



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Easter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter Folks! I miss all of you very much and I pray you are doing as well as possible. This is an extremely difficult time. Our physical and mental health is being affected, along with our financials. But the hope truly lays in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the reason we celebrate Easter. So for this Easter we will have to find other ways to sing "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*". I also remind you of an anthem that has become a favorite that the choir sings, "*He Never Failed Me Yet*". Keep the faith!

On Sunday I went to the church to pray and read scripture and I took my iPad along and played the video "Praying in Gethsemane" with my eyes focused on the painting of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane above the altar. It forced me to realize that there will be no service on the Mountain Top with a time for Remembering your Baptism, no matter how cold it might be, with no donuts between services. I will not be hearing members of the choir singing "*Were You There*" from the back of the church and then tears came to my eyes. No Easter Egg Hunt for the children after worship. Even for Easter dinner we will have to adapt without loved ones and friends. The corona virus truly is an enemy as it has changed our lives many ways. Hard to believe how quickly our daily lives have changed and how spoiled we are and also how blessed we are and loved by God unconditionally.

This has become a time when technology has actually become a blessing as hard as that is for me to admit. Many of you are working from home and I urge you to continue to call, write, text, email, zoom, face time, Facebook, or whatever way you use to stay in contact with family and friends. Many prayers for our teachers and students as they have also had to adapt lessons for continued learning. I especially pray for those seniors who are not getting the opportunities to participate in sports and all other activities during their senior year.

Last week a special friend of mine sent me a text with a characterization of themselves with a writing of AIR HUGS. I appreciated that so much and each day I start by opening my arms sending out AIR HUGS to all. But folks this will pass, so please keep yourselves safe, and we will soon be able to get back to work, spending time with family, friends, worship and all the activities that we enjoy. Patience is the optimal word because it will not be easy and I expect normal will be different.

Let us continue to pray for the leaders of our country, the health care folks at all levels, police, fire fighters, military, our communities, families, friends, all those in nursing care facilities, in hospitals and all those on our prayers list and all those weighing heavy on our hearts. Please add Chris Sauder to prayer list.

Our services this week will be Good Friday and Easter via Facebook (Elaine C Moyer's page) and our website at www.faithunitedchurch.org (under get connected and then upcoming events). Please let others know our schedule, who do not have internet and if there is a way I can help. Please call me if you have needs or know of someone who does. If you are seeking some entertainment may I suggest Zach Nyce, Thursday and Sat. evenings live at 7:30? on Facebook. Don't forget your BIBLE!

God Bless, Love you and miss you-----AIR HUGS!

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