

Announcements—09/27/2020

Drive Through Food Drive—:

The Hyde Park Food Pantry was very pleased for last week's contribution to help alleviate hunger in Hyde Park. We are going to continue to hold a food drive every third Sunday of the month. I personally loved to see you all and get caught up on life. Remember, I still am willing to do either inside or outside house calls, coffee or not!

Public Worship:

The Sanctuary is open for public worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. In this age of COV-SaRS-2, we do have certain expectations if you choose to attend in person:

- Wear your face mask
- Social distance of 6 feet
- Allow the ushers to serve you
- Wash your hands before you come and when you get home.
- Use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave the sanctuary.
- Use a tissue over your mask should you need to sneeze or cough.

Remember that we are our brother's/sister's keeper and that all of the above are a part of the discipline and sacrifice we agree to in order to keep others safe, in so doing we also keep ourselves and those we love safe.

Limited COVID-19 Emergency Aid Available to Church Members

Some limited funds have been made available for emergency use to church members who need help during this time of "shelter in place" and unemployment. If you have a need, please let Jenn Jackson (Phone 914-456-0283, email jejackson@vassar.edu) or Pastor Kregg (Phone/Text 203-572-1795) know, and if the church can help, we will. All calls and texts will be confidential to Jenn and Kregg.

Lectoring and Words of Encouragement/Blessing

If you would like to lector some Sunday or share Words of Encouragement/Blessing during the worship service, you can do either by recording at home or traveling into the church during the week. Please let Pastor Kregg know if you are available (Phone/Text 203-572-1795, email kreggmg@gmail.com).

Breaking Down the Distance

We would also like to put together “phone groups” of 5 members. One person would volunteer to call the 5 members they are assigned on a weekly basis just to check in with them and see how they are doing. If you would like to participate in this please contact Jenn Jackson (914-456-0283, jejackson@vassar.edu) and she will assign you 5 members.

Soupy Socializing!

Until further notice, “MNL” is getting soupy! The Fleets will be making and distributing soups on Sundays, from 12:00-1:00pm, they are offering curbside service.

If you know of someone who cannot get out to pick up soup and you would like to provide porch drop off service to them, just make us aware.

To better assist us in planning, if you can, call 845-889-8133 and leave a message indicating how many people you need soup for.

Church Office by Phone

The church office is open for business. Because of your loyalty in giving, we can continue to bring in most of our staff. We were unsure if we could financially commit to that, but you all have been very faithful. You do not know how much the staff appreciates being able to come into work, even if on reduced hours. Many of our staff are not eligible to collect unemployment. Some are finding it challenging even to get a call back from the State. We have lost some funds by not receiving donations from those who do not pledge (loose plate offerings) and from building use, but for the most part, because of you, we remain not only solvent but sustainable. On behalf of all the staff, thank you. The United Methodist

Church of Hyde Park office is open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9AM to 4PM.

Just a reminder that by state law, Bishop's request, and insurance company mandate, we are only allowing access to the building and staff by appointment only. Phone, GoToMeeting, and email will remain the normal for communications until we are notified that we can open the building.

How do I Donate

Please remember that for the church to make it through this time of "shelter in place", like you all, we still have our financial obligations. Things like utilities, mortgage, payroll, and insurance do not stop because we are sheltering in place.

The best way of donating is to call your bank and set up an automatic electronic payment. Most of the time this means that the bank mails in the check for you, but there are other ways as well. You can mail your contribution to the church. We even have folks who have offered to drive out and pick up any donations you might have. Drop me or the church an email and we can help you set things up.