

## ***“Plans”***

“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord....

Jeremiah 29:11

There’s a joke going around something along the lines of: “What was the most useless purchase made in 2019? A 2020 planner!” It does feel like most of the plans made for 2020 have gone out the window so far. Additionally, it feels pretty useless to even to attempt to make many plans for the rest of the year. You talk with anyone about an event or meeting coming up in the next few weeks or months, and inevitably a comment will be made along the lines “if we can” or “if we are allowed to.”

For someone who enjoys planning things ahead of time and knowing what is going to come up next, this is a difficult season. Not only is it hard to plan things like vacations or attending sporting events or concerts right now, but even family gatherings or a night out for dinner can be no longer a guarantee.

Part of the scripture focus in worship yesterday were the beloved words of Jeremiah when he tells the Israelites that God knows the plans he has for them. There are times when I’m watching the news or thinking about the completely unpredictable state of the economy that I wonder if even God knows the plan in store for us? I spent a few hours the other day working on some plans and procedures for when we begin to have in-person worship only to receive word from two different sources (the church and the county health department) informing us that churches are recommended to not hold public worship at least through the remainder of the month. So much for my planning!

There are other things we are planning too that may or may not happen. Our United Methodist General Conference was scheduled to take place this week (this is the meeting where discussion about dividing the denomination was to take place) – it is now postponed indefinitely. Our Annual Conference in the state of Missouri was set to take place the first weekend in June. That meeting is no longer going to happen. As of right now, the final Sunday my family and I will be part of Lake Lotawana Community UMC will be June 14. I no longer know if we will get to be together for that event or not. We are currently scheduled to move from Lake Lotawana to Boonville on June 16. Pastor Tom is scheduled to arrive here June 27 and be in worship with you on June 28. We are hopeful all these plans will still happen.

It can be difficult to not know if our plans will come together or not. It can be stressful for some of us to not know how and what is going to happen. But, no matter what, it is comforting to know, even in the most confusing and uncertain of times, that God knows the plans he has for us. In the midst of chaos, I hope this promise bring you some peace too.

It is an honor to be your pastor and be in ministry alongside you to an amazing God!

Blessings,

Chris





### ***Update on news in regard to church services.***

As of today we will not be having any in person church services thru the month of May. We are waiting final decisions in regard to when and how we will be holding services and will keep everyone informed at all times.

Please feel free to call the office with any questions, concerns or just to talk. We are praying for you and can't wait to see you soon.

Have a Blessed and Safe Day!



### **Sunday Scripture: Matthew 5:3-12 CEB**

"Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

"Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

"Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

"Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

"Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

"Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

"Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

"Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

"Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me.

Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

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| <b>Les Case</b>       | <b>Tara Leath</b>                        |
| <b>Donald Cohan</b>   | <b>Leticia and son Ethan</b>             |
| <b>Dorothy Conn</b>   | <b>Derek Petty</b>                       |
| <b>Wade Davis</b>     | <b>Steve Raymond</b>                     |
| <b>Chad Elmer</b>     | <b>Nancy Rowe</b>                        |
| <b>Janet Ford</b>     | <b>Larry Sparks</b>                      |
| <b>Richard Fuerst</b> | <b>Ray Trowbridge</b>                    |
| <b>Winnie Fuerst</b>  | <b>Elaine West</b>                       |
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| <b>10 Services</b><br><b>10:00 Online</b> | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  |
| <b>17 Services</b><br><b>10:00 Online</b> | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| <b>24 Services</b><br><b>10:00 Online</b> | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |

# Word Search

How many of the words below can you find? Answers can be found forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. *Stuck? The solution can be found on [page 55](#).*

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