids watching the videos or making the craft to kimmann@firstumc.cc so that they can be shared on our Kid's Ministry page.

"After the Sermon"

If you miss the broadcast of the Sunday sermon or have difficulty streaming, don't be discouraged. You can access the sermon after the 10:00 broadcast by visiting the church website firstumc.cc

Thanks for Your Faithful Giving

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving tithes and offerings to the church!

The financial obligations of the church continue even during this pandemic. Your generosity makes it possible for the ministries of the church to continue.

You can give using any of the methods listed below.

- ***Online at firstumc.cc/giving***
- ***A door slot is installed at church on the kitchen door that you can drop your checks in.***
- ***You can also mail a check to FUMC - P. O. Box 157 Starke, FL 32091***
- ***You can use the BILL PAY option through your financial institution.***

Church Campus Still Temporarily Closed

All worship services, office hours and campus activities have been postponed until further notice. You can leave a voicemail with any needs at the church office (904) 964-6864 and we will follow up. As always, for ongoing church updates go to firstumc.cc.

3 WAYS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Phone conversations

Cards, letters and emails

Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, etc)

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

Courage and opportunities to share our faith

Local, state and national and world leaders

Communion Liturgy

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread gave to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, when the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you, drink it in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out you Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Because there is one loaf, we, though we be many, are one body.

For we all partake of one loaf. The bread which we break, is it not a means of sharing in the body of Christ?

And the cup over which we give thanks, is it not a means of sharing in the outpoured blood of Christ?

Communion

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you in everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!