

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
**Livonia, Michigan**  
**March 29, 2020 | Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Gathering & Time of Greeting One Another

Sharing With God – “Thank you!” & “I love you!”

- Last week – Emily Berriman & Fabian Lanzy touched on the idea of embracing the interruption of Lent/“Stay home. Stay safe.” Order to see God and life with greater clarity.
  - How has God used the interruptions to our day-to-day lives (whether through Lent or these past few weeks) to reveal something in your life/faith with greater clarity?

Prayer Time

Prayers for Health Care Workers and others in Essential Services who are related to or are members of St. Matthew's UMC (if you have someone you would like to add to this prayer list, please email Pastor Jeremy ([jafrica@stmatthewslivonia.com](mailto:jafrica@stmatthewslivonia.com)):

- Mikey Authier (Amazon, Jennifer Day-Dudek's nephew)
- Jessica Burke (Nurse, Duane & Lori Johnson's daughter)
- Jennifer Day-Dudek (Medical Supply Company – member)
- Cyd Day (Amazon, Jennifer Day-Dudek's sister)
- April Gradowski (Nanny – member)
- Avery Harris (Paramedic – Judy Harris' grandson)
- Matt Marken (Firefighter – Bill & Carol Marken's son)
- Paul Schlack (Journeyman Lineman – member)
- Jonathan Schlack (Apprentice Lineman – member)

- Kyle Thom (Nurse – Shirley Thom’s grandson)
- Terry Valentine (Water Treatment Plant – member and spouse of Donna Valentine)
- Leilani Africa (Nurse – sister of Pastor Jeremy)

#Joys&Concerns (To share a joy or concern during this time, please email your prayer requests to Pastor Jeremy ([jafrica@stmattewslivonia.com](mailto:jafrica@stmattewslivonia.com)) or call the church office (and leave a message for Kim DeSantis at 734-422-6038.) This week, let us pray for...

- From Lori Johnson - Please keep **Jessica Burke** (Lori and Duane’s daughter) in your prayers to keep her safe, along with the rest of our medical personnel. She works at the hospital and faces patients being tested and treating patients with Corvid19. She is not able to isolate and stay safe!
- From Corrine Kert - On March 27 **Dick Horie** had his 6th infusion of chemo to treat his cancer. He, once again, thankfully, had no side effects. He feels normal. Thank you all for your continuing prayers. He is still in Florida and probably will stay until at least April 30.
- On behalf of Rev. Chuck Sonquist – Please pray for Pastor Chuck and Jane’s daughter, **Carolyn** - who has been diagnosed with stage four breast cancer. Prayers for healing. Rev. Sonquist served as the pastor of St. Matthew’s UMC from 1990-2002.

#### Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading – John 6:35-40

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

<sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

One: The Word of God in Scripture.

The Word of God among us.

The Word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Devotional Thought

Benediction

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” <sup>1</sup> Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Nu 6:24–26). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.