

From Facebook to YouTube!

One change you will notice in the coming weeks is that we are moving all of our church's online presence to YouTube! Some people haven't been able to participate in our weekly Wednesday evening 8 pm devotions or our weekly Sunday after worship sharing of joys because both of these activities have taken place on Facebook Live. People who aren't on Facebook have been having trouble accessing the Facebook Live feeds. We will be starting YouTube Live videos for Wednesday evening devotions on Wednesday, May 6. And our time together following worship will move to YouTube Live on Sunday, May 10. See you there!

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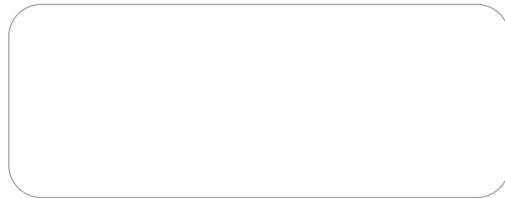
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Messenger



May/June 2020

Welcome Rev. Melanie Homan, SUPPLY PASTOR



I look forward to worshipping with you virtually while Pastor Holly is on renewal leave! I've served United Methodist congregations in Roseville, St. Paul, and Minneapolis for the past 18 years. I'm currently on family leave while attending school full-time at St. Catherine's

University, working on my Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. I'm married to Brennon Schaefer, a hydrologist for the Minnesota State Department of Agriculture. We have two children, Rylee (11) and Dylan (9). They attend Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy, a St. Paul Public School. They love talking in Chinese with Jing, an international student at the University of Minnesota that we host in our home. When not studying or working, I enjoy the great outdoors with my family, knitting, and trying new recipes!



DVDs Available

Michelle is making DVDs! If you are not able to access worship online and would like a copy of worship on a DVD to watch at home, please call the church office and make your request.

Upper Room Devotionals

Upper Room booklets are at church and ready for you to pick up (please call first) or you may request one be mailed to you.

Many Thanks

Thank you to all those who donated during the month of March to Minnesota FoodShare. We designate our funds to go toward the Friday backpack food for the Wyoming Elementary students in need. We collected \$1750. Great job! Thank you all!



BIRTHDAYS

<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
7	Alex R.	1	Ron L.
	Taylor M.	2	Gloria K.
8	Ersileen M.	3	Lisa R.
16	Mava K.	6	Henry S.
19	Holly K.	9	Kiara B.
25	Carole A.		Pierce B.
	Gary G.	11	Kristin I.
	Cathy W.	13	Diane D.
26	Jenna W.		Russ J.
27	Ed K.		David W.
29	Marilyn B.	14	Gracie A.
	Peyton T.		Jan F.
30	Fran F.	19	Barb B.
	Lucy K.	21	Dave A.
31	Larry M.	25	P. Holly
		28	June D.
		29	Corrie A.
		30	Marti G.

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

1 Andy & Shurene E.

JUNE

10 Bud & Shirley J.
 Gordy & Rita P.
 21 Denny & Nancy H.
 Tom & Bernie S.
 25 Myron & Bea Z.
 29 Gary & Marti G.

From Pastor Holly

As I prepare to go on my long-awaited Renewal Leave from May 18 through August 24, I find that it is an odd time to go on a three month leave, for we may not be able to say good-bye in person and that is hard. When the stay at home orders began, I thought that we'd certainly be worshipping together by the end of May, but now it looks like we won't worship in person for some time now and even when we do come back to the church building, how we worship then may look a lot different from how we worshiped before.

So many things about this pandemic are hard: the staying physically distanced, the constant washing, the masks and gloves. But one of the hardest parts of this time is not being able to see one another in person. It's hard, but we're learning that we can do hard things together.

I want to commend you for your faithfulness. Throughout this pandemic, you have faithfully watched and commented on our YouTube and Facebook posts, you have faithfully reached out to those in need and helped those less able by bringing them meals or doing grocery shopping or sewing masks; you have also been faithful in your financial support of your church's ministries.

I am so thankful for you and grateful to know that even when I am going on a Renewal Leave for the summer that you will continue to be faithfully watching and serving and giving to our church.

I am also excited about the leadership you will experience over the summer. Rev. Melanie Homan has written articles for this May/June newsletter and you can learn more about her there. I have known her for over a decade and admired her hard work, positive spirit and articulate messages (which I can see more of online these days). You will like her and her worship leadership starting the end of May and into mid-June.

Rev. Marty Rath I have known since we were ordained Deacons together back in 1986. He is a gentle, kind soul with a love for the church and its ministries. Who knows what worship will look like June 28-August 9 when Pastor Marty will be around, but I do know you will do all you can, given the circumstances, to make him feel welcome.



Thank you for being church. Thank you for loving me and my family, thank you (in advance) for welcoming these supply pastors we're having over the summer, thank you for your faithful work helping those in need.

I look forward to seeing you all in August!
~Pastor Holly

Thank you for subscribing to our YouTube channel! Because we hit 100 subscribers we were able to change our name to something easier to find and share: www.youtube.com/wyomingumc

From Pastor Melanie

Life has changed drastically over the past few months. While sheltering in place, our routines have shifted. Work, home, and school responsibilities have changed, a simple activity like going to the grocery store comes with a whole new level of stress, and we're concerned about the health and well-being of our friends, family, and neighbors. On top of that, we are missing out on the connection we experience with one another every Sunday when we gather to worship God together!

I will be leading virtual worship with you for 5 weeks beginning May 24 through June 21. I plan to record worship from your sanctuary. I won't be familiar to you right away, but at least the space will be familiar, and I hope that we can support and sustain one another through virtual worship.

I look forward to virtually worshipping with you in the coming weeks.

~Pastor Melanie

May Sermons (PASTOR HOLLY)

Based on the scripture found in 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three," for the first part of May we will be exploring these core concepts of faith as we continue to be faithful, hopeful and loving people through this pandemic.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
May 3	Abiding in Faith	Acts 2:42-47
May 10	Abiding in Hope	John 14:1-14
May 17	Abiding in Love	John 14:15-21

May/June Sermons (PASTOR MELANIE)

Since we are all spending a lot more time in our homes than we normally do, I thought this would be a good time to think about the sacred practices that already happen in our daily routines at home. The ordinary things we do each day are sacred. Taking my cue from Tish Harrison Warren's book *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, we'll celebrate the holy in the ordinary parts of our day.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
May 24	Waking and Making the Bed: Liturgy, Ritual and What Forms a Life	Colossians 3:12-17
May 31	<i>Pentecost</i> Losing Keys: Confession and the Truth About Ourselves	Acts 2:1-21
June 7	Fighting with Family: Passing the Peace and the Everyday Work of Shalom	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
June 14	Eating Leftovers: Word, Sacrament, and Overlooked Nourishment	Philippians 4:4-13
June 21	Calling a Friend: Congregation and Community	Corinthians 12:12-27

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