

"MUSIC IN WORSHIP WILL BE DIFFERENT, BUT KEEP SINGING IN YOUR HEART"

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name."

Hebrews 13:15

With the warmer weather and the "curve flattening," comes the joy of being able to worship together in the same space. (Just in time for everyone to flee to the beach and the lake!) We are not certain when we will re-open, but for those who are with us in worship at Muir's Chapel, I can't wait to see you. By the time we meet again, we will have been apart for nearly three months. There is so much I'm looking forward to about returning: seeing Goober grin, flashing peace signs toward the choir members, and cracking jokes with the band.

Some parts of worship, though, will seem very different. Namely, we will not be singing together. There will still be music, but group singing indoors, for now, is on hold. Let me explain.

Singing, as an activity, is particularly good at spreading germs, especially the virus that causes COVID-19. When we sing together in a group we expel air (and potential pathogens) at a much higher rate than when speaking. Couple that with deeper breathing and close quarters and it creates a serious risk factor. In studies done by leading experts both in the medical field and music world, aerosolized droplets traveled more than twice as far - up to 14 feet - from singers. There is less spread when wearing a mask, but singing while wearing a mask can cause you to recirculate too much carbon dioxide leading to a pretty wicked headache. Even more troubling, air and ventilation systems seem to exacerbate the risk. I'm sure by now many of you have seen the examples of church and community choirs who met to sing inside (before stay-at-home orders) becoming hotspots for COVID-19 outbreaks. Some of these groups did everything right: sat socially distanced, not touching, nothing shared—and yet, the choir in Washington had an 87% infection rate, and two members died, from just one meeting together. Experts in my field have come up with a number of extreme ways to try and "sing around the science," but the ultimate recommendation has been to simply not engage in group singing until there are better treatments for this disease. This is also the recommendation of our Bishop and conference officials.

For me, as I know it is for many of you, this is truly heartbreaking. I live to sing. Some of my greatest happiness is found in singing with all of you or leading you in singing. It's hard for me to even imagine worship without congregational singing. The Bible tells us throughout to sing. The Bible also tells us to do everything in love. Out of love for each other and for those whom we come in contact with, we choose to do everything we can to slow the spread of a serious illness. I love you enough to forego my love of singing for a little while, so that I can continue to love you for the rest of your life and mine. Showing sacrificial love by putting the needs of others ahead of our own desire, is the best way for us to embody Christ.

This is only temporary. Until we all sing together again, keep singing alive in your own personal praise. Join Kim Hastings for Chapel online: she's teaching our little ones songs of the faith. Sing your favorite song along with the radio (or Alexa!), praise God as you hum "Jesus Loves Me" to your sleeping kids or grandkids. Join in with the choir and praise band on our virtual submission projects. Whatever you do, don't stop singing. As one of Jonah's books says: "Music is magic, it can brighten your day." Music is God-given, and it's not going away.

Laurin Allred



WELCOME OUR NEW ACCOMPANIST

Kenny Phillips

Kenny Phillips has been serving local churches for over 15 years. He received a Bachelor's Degree Music Education from Westminster Choir College and has performance experience on both a national and international level. He has performed with many of the major orchestras, including the NJ Symphony Orchestra, NY Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra at many prestigious concert halls including the Kimmel Center, The Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, and Carnegie Hall. In 2017, he had the honor of performing again at Carnegie Hall as an accompanist for a high school choir. He has recorded twice with the NJ Symphony Orchestra and was part of the 1-year anniversary concert televised on PBS in remembrance of the tragedy of Sept. 11th. He has performed for two MENC national conventions, as well as two choir tours to Brazil. He currently resides in Kernersville with his wife, Lauren, and is looking forward to serving God at Muir's Chapel!



Save someone's life today

BLOOD DRIVE

Help maintain the blood supply!

June 24, 2020

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

MUIR'S CHAPEL KCC GYM

**Call the church office OR
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TODAY!](#)**

*Extra precautions including
masks, temperature checks and
6ft distancing will be in place.*



WHEN WILL WORSHIP BE BACK TO NORMAL?

As we are beginning to field questions about re-opening the church for worship, I wish to share with you that we do not have a date yet for re-opening. Your staff and leaders have begun lengthy discussions around the timing of resuming worship. We are also, aware, that worship will not look or 'feel' normal for awhile as we put extra precautions in place. We are staying tuned in to reports from the state and from our Bishop, and using these for our discussion guide. I feel the absence of gathering acutely, but I care for everyone too dearly to put anyone at risk. We continue to use various avenues to stay connected. I hope and pray that you continue to call and encourage one another, and that you particularly check in with those who live alone. Please email church staff or call Pastor Brenda with needs.

Take time to pray this prayer from Shirley Bachelder who lives in Tennessee. She will be 99 in just a few weeks, and offered this prayer for us all:

Dear Lord and Father of us all,

Even by another name, we now know you as God, Ruler of the World and Creator of the Universe and our own Special Father. Hear our prayers.

Hear the prayers of seniors, staff, workers and families at Steeplechase, Franklin, Tennessee

Hide us in the shadow of your wings. Make the fortress of our God our safety.

Let us not be weary in loving one another, of taking precautions, of praying each day and praising you.

You have control of even this evil day.

Be with those desperate souls trying to fathom what they can do to kill the nucleus.

Give comfort to those who panic easily. And make the days go quickly.

Let us not forget to pray, not only for ourselves, but for those lonely people who are overwhelmed

And those who meet resistance in their work to overcome this disease.

Help us not to be anxious about the future.

Help to know that, in spite of all the negative vibes, that you are still able.

In each life that my voice reaches, be assured that the least among us that the coronavirus will be overcome.

That those who die will find a loving hand to guide them to the promised Heaven.

They will not be alone, but will have joy unspeakable.

Bless us here, we ask humbly, not because we deserve it but because we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

With love and bless again, Shirley.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

FOR OUR

Healthcare Workers

Brandi Ollis	Susan Cox
Justin Ollis	JoAnn Scott
Anneita Minor	Liz Honeycutt
Steven Minor	Kristin Butler
Julie Amerson	Pam Ballard (Sandy Cantliffe's Sister)
Charles Amerson	Dr. Ronald Neal
Jenny Eaves	Anna Shaffer
Donna Owens	Nikki Tsujii
Sylvia Coleman	Meghan Pope
Karen Donawerth	Tiffany Love
MacKenzie Hastings	Kassinabin Soro
Sue Sciabbarrasi	Jeannie Martin
Robin Bass	James Ludemann
Courtney Ollis	Dr. Duncan Vincent
Courtney Robarge	Dawnene Bucher
Becky Cummings	Alison Payne

SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to the family of church member, Doris Kiel, who passed away on May 11, 2020.

JUNE Birthdays

1	Steve Hooks
Joyce Campbell	Chris Lindblad
2	Debbie Whittington
Helen Thomas	11
3	Lucy Berrier
John Hight	Brad Denny
5	Aaron Payne
Hetty Scopel	12
Eva Wall	Luke Conrad
6	Mary Lu Harmon
Brandon Fury	Lexi Whitfield
Stacy Masters	13
7	Richard Connor
Natalie Eaves	Scott Jobe
8	Jill Oakley
Jenni Ford	Mike Robinson
9	14
Jacob Berrier	Joan Catoe
Tamar Day	Lynn Routh
10	15
Aaron Campbell	Steve Ludemann
Rhett Catoe	Kassinabin Soro



CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020 AT MUIR'S CHAPEL

Calling all Graduates!!

We're planning a **BIG-TIME** celebration for all our graduates; **Elementary School, Middle, High School, and College!** The celebration will take place once public gatherings resume.

Contact Brian Edwards, our Director of Youth & Discipleship, at bedwards@muirschapelumc.com and he'll send you the information form and details!

GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH

In memory of Virginia and Garry Cudworth
For Building Bridges
By David and Ellen Smoak
For the Budget
By Alan and Julee Marshall
In memory of Doris Kiel
For Congregational Care
By Judith Hudson
By Sandy Cantliffe and Alison Ludemann
In memory of Marie Swiggett
For Congregational Care
By her daughter, JoAnn Bondurant
In honor of Dot Yeager
For the Good Samaritan Fund
By the Fellowship Class
In honor of Judy Thomas for Mother's Day
For the Good Samaritan Fund
By Karen, Jim, Rachel, Chip, Ella and Jack
In honor of Baby Isaac Robarge
For Medical Good Samaritan Fund
By Jo Kelly Kay
By Betty Sue Grant and Family
By Philp and Kim Cox
By Casey Duncan
By Bud and Reba Maxson
By JoAnn Marsh
By Jane Miller

THANK YOU

Dear Caring Church Members,
I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and concerns during my illness. Please continue to remember me as I will be in treatments until September. I need all the prayers that I can get. Many thanks for your concerns. I miss seeing you in church.
Reva Sahli

IN THE HOSPITAL

Jean Maulden & Dot Yeager

May 10th

Offering	
Giving	\$13,342.00
Other Income	\$75.00
Budget	\$13,417.00
Designated Funds	\$2,511.88

May 17th

Offering	
Giving	\$5,138.00
Other Income	\$300.00
Budget	\$5,438.00
Designated Funds	\$9,336.10

April INCOME	\$49,598.42
April EXPENSES	\$55,214.61
April NET DEFICIT	-\$5,616.19
YEAR TO DATE INCOME	\$225,788.88
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$226,341.35
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET DEFICIT - 4/30/2020	-\$552.47
2020 BEGINNING GENERAL FUND DEFICIT BALANCE	-\$24,386.06
CURRENT MONTH DEFICIT BALANCE	-\$552.47
CURRENT GENERAL FUND DEFICIT BALANCE TOTAL	-\$24,938.53