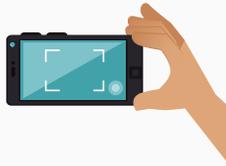




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THE VINE

Week of: May 10- May 16, 2020



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS & STORIES!

We want to see you! Show us what you, and anyone you know, is up to while we work to flatten the curve and stay healthy. Email pictures, stories, or both to Jennifer Kramer at jenn.m.kramer@gmail.com and they may be featured in Church communications!

If you have any questions please call the church office at (813) 754-3519 or email us at fumcpc@tampabay.rr.com



Prayer Chain: Prayer warriors may add their names to the prayer chain in one of three ways, according to how you would like to contact us and how you would like to be contacted:

- Shirley Robertson at 813-389-7174
 - Nita Shaw by email alinitarose@gmail.com
 - Audrey Montella by text 813-966-5698 or email audreymontella40@gmail.com
- When anyone hears of a prayer request or need we pass the information along to the others. Mighty and fervent prayers will be sent up to the Lord from the whole group.



Plant City Food Bank sent out an urgent call for donations.

The demand for their services has increased tremendously. How you can participate in a church-wide food drive to take to PC Food Bank: Many of us want to reach out to those are in need and feel pretty helpless with the social distancing.

If you are able to purchase a few extra items each week while grocery shopping, the help will be appreciated. If everyone gave a few things we could make a big impact. If you find yourself driving past the church on an essential outing and you have non-perishable goods to donate, a drop off spot will be available outside the Red Door on the northwest side of the traditional building Monday through Thursday. If you cannot participate, please do not feel obligated. Shelf stable items are needed.

Recommendations: peanut butter, jelly, cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, canned meats. Volunteers are willing to pick up goods from the church and deliver donations to the PC Food Bank. Tip: Order your groceries and pick them up curbside to avoid contact with people. For more information please contact Kathy Baker at kathryn953@verizon.net

THE UPPER ROOM

The May-June issues of the Upper Room are now available. Anyone who would like a copy may ring at the red entrance doors during office hours, Monday-Thursday; copies are in the entrance way.

A Letter From The Upper Room Family:

Greetings in the name of our risen savior! The Resurrection is the centerpiece of our hope, and if we ever needed hope, now is the time. We pray for health - physical, emotional, and spiritual - for our Upper Room family and the world. We hope you will pray for us, too, as we work remotely to keep the ministry of The Upper Room present and vital. Through June 30, 2020, The Upper Room is offering their daily meditations online in English and Spanish. For a list of resources The Upper Room is making temporarily to individuals and churches while COVID-19 is front and center in our world, visit www.upperroom.org/covid-19. These resources are specific to the pandemic along with the following articles:

- *Seven Suggestions for Healing and Renewal in the Midst of Stress and Anxiety* by Flora S. Wuellner
- *A Blessing for Those Who Wait* by Beth A. Richardson
- *The Work of Hope* by Luther E. Smith, Jr.
- *Getting Started with Your Private Online Classroom*



Tithes and offerings are being accepted online through members.myEoffering.com or you can mail your contributions to: 303 N. Evers St. Plant City, FL 33563

Children's
Ministries



Our children have THREE online worship, fellowship, and study opportunities.

Children's Worship video online on Sunday morning, following the regular service and available online continuously for your convenience. Videos from all previous services are still available for viewing.

Children's Fellowship, Bible Study, and Crafts on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm with Jenny Kime via Zoom. Jenny welcomes all of our children to join.

Children's Church on Sundays, via Zoom, usually following Children's Worship online. With Jenny Kime or Ginny Roebuck.

At Home with Nita

By Nita Shaw

Ah, another week to face. Have you about 'remembered' all you thought you could? Should? We've had 4 weeks to just remember. Oh, my, was it productive? Remind you of things you had hoped to forget? How did you go about deciding how and what to remember.

NOW we all sit here anxiously watching that worn out TV to see what might be coming the next 4 weeks. The next few years, What we do know is, our lives. Lowell continues to pull his weeds and still has enough for 4 more weeks. :) I spent much of the 4 weeks wishing I could get on the ball and actually accomplish something.....that would be to finally do my taxes. Naw, that can always wait.

So, maybe I can fill the next 4 weeks doing what I procrastinated this 4. I had to face some heart rending NEW things. I guess these are things I can reflect on later - will there be yet another 4 weeks or more??? I helped my precious granddaughter move out to her own place in Tampa. Oh, no, not this soon. Yes, she is so excited, yet crying like a leaking faucet. Between the two of us we could fill the bath water. :(

Maybe some of us remembered the first time WE left home. Oh, you can spend a lot of time reflecting on that wonderful, scary time. I guess we all did that didn't we?

.....AND so, maybe soon we can reflect on THIS time. Maybe a good time to use our brains to remember things and people we should forgive. You see, we do have brains so we don't necessarily forget. So, don't even try to forget - try to remember and activate the brain into forgiving. NS Oops, I must be going crazy in this lock down = did I already send this? 😊

Newcomer Bible Study is returning! Please email Jennifer Kramer at jenn.m.kramer@gmail.com to receive the information you need to join. The first Zoom meeting will be Monday, May 11, at 6 PM.

NEWCOMER
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STUDY



Family of Seniors graduating high school or college in 2020: Send us your graduate's photo so we can honor their accomplishments! Photos submissions should be sent by May 10, via email (fumcpcyouth@gmail.com) or text to Emma's cell, (813) 763-0713.