

May 2020

UM CHAPEL OF THE VALLEY

Chapel Challenge

From Julie's Journal

As we move into our second month of safer at home, sheltered in place, I am still wondering is this our new normal and for how long? I am finding I still have a lot to learn when it comes to doing everything virtually. Preaching to an empty church while filming is a unique experience. I can only imagine what your reactions are as you listen to the sermon later. Also, editing video is not a skill I had until necessity made it be a part of my resume. I still have a long way to go but I am moving in the right direction. And a last bit of "new normal" is I record the sermon usually on Saturday (if not earlier) and then do the editing. Then I put it on YouTube and the web page on Saturday evening and have it set to upload on Facebook on Sunday morning at 8:30 am with a watch party scheduled at 10:30 (if there is no technical problems). It is very different to not preach on Sunday mornings! And watching myself is not my favorite thing! However, with all of these new things, I have found a rhythm to this new normal. My prayer for you is that you too have found a rhythm that is working for you. I am okay living this way as long as I know it is temporary (although we are not exactly sure how long temporary is.)

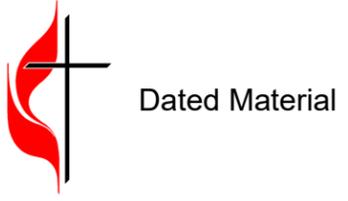
I hope that you have found value in and are using the weekly devotion guides and that you are receiving them. If not, please call the office and we will make sure you do get them. I also pray that you have been able to see the recorded message, prayers and sometimes music by guest artists on our web page, Facebook or YouTube. You can access these through our website www.umchapelvalley.org. On the home page (the first page that pops up) there is a direct link to our Facebook page at the bottom. You do not need to have Facebook to access the church page or see the videos. While there you can also look at some of the inspirational pictures and scriptures that get posted 4 times a week (a service that we received a grant for.) If you are on Facebook, make sure you like our page and invite others to do the same. You can share the morning devotions and the pictures during the week using your computer, tablet or even your smart phone. You can also go to the Devotions page (at the top of the home page, there is a menu) and if you click on that, it will take you to a page that will have each of the devotions available to download—you just click on it and it will ask if you want to download it. You can also view the video directly from the web page. Also on our webpage is a donations/giving page where you can make online donations. Directions are on that page.

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(Julie's Journal continued)

I am continuing to keep contact with you all. If you need to reach me for any reason, you can call the church office M-Thurs from 9:30—11:30 at 619-444-2600 or you can call my home number at 619-457-0603. If it is an emergency you can call me at 949-887-1094.

I continue to see the value in being in a church that is connected in ways that run deeper than physical encounters. Colleagues in the United Methodist Church from all over the country are reaching out to help and to solve problems and issues creatively. We are able to share ideas that have worked and learned from each other what is not working. I have been attending many, many webinars and zoom meetings; learning, conversing and lamenting together. In fact, because of the pandemic, the General Conference has been postponed until next year. (That is the conference that meets every four years and we have some major issues that we were dealing with that have been put on hold for another year.) Also, our Annual Conference for California-Pacific, which meets annually in Redlands, is meeting this year digitally and virtually. It should be an interesting experience. I will really miss coming together with my colleagues and friends as I miss all of you and our hugs and greetings!

Please read all of this newsletter. It is packed with information you need. I will continue to send updates as I have them. To save money, I would really like to send as much as I can by email instead of through USPS, so if we do not have your email, please call the office and we will update our records. If you do not, then we will continue to send the info to you through USPS. Thank you.

I look forward to the day when we can be back with you in the physical world, until then, I will see you on the web!

Together on the Journey,
Pastor Julie



Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 21. Our pastor will be away from campus to pray for the church and all persons and situations in need of prayer. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by May 20. You can join Pastor Julie in prayer on that day and please pray for her as well.

Special Worship Services

May 3—We will be celebrating virtual communion. Please have a piece of bread or roll or something to eat and a glass of juice or water or anything to drink during the worship time.

May 10—We will be virtually honoring those people in your life who have been a mothering presence for you. Please email or call in the names. I will be tying ribbons for each person on our family tree on Mother's Day.

COTV Staff	
Pastor:	The Rev. Julie Elkins
Organist:	Mary Ellett
Choir Director:	Elaine Harvey
Lay Leader:	Edna Munro
Treasurer :	Phyllis Lyle
PowerPoint:	Delyth Owen

Henry Brown
Robert and Ellen Draper
Patsy McKinney
Becca McLachlan
Vi Moore
Steve Mohr
Donna & Jim Seaton
Renee Calsmer
Agustin Valdez
Lee Carrick
Betty Rudolph



Joan Highsted
Rod & Pauline Rippel
All Healthcare workers
1st Responders and all others
having to work in different
ways
*Friends and family dealing
with illness, treatment, and
transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

Meeting Scheduled for May 11

The Church Administrative Board will be having an important meeting on May 11 at 6:30 pm. on a zoom meeting. You will be receiving a link to the meeting or the phone number to call by email. If you have not received it by the day of the meeting, please call Pastor Julie and she will help you.



We are currently waiting to see if we will be receiving a PPP loan through the SBA. Paperwork has been submitted. Also, the preschool is still in session and is working at about 1/3 capacity, although that may grow soon. As far as our own finances, we are now able to accept online donations. You can go to our webpage at www.umchapelvalley.org and it tells you how to do that. You can make a donation through our website, by texting or by using your smart phone. You can set up monthly donations that way as well if you do not want to continue writing checks. If you have questions, please call the office. Also, the conference has helped ease our financial burdens for a few months as well. We are trying to cut down on expenses in the office. Thanks to many of you who are keeping up with sending in your tithes and offerings. Through faith and your giving we will weather this storm.



May 3 Together Yet Separated
May 10 Ponderings of a Mother
Mother's Day
May 17 FAITH, Hope, Love

See you on the Web

May 24 Faith, HOPE, Love
May 31 Faith, Hope, LOVE
Pentecost
June 7 A Challenge

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Darlene McKinney	5/6
Claire Crise	5/16
Steve Mohr	5/17
Jenee Harlow	5/18
Joyce Lueders	5/22
Allen Copeland	5/28
Edna Munro	5/29

Christmas and Craft Festival is not until December...but now is the perfect time to do some gardening to get items for our plant section. If you have a green thumb, we need your help to get some plants ready to sell at our Christmas and Craft Festival in early December. If you have questions you can call Phyllis Lyle. Don't forget to keep working on crafts to sell as well.

