



Our church has participated in the last 5 years in Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society. This year the relay is going virtual on August 8 from 5 pm until 7:30 pm on Facebook on the Relay for Life of East County page. Please go and watch it. Then we (our church) will be hosting the first ever *Light Up the Night with Hope* drive-through luminaria ceremony. Anytime from 8:00 pm until 9:00 pm, you can drive through the parking lot and view our quad decorated and lit up with luminaria bags and light displays. Because of the Covid pandemic, we are doing a socially distanced and safe event. You will stay in your cars and drive slowly by. If you are a survivor, there will be a gift bag you will receive during the event. If you are a cancer survivor and can come to the event, please let Pastor Julie know that you can come ASAP, so there will be enough survivor bags. If you would like to have a luminaria bag in memory or in honor of a loved one, you can let Pastor Julie know that as well. You do not need reservations to just drive through and see the lights.

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From Julie's Journal

When we started the stay in order at the beginning of the pandemic, I did not think it would be going so long. Most were thinking maybe a month, or through spring but we would be able to get back to "normal" by summer. Then summer rolled around and it seems it is only becoming more and more possible that it will go on for a very long time, especially for churches such as ours. Because of our demographics, it is believed that we are more vulnerable. I grieve the loss of our times together in person. I grieve the way we "did" worship and even church. In the beginning of the pandemic, it was fun and interesting to "do church and worship" differently. I was able to learn new things and get more involved in the technical aspects of social media and have people from other places worship with us. It was exciting in a way....hard, but exciting and creative, but then it continued...and continued....and continued. It is difficult to preach to an empty church with only my i-phone on a tripod. It is difficult to capture the message and prayers and everything on paper to send out in devotion guides. It is frustrating not knowing if it is even reaching you and all of our friends and members and it is meeting your needs or if you are able to utilize it. I think that last one is the hardest part for me.

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I talk with many of you and check in on you and ask how you are doing...but it is not the same. It is good to have our Zoom coffee hours every Sunday. I really hope for those who have not tried one join us. If you do not know how to do one, please call me during the week and I can help you learn how to do it. I would also like to possibly start a zoom bible and prayer time if there is enough interest. If that is something you would be interested in, please let me know. I was also hoping that we would be able to have a gathering outside for fellowship time in August. However, in the last county meeting I was zooming on and the last meeting with our Bishop and District Superintendent, all of them STRONGLY suggested that churches that have our demographics need to continue to be safe and stay socially distanced and worship at home. I am not sure how long this will go on and I continue to attend briefings and monitor the situation. I know it is very frustrating, especially when we see people out and about and some not wearing masks, etc. I truly do understand your frustration. As your pastor, I value you and your health and the health of our whole congregation to not put even one person in harm's way. There have been too many churches that have become "hotspots" or "community outbreaks."



Through August we will still be having our worship experiences on the web and through the devotion guides. Each week we will be having a Zoom "Coffee Time" at 10:00 am. Look for the zoom address on the email or letter that comes with your weekly devotion guide. See you on the web! We are going to continue the God on Films theme for our third year. This year we cannot gather to see the movie together, however, I hope you have a chance to see the movie before. All of these movies can be viewed on Disney+ if you happen to have that. Here are the weekly themes.

August 2 *Different is a Gift*
Movie: **Dumbo**

August 9 *Called to Be*
Movie: **Lion King**

August 16 *Just Around the Bend*
Movie: **Pocahontas**

August 23 *Into the Unknown*
Movie: **Frozen II**

August 30 *Being Neighborly*
Movie: **It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**

September 6: *Who's My Neighbor?*
Special Guest along with Pastor Julie



(Julie's Journal continued)

For the month of August, I am continuing with the God and Film worship series and am utilizing movies that I hope are easy to see or movies that you have already seen. I am using themes found in the movies that have meaning for today. The last movie for the month is the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. It is a story about a reporter and his interactions with Mr. Rogers and stars Tom Hanks. That will end our God on Film series and begin our new worship series in September of *Who is my Neighbor*. I will be interviewing different people through the month of September about "who is our neighbor" in the culture of today. I hope by hearing our guests' stories we can grow and learn as Mr. Rogers taught us and our children. I hope you view our worship weekly by going to our webpage www.umchapelvalley.org. or on Facebook.

You are always in my thoughts and prayers!

Together on the Journey!

Pastor Julie



Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for August 20. 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 August 19. You can join Pastor Julie in prayer on that day and please pray for her as well.

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

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



Kay Roberts
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 August 10

The Church Administrative Board will be having our monthly meeting on August 10 at 7:00 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 continue to be so grateful for your faithfulness. As always, we are continuing to monitor our finances and keep you updated. We still continue to do our best to cut down on expenses. We have a few different expenses as we continue to do more ministry on the internet such as licensing and programs and such. We are also looking ahead to what

we need when we eventually reopen to follow the safety measures we will need. We will keep you updated on that as well. The preschool continues to do its part during this extended downturn as do the 12 step groups that are beginning to come back and are meeting (outdoors right now) We continue to have help by the conference on our pensions for the pastor. We want to thank you for those who have kept up your pledges and sending us your gifts and offerings. As far as our pledged giving and donations, we want to remind you that we are able to accept online donations. You can go to our webpage at www.umchapelvalley.org to our giving/donations page and it tells you how to do that. Because of all of this, we continue to be able to pay our bills and ministry support. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and please continue to keep up the wonderful support. We gratefully accept all your prayers, presence (virtually), gifts, service and witness!

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

LET US KNOW

How Can We Help— We want to know how we can help with community support as we continue to need to social distance. Would a zoom Bible study be helpful and desired? What about a small support group again through zoom? A phone call chain group? Classes on how to do zoom or Facebook? If you have any other ideas or if any of these look good and would be helpful, please let Pastor Julie know. You can call the office M-Th from 9:30 to 11:30 am or email her at revjelkins@aol.com.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sonia Aranico	8/10
Bill Ellett	8/12
Becky McLachlan	8/20
Dennis & Kathryn McCreary	8/19
Jeff & Kathleen Messenger	8/22
Bill & Mary Ellett	8/22