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**\*\*\*THE Weekly COMMUNICATOR\*\*\***

**March 19, 2020**

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- March 22 - CUMC Worship Services cancelled.
  - Emmett Chapel Service cancelled.
  - Community Life, 6:00 p.m. will be delivering meals and providing 'to - go' containers.
  
- March 25 - Lenten Lunch cancelled at St. Joseph Catholic Church.
  
- March 29 - CUMC Worship Services cancelled.
  - Emmett Chapel Service cancelled.
  - Community Life, 6:00 p.m. will be delivering meals and providing 'to - go' containers.
  
- April 1 - Wednesday, 12:10 p.m. - Lenten Lunch at Good Shepherd.
  
- April 4 - Cancelled, Easter Egg Hunt at Emmett Chapel.
  
- April - Cross of Lilies, cancelled.
  
- April 5 - CUMC Worship Services cancelled.
  - Emmett Chapel Service cancelled.
  - Community Life, 6:00 p.m. will be delivering meals and providing 'to - go' containers.
  
- April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service at Emmett Chapel, cancelled.
  
- April 10 - Good Friday Service at CUMC, cancelled.
  
- April 12 - CUMC Easter Services cancelled.
  - Emmett Chapel Service cancelled.
  - Community Life, 6:00 p.m. will be delivering meals and providing 'to - go' containers.

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Activities at the church have been cancelled through April 12 with exception of:

- Compassion Ministry (Tuesday & Thursday - 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.)
- Narcotics Anonymous ( Monday- 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday – Noon)
- Christian Counseling (Thursday – 1:00 )
- Community Life meal delivery and meal pick up( Sunday 6:00)
- Church Office is open( Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 4:30)

### Getting Everyone in the Communication Stream

If you know someone in our church family who has internet access but doesn't get 'The Weekly Communicator,' please encourage them to sign up by calling or emailing the church office.

Likewise, if there is someone who doesn't have internet access, a copy of The Weekly Communicator can be sent along with other communications from Pastor Tad via USPS. Please contact the church office with mailing information.

### Prayer Concerns

*Don't forget you can still share your prayer concerns. If you would like to include someone on the prayer concerns list, please email or call the church office and they will to be included on the Thursday Pray Chain from Pastor Tad and on the office Prayer Concerns board.*

### Church Office is open

*Please don't hesitate to call or email the office.*

*We are here for you.*

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**Community United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday Cancellation Notice**  
**Effective through Sunday, April 12, 2020**

Our previous cancellation notice, which was sent out on Tuesday, March 17, and announced our closing on March 22 and 29, included the words, "...we may extend our separation time." Just this afternoon (Thursday, March 19), we received notification from the Bishop, that he is asking us to cancel worship through April 12, which is Easter Sunday. So in response to our Bishop's request, I am announcing that we are not going to hold in-person worship on the Sundays of March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 12. The Bishop said that he trembled as he wrote those words. I know what he means.

We are all experiencing disruption of all kinds during this crisis. Medical, financial, social, you name it, these components of our lives have been knocked off track. And one of the most challenging aspects of all is that the change continues. Every day we hear of longer delays, greater distances between people, smaller acceptable gathering size, and so forth. One time changes are hard enough, but when the change just keeps coming it gets even harder.

In the midst of all this change, there is One who does not change. We read in Malachi 3:6, "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished." We can be confident that God remains the same always, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. And we can be thankful for that. We, his people, have not perished because he is with us. He is with us during this challenging time, just as he always has been. So hold on to that solid rock that cannot be moved. Hold on to God.

With the extension of our separation, I am exploring new ways to communicate with you. There is no substitute for gathering together, but I am working on being able to share my thoughts with you in ways other than on paper. This is from a decidedly low-tech guy! So pray for me and watch for additional announcements. Make sure you also stay connected to each other. Call someone and make sure they're doing OK. Tell them that you miss them, that you love them, and that you look forward to being able to see them again. When we do resume corporate worship, it will be a celebration! Regardless of when it is, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Some have said that every Sunday is a little Easter. We will have a big Easter celebration when we get together again.

I am praying for you and I encourage you to pray for each other. God is with us and will never abandon us. Hold on to that rock. God bless you. Pastor Tad

Pastor Tad



## Lenten Luncheon Schedule

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

12:10 p.m. Worship Service, 12:30 p.m. Lunch

*March 18 - cancelled*

*March 25 - cancelled*

*April 1 - Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (310 E.  
E. Main St.)*

*April 8 - Crossroads Church (5679 Tarlton Road)*

*April 15 - Trinity Lutheran Church (135 E. Mound St.)*

*The Worship Service will start at each host church at 12:10  
p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.*

*A donation basket will be available for contributions  
toward the luncheon expenses. After expenses, remaining  
funds will be donated to Hope House, the men's homeless  
shelter.*

