Horizons
by Rev. Patricia Farris

These weeks, now months, of worshipping online, of gathering church groups and committees on ZOOM, invite us into a season of reflection. For many of us, “church” was deeply experienced in coming together for worship and fellowship. Now, without the hugs and the hymns, without the donuts and casual conversation, we ask ourselves in new ways what it means to “be the church” and to “do church.”

Virtual hugs and donuts don’t really cut it, do they? Better than nothing, but still leaving a lot to be desired. Yet, while I very much miss all of that and all of you, I do believe that God is calling us to grow and go deeper.

How do we grow in love of God in these pandemic times? How do we grow closer to God? Prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, worshipping together online, nature, quiet, music, journaling, more family time?

How do we grow in love of neighbor? Checking in on neighbors, quick chats over the fence, reaching out to friends and church family through calls and notes, sharing laughter and tears, connecting to cross gaps of isolation and loneliness…volunteering to meet the needs of others in our church family and community…creating new ways to continue traditions such as the Blessing of the Backpacks…giving generously to support the ministries of the church and missional needs in the community…

As has been noted—the church has left the building but we are still the church! Might we find new ways to witness and to share our deepest values?

I’d love to hear back from you in notes, calls or emails, if you’re willing to share the journey of your spirit in these times.

As John Wesley said on his death bed: “The best of all—God is with us!”

Be the hope, dear church,

Patricia Farris
Senior Minister

Sermon Series
“More Than Meets the Eye”
Rev. Patricia Farris continues her sermon series More than Meets the Eye through September 13. Of the series, she says “It’s tempting these days to dwell on what’s not working, or our imperfections and struggles, or on our anxiety about what the future may hold. Do those thoughts come upon you? How might you name the things that are weighing you down? Paul urges the early church in Corinth to shift the frame. God is working in YOU even now. God is giving you grace and power and hope and joy. Can you identify examples of God’s spirit working in your heart, mind, and soul?”

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. (Henry Stanley Haskins)

Cover photos: (top left to right):
Chloe Rebibo and Jamie Jones assembling the backpacks for Upward Bound House; School supplies for the backpacks; First day of the First UMC Preschool.

Be the Church

Thank you to those who donated towards this year’s collection of backpacks and school supplies for Upward Bound House families! UBH provides homeless families with housing and supportive services in our community. Thanks to your donations, we were able to supply families with 60 backpacks packed with all the essentials to start the school year off right. These supplies will ensure that students are feeling prepared and confident to learn and succeed in this challenging time.

Blessings,
Tricia (Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries) and Jamie (Children and Youth Ministry Intern)
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Wednesday, September 16
7 p.m. Open Space Young Adults Soul Care, via Zoom
Saturday, September 19
9:30 a.m. Prayer Quilt Workparty, via Zoom

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Sundays 10 a.m.

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- **Grief and Graces: a sacred space for weary souls, with Rev. Keri Olsen Paget:**
  - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month 4 p.m., via Zoom or Phone In
  - To register, go to www.santamonicaumc.org/grief-graces-registration.
- **UMYF Youth Group:** Back for the Fall Sept 15
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### Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study Online Meetings

**Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study is a weekly meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture during online breakfast. As men try to navigate the stresses and complexities of this modern world and daily life, Men’s Breakfast is a place for community, prayer and fellowship through the sharing of God’s Holy Word. Come by online as your schedule permits! For more info, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy

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In this time of collective loss and upheaval, Rev. Keri Olsen offers an online gathering. “Grief and Graces, a sacred space for weary souls.” Meeting the second and fourth Sundays of the month, come for a time of reflection, to name the challenges and gifts of this time, listen for God’s invitation, and close with prayer. It is a drop-in group, as needed.

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- Wednesday, November 7
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**Celebrating Dr. Jim Smith’s 55th Year as Director of Music**

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Deaths
We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of these departed loved ones:

• First UMC member Malcolm Dole, who died August 28.
• We give thanks for the life and life everlasting of long-time First UMC member, Barbara Parker, who died August 24. Candles may be sent to Rich Parker at 820 Appleby St, Venice, CA, 90291.
• First UMC member Edith Andersen’s brother, Martin Andersen, who died in July.
• First UMC member David Ott, who died July 28, 2020.

Congratulations
Congratulations to First UMC member Chris Reagh for receiving her Certificate of Completion for meeting the requirements for the Lay Servant Ministry Class entitled, “Discover Your Spiritual Gifts,” on July 8, 2020.

Being the Church: Congregation Led Groups
As Rev. Farris states in Horizons, “...the church has left the building but we are still the church!” Here is a list of Congregation led groups that continue to meet online on a regular basis:

- Shareringers
- Men’s Breakfast
- Open Space
- Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Family Connection
- Chancel Choir
- Prayer Group via phone

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“Congratulations on a fantastic first two days back at school. We are incredibly proud of everyone. The children are sweet, lovable and quite angelic. It’s a pure delight to hear their melodious voices in the halls and their shouts of joy on the yards. And parents, you set the bar high by carefully following directions at drop-off and pick-up, and supporting the policies and procedures of the school.

We’d like to give a special shout-out to the teachers for their ingenuity, perseverance, and dedication to the children. The professionalism exhibited by each teacher has exceeded our highest expectations. ...Thank you to all who have helped get our school year off to a fantastic start. We are extremely grateful for you!!!”

- excerpt from Dee Menzies, Preschool Director, in the Preschool Happenings newsletter

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We invited the community to share how you have been taking care of yourself during this time and you responded with enthusiasm! Each Thursday in September on social media, we’ll share your fun and creative ideas. Perhaps they’ll spark a new practice for someone else!

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To view photo submissions, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/photos

Being the Church: Congregation Led Groups

As Rev. Farris states in Horizons, “...the church has left the building but we are still the church!” Here is a list of Congregation led groups that continue to meet online on a regular basis:

- Shareingers
- Men’s Breakfast
- Open Space
- Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Family Connection
- Chancel Choir
- Prayer Group via phone

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Did you know First UMC has a YouTube channel? If you missed any of the Sunday 10 a.m. services, or would like to rewatch them, you may do so at any time from our page. And, if you click the word SUBSCRIBE, you can be notified when we upload a new video if you choose. You’ll also find past Mid-Week Recitals, the virtual Labyrinth walk, and more. Subscribe now!

Go to YouTube.com, search Santa Monica UMC.

Looking Forward

October

Blessing of the Animals - Online!

Flu Shot Clinic at Mt. Olive Lutheran
These weeks, now months, of worshipping online, of gathering church groups and committees on ZOOM, invite us into a season of reflection. For many of us, “church” was deeply experienced in coming together for worship and fellowship. Now, without the hugs and the hymns, without the donuts and casual conversation, we ask ourselves in new ways what it means to “be the church” and to “do church.”

Virtual hugs and donuts don’t really cut it, do they? Better than nothing, but still leaving a lot to be desired. Yet, while I very much miss all of that and all of you, I do believe that God is calling us to grow and go deeper.

How do we grow in love of God in these pandemic times? How do we grow closer to God? Prayer, reflection, Scripture reading, worshipping together online, nature, quiet, music, journaling, more family time?

How do we grow in love of neighbor? Checking in on neighbors, quick chats over the fence, reaching out to friends and church family through calls and notes, sharing laughter and tears, connecting to cross gaps of isolation and loneliness…volunteering to meet the needs of others in our church family and community…creating new ways to continue traditions such as the Blessing of the Backpacks…giving generously to support the ministries of the church and missional needs in the community…

As has been noted—the church has left the building but we are still the church! Might we find new ways to witness and to share our deepest values?

I’d love to hear back from you in notes, calls or emails, if you’re willing to share the journey of your spirit in these times.

As John Wesley said on his death bed: “The best of all—God is with us!”

Be the hope, dear church,