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PUMC Connections

From the desk of... Reverend Thomas A. Davenport

Strangest April Fool's Day EVER!

Dear friends, as we enter the beginning of April, we are discovering that this Corona Virus will be affecting us for longer and in more significant ways than we first thought. It is vitally important that we understand what is going on.

1. The Church has suspended gathering together for Worship, but the Church is still active. The Church of Jesus Christ, and Parchment UMC is still living the Gospel and being the community of faith. It looks different, but the values and the important ways we live remain.

2. Our presence in the community may be more important than ever. Being intentional about reaching out to others by phone or email will help those who are most vulnerable. A helpful phone call to someone isolated will make a big difference. So, pick up the phone! Send an email. Write a letter. Send a care package to someone.

3. Our Blessing Box is vital. There is need due to the change in jobs for many. The Blessing Box may be the difference for someone going to bed hungry tonight.

4. Parchment UMC volunteers are helping at the Parchment Schools, packing lunch/ breakfasts for our school children.

5. Red Cross Blood Drive will take place Monday April 6, 2020

6. Pastoral Message is prepared each week and projected via Facebook, Email, and our Website. If you do not have internet access, please let us know.

7. Parchment UMC is preparing to be a location as an Emergency Medical Shelter, should the need arise, for Kalamazoo County. I am part of the Emergency Response Team.

8. Prayer! We still are praying for the world, the community and each other. Our Prayer Chain is active. Please call me if you have a prayer need. (762-3159 cell).

9. Love one another!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Thom

P.S. A note about General Conference. As you may know, the worldwide gathering of United Methodists at General Conference was scheduled for May, 2020. It has been postponed for possibly a year.

P.S.S. Our Michigan Annual Conference is still scheduled to be May 30, 2020 in Traverse City Michigan.

Our Bishop is a great pastoral leader and has advised us to follow the Governor's direction on gathering together, as well as President Trump. We will continue to worship apart through the rest of the month.

Hopefully we will be gathering together soon.

TAD.

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9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

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Deadline
For May Issue:
Monday, April 20, 2020

April 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

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5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday 	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Head Usher: David Schmitt

Trustee on Duty:



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| 1 Sally Gumper | 18 Matthew Larsen |
| 5 Mariah Gumper | 20 Grace Larsen |
| 6 Marian White | 20 Peter Lenz |
| 7 LaMarr Miller | 21 Bill Kriekard |
| 9 Cheryl Baker | 24 Carol Schmitt |
| 11 Terry Callen | 25 Kim Campbell |
| 13 Bonnie Grihalva | 25 John Davenport |
| 14 Jeri Holcomb | 26 Wendy Tilley |
| 14 Thom Davenport | 27 Melissa Carr |
| 15 Jennifer Fulop | 27 Maia Dowd |
| 16 Madeline Light | 28 Chris Alkema |
| 17 Robert Davis | 29 Korey Grihalva |
| 17 Beverly DeBoer | 30 Haylie Born |
| 18 Carla Gillespie | 30 Brett Crow |
| 18 Lyon Bailey | 30 Sara Docsa |
| 18 Alvin Holmes | |



- 4 LaMarr & Kay Miller ('59)
- 9 Mike & Joyce Dennison ('72)
- 16 Bob & Laurie Hamilton ('66)
- 17 Howard & Georgia Potrude ('71)



The American Red Cross is in desperate need of blood donations. The Covid-19 outbreak caused all blood drives to be canceled to support social distancing.

If you would like to inquire about donating blood, please call the national phone number below. They schedule all appointments in all locations.

1-800-733-2767

5640 Venture Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

The church office is not open at this time. Pastor Thom continues to check the mailbox and Kathe checks the email from home.

If you have questions, please email the office at:

umcparchment@gmail.com
or
Pastor Thom at:
pastorthomm@hotmail.com

I'm sure you understand we have no idea when we will return to regular hours. Pastor Thom posts a video of his worship message weekly. It's a 'must-see'. You can find his videos on our website at:

www.parchmentumc.org
or
on Facebook

And you might receive them in your email inbox!

Share them with people you love.

MARCH ATTENDANCE

	<u>WORSHIP</u>	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
3/1	69	16
3/8	74	12
3/15	0	0
3/22	0	0
3/29	0	0

HELP WANTED ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Parchment United Methodist Church is seeking an individual to fill a part time position in their church office. Hours consist of 4 hours/day, 4 days/week.

Interested persons must have good interpersonal skills, be familiar with social networks, and experienced in the use of computer programs (i.e., Word, Excel, Publisher). Resumes can be submitted to the church office. Mail to: Parchment United Methodist Church, 225 Glendale Boulevard, Parchment, MI 49004 Call: (269) 344-0125

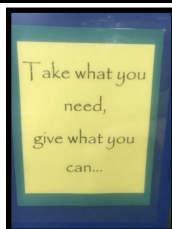
THE BLESSING BOX

In view of all that is happening now with Covid-19 and people losing their jobs, please consider adding food and other useful items such as cleaning supplies to

The Blessing Box.

Located on the west side of Parchment UMC, by the mail box and handicap parking.

Take what you need; give what you can.



Click below for Pastor Thom's message from **last** Sunday, March 29, 2020.

https://youtu.be/rPLiAF_YdtM

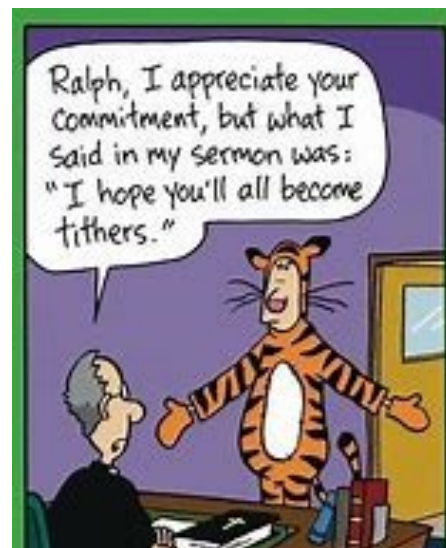


And look for his weekly message on Facebook, or our website: www.parchmentumc.org ... or in your email inbox!



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This is it. The day your dogs have all been waiting for. The day they realize their owners can't leave the house and they get you 24/7! Dogs are rejoicing everywhere. Cats are contemplating suicide.

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