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Pastor's Page

We Will Meet Again!

If you read the Book of Leviticus in the Bible, you will find regulations called 'Purity Law' about who or what is clean or unclean to God. Among them are regulations called "about infectious skin diseases." Looking into those regulations, you will learn Israelites were very careful, strict, and serious about infectious diseases and you might think the regulations were too much, inhumane, or cruel to the infected and their family. Their houses and belongings were incinerated. Of course they got separated from their family and community. It was not just a quarantine. It was much more than "social distancing." They were expelled from their towns and communities. They had to leave what they loved and were familiar with and live in a cave or a wilderness. Can you imagine how they felt? Suddenly you were forced to leave your normal life behind. You cannot hug your children and your wife anymore or you are not allowed to meet any friend of yours. You have no idea when you can go back to your normal life. You just end up in a dark and damp cave. They must have been scared and frustrated. I believe now you are able to understand them a little bit.

However, there are not only regulations about how to test positive, how to deal with the belongings of the infected and how to separate the infected from the immediate community. There are also very specific regulations about how to be sure they are recovered and how to embrace them again when they are healed. So the purpose of the regulations is not just to separate the infected from the healthy or make people social distance from each other. The purpose of them is to embrace each other again, to get together again, to meet people again and to be a community again, a healthy one. Due to this pandemic, we are practicing "socially distancing." Of course compared with the Purity Law, it might be a minor action. But I think the pain it has brought is the same as the Purity Law did. You might feel scared, fearful, lonely, frustrated, hopeless,

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**Please
pray
for those
affected by
COVID-19**

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and exhausted. But I encourage you to remember that we are enduring this time to meet one another again, to eat and laugh together again, to hug one another again, to embrace our Sunday school children again, to hold hands together again making a big circle, and to sing and dance with one another again. We should meet together again. We will. Until then let's do our best and use every possible means to stay connected with each other expressing our love for one another and showing our appreciation of our relationships and connections.

I want to share a part of lyrics of a contemporary hymn:

*You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
There is no one like our God
For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are
still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are
still to be done in this city
God is the God of this Church,
the God of you.
We shall overcome and
meet together again.*

Pastor Kim

Things to Know Until We Meet Again

1.) Sunday Services: Considering the advice of authorities, services appear to be cancelled into April but we are Facebook live-streaming and Conference Call will continue. Here is the link of the church's Facebook Page where where services are live streamed:
www.facebook.com/Prospect-United-Methodist-Church-113261716982/

It will ask that you log in using your Facebook ID and Password, not the church's ID and Password. If you do not have a Facebook ID and Password, you will need to create them. I invite you to join us in worshipping God together Sunday mornings. Live streaming begins at 9:50 a.m. If you have a question, please email me (prospect.yountae@gmail.com). We are also looking into the possibility of YouTube streaming. You can find previous services too.

2.) Lenten Challenge: Please keep our Lenten Challenge every day even after Easter until this situation is over:

- **Worship:** Give thanks to God for one thing you are grateful for.
- **Serve:** Check on one person each day, especially the elderly and vulnerable ones through email, phone call or text message.
- **Share:** Comfort people who are anxious and fearful with your faithful words.
- **Study:** Read a chapter of the Bible a day.
- **Pray:** Lord, help me to be prepared but not anxious. Be aware, but not desperate. Be vigilant, but not in fear. Be joyful, but not careless. Be faithful. Lord, be my hope and strength.

3.) Coffee With Pastor At Home: Since we are following "Social Distancing" and "Shelter In Place," an opportunity to get together is strictly prohibited. However, thanks to some technologies, we are still able to be connected and get together. So I am going to host a Virtual Coffee Time on Zoom, which is one of the on-line meeting platforms getting popular recently.

Time: Starting April 1,
every Wednesday at 1 p.m.
and Friday at 7 p.m.



What You Need:

- *Cup of Coffee or Tea (I'm not going to treat you, so bring your own coffee or tea).
- *Couch or Comfortable Chair.
- *Willingness to share your joys and concerns.
- *Computer or Laptop (I recommend Chrome as a web browser) or a Tablet or Smart Phone.
- *Meeting ID is 6135996251.

On the computer : Google Zoom and go to their website. Then click "join a meeting" on upper right side and type the meeting ID 613 599 6251.

On a Laptop or Smart phone: Download Zoom and app and activate the app. Touch "Join A Meeting" and type in ID 613 599 6215.

You can copy the following link and paste it into your web browser to join the Zoom meeting. Do not forget the meeting ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/6135996251>
Or you can call this number +6465588656. Put in Access Code 6135996251.

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