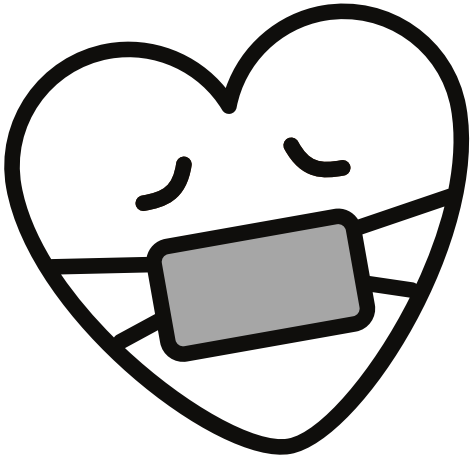


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As we have held each other in prayer and in that sacred space of community I have noticed that the desire for belonging as part of a faith community is stronger than ever. There is always someone who is willing to share a few moments on Zoom or on the phone and that is truly a miraculous experience for me.

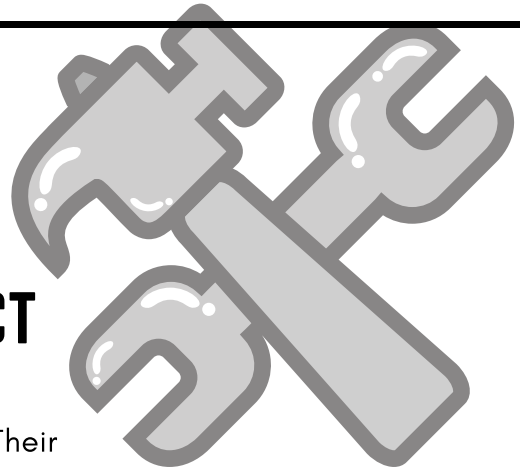
This is an epic time in our history, and I don't know of anyone who has known the perfect thing to do. Most of us continue to stay home, have groceries delivered, and read more books, watched more TV, or learned something new about themselves.

As the next few days and weeks go by, as the weather becomes more beautiful, I encourage you to think about what you have learned about yourself, your friends and family, and God. I believe we could not have come this far with this new experience without learning something new. And then, what do we do with our new recognition of ourselves? How do we continue being faithful? As you ponder these musings, remember to wash your hands, wear a mask when you are outside, and take care of yourself. You are loved.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Denise

UPDATE: SACRED DOORS SHOWER PROJECT



Over the last month, we have been able to hire a new contractor – Cress Kitchen and Shower. Their office is located on 38th near Sheridan. They have been professional and helpful.

The one issue was the floor tile which contains asbestos. As I write this, we are awaiting bids for removal. The project will cost about \$70,000; however, because of the sale of 121 King St. and generous donations, this is within our budget. Donations are always appreciated. Work should begin before the end of May. Permits will be pulled on May 4.

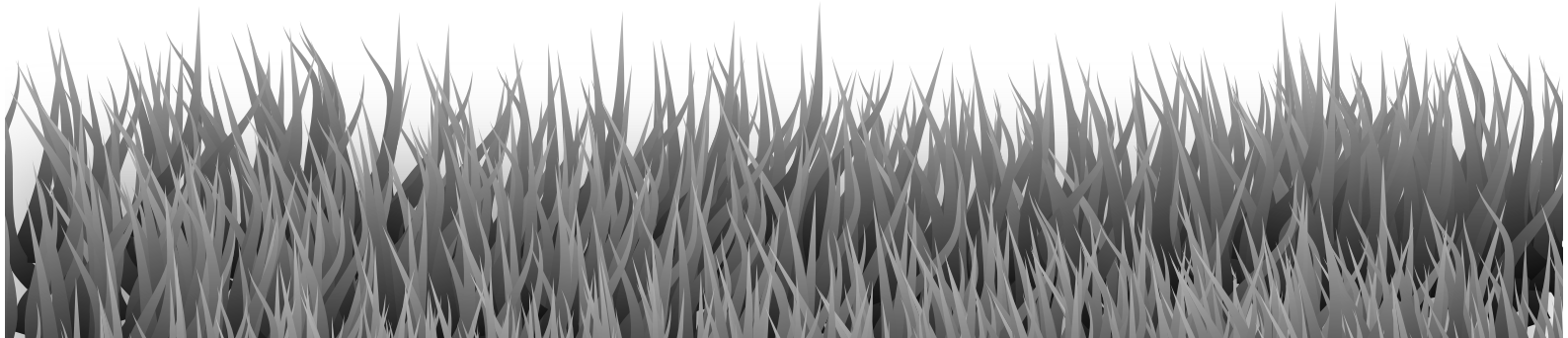
The photos on the next page show some of the changes happening here in the physical space at Bethany.

The top photo is of Mike Bender and Cliff Thompson removing the cabinets in what was the Nursery. They were much heavier than expected. We are so grateful to Mike and Cliff for spending a whole day in their removal. The cabinets will hopefully be sold for some added income, albeit not much, but better than throwing them out.

The photo on the lower right is of stuff that was in the Janitor's closets. Both closets have been scrubbed, painted, and tidied. The Parlor is all painted, and the floor is being scrubbed. The Sanctuary floor has been scrubbed and the wood floor will have some kind of protectant put on it. Bathrooms downstairs have been painted as well as the ceiling in the downstairs hallway.

The third picture, on the lower left, is of the tile that will be in the Shower Room. It is a soft gray. (We only have a black/white printer, so these pictures will not be clear as I would like.)

We have also begun to have the grass mowed. (Hello Spring!)



Mike Bender and
Cliff Thompson
removing cabinets



The tile to be installed in the Shower Room



The contents of the Janitor's closet

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church was scheduled for May in Wisconsin. The COVID19 has caused the world-wide gathering of United Methodist Clergy and Laity to be postponed until 2021. The main topic of this General Conference was to decide to change the denomination into two. This decision will be moved until 2021. The General Conference meets every 4 years with delegates from each Annual Conference.

The Mountain Sky Annual Conference scheduled for Gillette, Wyoming will be totally on-line.

2020 DIGITAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Theme: *Repairers of the Breach* - Isaiah 58:9-12, "...you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Format: Limited digital platform using GNTV Media Ministry as a host, with Zoom Webinar as a platform.

Schedule: Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20 for the Digital Annual Conference Sessions.

Worship: Annual Conference will begin with worship, providing our spiritual grounding in Christ.

Voting: Secure ID numbers will be given after members are registered; links will be sent to use during sessions with items requiring a vote.

Essential business: Business sessions will include Clergy and Laity sessions, and a Plenary session. While clergy candidates will be approved during this session, ordination/commissioning will occur at Clergy Orders. The Memorial Service will be held at Clergy Orders as well.

Registration: Online registration will begin May 4 and is required for all voting members (to receive a voting ID); Worship will be a livestream that is open for anyone to view.

Cost: \$39 for all voting members (all clergy and laity, including equalization members) - this covers digital platforms and tech needs, as well as any mailing and printing costs.

AC Information: Petitions deadline is now May 10 and you can review the legislative process and download the template online; the deadline to send nominations for co-lay leader elections has been extended to May 10.



May 2020

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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3 4 5 6 7 8 9

11AM Worship

CHLOE HOLDREN
BIRTHDAY

RITA GODDARD
BIRTHDAY

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

11AM Worship

RHONDA WILLIAMS
BIRTHDAY

SUSAN BILGER
BIRTHDAY

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

11AM Worship

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11AM Worship

LATAINE SHAW
BIRTHDAY

VIVIAN HOLDREN
BIRTHDAY

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11AM Worship

Lectionary Readings

MAY 3, 2020

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 231
Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

MAY 10, 2020

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

MAY 17, 2020

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

MAY 24, 2020

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

MAY 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-21
Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23
John 7:37-39

Liturgists

May 3, 2020

Eva Staley

May 10, 2020

Kathy Caughran

May 17, 2020

Lataine Shaw

May 24, 2020

John Staley

May 31, 2020

Eva Staley

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