



April 2020

Dear Chapelites,

After a soggy weekend, the sun came out yesterday. This is good grass growing weather. If we have many more days like that, we'll have to start mowing. Spring is coming!

I miss you all. You are all in my prayers. I pray that you stay healthy. I look forward to the time when we will be able to gather again. Like Spring, that is also on its way. But not yet.

The Governor's stay at home order runs through April 5. The President extended his slow the spread initiative through April 30. So I don't expect to gather together in April. If we are allowed to gather sooner, we can have a surprise celebration!

This coming Sunday, April 5, is Palm Sunday. We normally begin with a procession of palms. Email or text me a picture of you and/or your family waving a "palm branch". You can make one from construction paper or you can sit in a sidewalk chalk picture or you can wave a plant or an object that you have at your home. You can be seriously joyful or funny. If I have enough pictures, I will make a photo montage for our online worship.

I also plan to lead us in communion. Bishop Palmer has declared this situation "in extremis" and will allow you to gather communion elements. I will ask God to bless them during our online worship. You and your family are invited to partake with all of us. While he said that grape juice or grape flavored drink and bread are best, it will be up to the discretion of each family to decide what to use.

I am planning online services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. We will gather virtually and celebrate together spiritually.

I am still open. If you need anything, please call the parsonage - 419.533.0866. You can email me at bmartin4477@gmail.com. I want to stay connected. Let me know your joys and concerns.

Thank you to our band members for leading our online services. Thank you to Darren Estelle and Mark Jones for helping with production.

You can find our online worship services by going to our church website, libertychapel.net or by going to YouTube and searching for Liberty Chapel Liberty Center. They are also posted on our church Facebook page.

We are still funding missions and ministries around the world and around our community. We still have bills to pay. You can mail your offerings to the church or drop them off at the parsonage. You may want to try online giving; the church's website has a link to help you sign up. If you need help, call me. Carla Gillen and Louise Dalton will continue to count and deposit our offerings. Thank you for your faithful giving.

I encourage the youth group, Sunday School classes, and other small groups to find a way through social media or the telephone to keep in touch. You can continue to have virtual meetings and classes. If you need help figuring out how to do that, contact me, and I will find someone who can help you.

I have seen farmers moving equipment around. Seeds are ready to move from the barn to the fields. We only need to wait for the ground to warm. Spring is coming!

We will gather together soon. Spring is coming!

See you sometime,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Brad".

Pastor Brad



Family and friends of Carol Frysinger—Carol passed away March 13th; Sharon Sharpe—Knee Surgery; Jaxon Overmier (Tom & Cindy Overmier’s grandson) - Health concerns; Lowynn Atkinson—Knee surgery, David Willeman-Lung infection/lung cancer.

Long-Term Needs: Judy Strayer – Health concerns; Russ Strayer—Health concerns; Mike Collier—Health concerns; Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman’s mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo “Bud” Zenz, Kent Spiess. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.



We need contact information:

Please update your email address with the church office. You can email it to libertychapel@metalink.net. I have emailed weekly letters during this situation and will continue to do so. The letters have also been posted on our church web page.

Liberty Chapel Website:

What to do during stay at home time? Visit the Liberty Chapel Website. www.libertychapel.net.

The Liberty Chapel website has a wealth of information about our ministries. The main page opens to information about current events. It includes links to online worship services and online giving.

The “Home/Info” page provides general information like worship times and small groups and Sunday School classes. Information and links share information about the United Methodist Church and denominational news.

The “Ministries” tab lists opportunities for service within the church. Food Pantry dates and qualifications are listed. There is a plethora of news from the missionaries Chapel supports. All of them are dealing with disruption in gatherings and travel due to the worldwide pandemic. Please continue to pray for them. There are reports and pictures from several mission trips.

The “youth” page has information about current events and reports and pictures from mission trips and past activities.

“Newsletter” archives issues for several years. “Special events” has great pictures of Liberty Chapel events. “What is church?” has messages about spiritual disciplines and stewardship of life.

Thank you Steve Seagrave for keeping this updated. This is extra valuable during this unusual time.

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overflowing to others.”*

Return Service Requested

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