



## First United Methodist Church

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Dear First Church Family,

*May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy he has given us new birth. You have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)*

Welcome to the Great Fifty Days, which begins on Easter Sunday and continues through the Day of Pentecost. It is the most joyous season in the Christian year as we celebrate the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church. In this time of uncertainty, we are Easter people! Our peace and our hope is in the Risen Lord!

Although the church building is closed through at least April 30, there are many opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, and service. This Sunday, April 19, we will continue to celebrate Easter with worship online at [www.fumchurch.com](http://www.fumchurch.com). Sunday, April 26 is Disability Awareness Sunday. Members of our Rejoicing Spirits community will help lead the service, with a message from Pastor John. In addition to this special service, a free webinar about Alzheimer's will be offered on Monday, April 27, at 6:30 pm. More information and registration can be found on our church website, [www.fumchurch.com](http://www.fumchurch.com).

On Sunday, May 3, we will begin a five week sermon series based on the recent feature film, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." Incorporating Scripture, scenes from the movie, and wisdom from children's TV host, Mister Rogers, we will focus on the large impact we can all have by being kind, grateful, loving, and forgiving.

We invite children, youth, and adults to stay spiritually connected in Sunday School, Bible studies, and other activities. Please visit [www.fumchurch.com](http://www.fumchurch.com) or contact our Directors of Children's Ministry, Dawn Fisher and Anna Harris, at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com), our Youth Pastor, Lisa Aronson, at [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com), or our Director of Adult Discipleship, Tina Eaton, at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).

If you would like to request prayer, or have a need for assistance, please contact our Director of Congregational Care, Janice Bowen, at [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com).

We welcome your gifts to the church by mail, through the church website, or through electronic giving. Our Office Manager, Ellen Hill, will be glad to assist you at [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com).

I cannot thank God enough for your prayers, your care for one another, and your generosity! You are making a huge difference at a time when people need the church more than ever before. Stay safe. Stay home. Stay healthy.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Denny

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*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors*