

The Herald

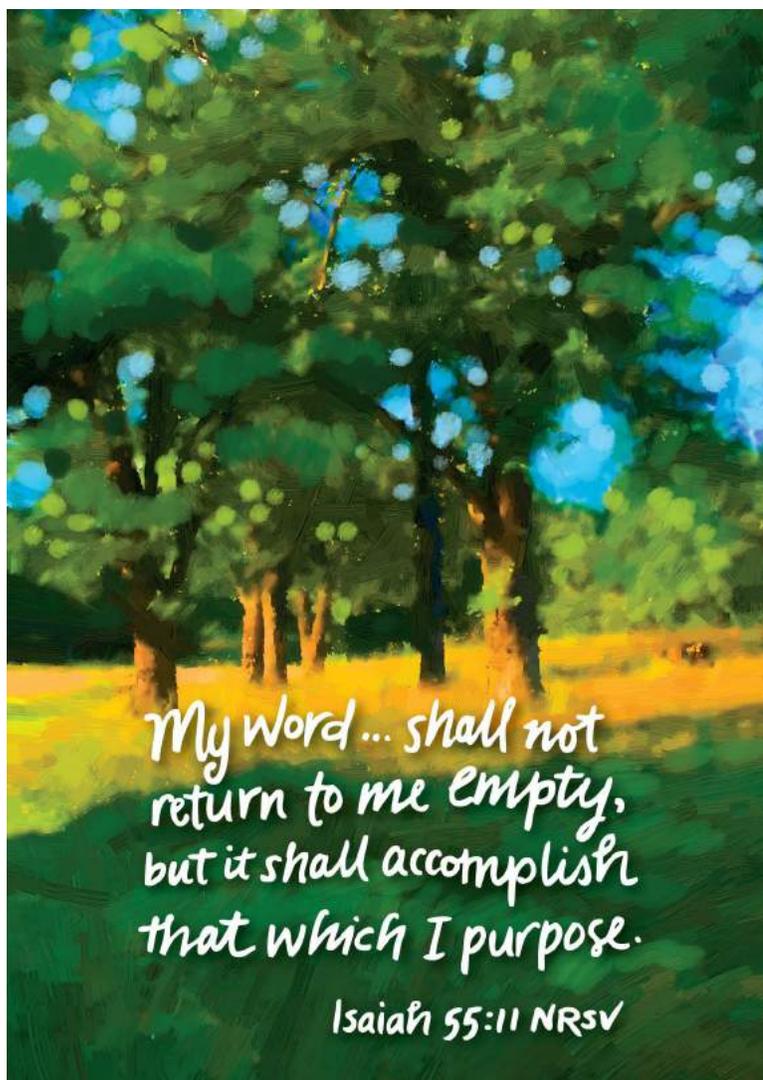


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A great purpose

There is no circumstance, no trouble, no testing, that can ever touch me until, first of all, it has gone past God and past Christ, right through to me. If it has come that far, it has come with a great purpose, which I may not understand at the moment. But I refuse to become panicky, as I lift up my eyes to him and accept it as coming from the throne of God for some great purpose of blessing to my own heart.

—Alan Redpath



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Dear Beloved in Christ,

Be encouraged with the beautiful news that God's Holy Spirit breathes once again into you.
 You are loved.
 You are not alone.
 Life is alive!
 All around us, life is alive.
 The green blade rises toward the light.
 The petals unfold and open; warmed to the season.
 The wind carries seeds of hope; casting new life in never-before reached areas.
 The song of the bird is new; can you hear it?
 The drafts above warp and woof; the glide of open wings make a new dance for the delight of each feather.
 Be at peace, my friend.
 The leaf, the branch, and the wind still dance to the Creator's tune.
 Won't you come, too?

Grace and peace,
Rev. Phil



Lectionary for July:

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| July 5: | 5th Sunday after Pentecost; | John chapter 7 |
| July 12: | 6th Sunday after Pentecost; | John chapter 8 |
| July 19: | 7th Sunday after Pentecost; | John chapter 9 |
| July 26: | 8th Sunday after Pentecost, | John chapter 10 |

Bible Study News



JOHN

Please join us live on Zoom for Bible Study on either Sunday or Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:00PM where we will get better acquainted with the Gospel of John. We will delve into this narrative record of who Jesus is and what he came to do. All are welcome to join in these discussions!

The link will be available on the front page of the church website umcnorthchili.org and sent via email in the Announcements.



July Birthdays

7/1 Alice Ruth Neider & Don Fernberg
7/3 Becky Cornell 7/4 Sue Norton
7/7 Charlie Neider 7/19 Jessica Archer
7/20 Carol Bloechl 7/21 Halley Allen
7/26 Dolores Calvin 7/29 Doris Fosberg
7/31 Sharon Kelly

We have two BIG birthdays in the same week!!! Alice is going to be 1 on July 1st and Charlie will be 5 on July 7th! Can you believe it?! So big! They are doing great-Charlie recently graduated preschool and Alice is crawling (and getting into plenty of mischief!) Alice and Charlie would love to receive cards! Or even an email greeting!
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Prayer Concerns for July

Prayers for: Liz H, Gary, Braden, Claire, Bob S w/cancer, Annette, Tim F, Artie w/Cancer, Rene & family- Mom is in hospice, Kalin w/ Lukemia, Tom & Marge, Gordy.



Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: Carol's cousin Joy whose husband passed suddenly.

Gary & Marcia Caswell, Doris Frediani, Phyllis Gordon, June Harndon, Marilyn Kaiser, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Barbara Ward, Gene Mori, Walt Palmer



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Disposable razors, Shaving cream, Diapers and baby wipes, Soap & Dish soap, antiseptic hand wipes. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help. Right now the need is great. Please call ahead to make sure Susann is there and you can leave your items at the door and ring the bell. Susann will put items on our shelves and delivery to Grace Church will be arranged.



Dear Family in Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The seasons are changing and so are the ways in which we are hoping to be together in Christ. As you may be aware, our Church Council employed a Pandemic Response Team to address and communicate to us all what processes will need to be adopted in order for us to resume in-person gatherings. Below you will find the most frequently asked questions and our current answers. Of course, circumstances change from day to day; we are deeply grateful for our collective willingness to adapt in relation to those changes.



We will continue to update you all as things develop. We pray with you that the healing Spirit of Life and Love will surround us all with well-being and hope!

Frequently Asked Questions:

When will we resume in-person worship?

While we do not yet have a firm date, we are looking toward August as a possibility. As we are aware of restrictions being lifted around the state, we are ever mindful of keeping our church family safe and healthy. We would like to exercise extreme caution as we move toward in-person worship opportunities.

Will online worship continue?

Yes! In fact, beginning June 28th our online worship service will take on a few changes. A small worship team will record the worship service in the format that we are most accustomed to following in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 10am. For those on Facebook, the worship service will be live-streamed at that time. For those wishing to view it on our website, the service will be available later that morning. We will try this format for five Sundays. We would appreciate your feedback during that trial process.

Our hopes are to continue with live-streaming and recording the services even after we resume in-person worship opportunities. We understand completely our church family members desiring to proceed with extreme caution in the months ahead. Our primary goal remains being one in Christ Jesus; offering our time of worship online helps achieve that goal.

When can small groups begin to gather at the church?

With restrictions easing around the state, we, along with you, have concerns about a second-wave effect of COVID-19 impacting our church family. It is in our best interest to exercise caution, therefore. We know many of you would like to explore options of meeting in-person while following social distancing guidelines (e.g. meeting outside, wearing masks, gloves, etc.).

Each small group has specific elements to consider prior to meeting. If you believe that your small group can coordinate a plan for how you will meet while meeting social distancing guidelines, we invite you to propose your plan in writing and submit it to our pandemic response team for conversation prior to meeting. We'd simply like to make sure we think through everything we can to keep our church family healthy and safe as we slowly move toward meeting in-person.

In Christ,
The Church Council of North Chili United Methodist Church



THANKS!

Dear Church Family,

What a blessing you have been to Becky and me! I would like to thank all of you for your prayers for my surgery and recovery. I was very nervous yet remembering I had so many praying for me, I felt God's peace surrounding me which helped me tremendously. Thank you for all the cards, emails and calls. You are awesome at sharing God's love. Thank you, too, to those of you who provided transportation to the hospital and doctor, meals, and for taking Becky to the grocery store for weekly shopping.

Love, Claire & Becky Hewitt

North Chili Farmers Market

First a big thank you to those who have already signed up to be "market managers." If you haven't signed up yet, there are still several prime dates available mostly in Aug., Sept. and Oct. Send an email to rdart2@rochester.rr.com with preferred dates.

June has been good to the market. Have some new vendors with some different products and the veteran vendors are coming back as their produce becomes available.

We have attempted to make the necessary changes to try to make everyone safe. For the most part, vendors and shoppers alike are conforming to the "new normal."

It is exciting to see the vendors arrive early and set up ready to display their wares. Some shoppers arrive at the 8:00 am hour to be sure to get their choices of the products they want. The second week of the market our bakery vendor sold out. One vendor at end of day had only three quarts of strawberries left. Many shoppers as they leave thank us for having the market. We do serve a purpose. Co-chairs, Roger and John



Operation Christmas Child

The need for shoeboxes is even greater because of COVID-19. Even though our daily routines have been turned upside down, we are still collecting and working on shoeboxes. We do not know how things will look when it comes packing time, but it will be different. The current situation has presented time to be creative and make handmade items for the boxes.

Help us spread the love of Jesus to children around the world.

10,569,405 shoebox gifts were collected in 2019

Pacific Islands: 8 countries; 80,000+ shoeboxes

South America: 12 countries; 1,575,000+ shoeboxes

Central America & Caribbean: 14 countries; 1,860,000+ shoeboxes

Europe: 16 countries; 792,000+ shoeboxes

Africa: 36 countries; 4,009,000+ shoeboxes

Asia: 5 countries (many others cannot be named); 994,700+ shoeboxes

Countries not named for security reasons: 27 countries; 1,226,000+ shoeboxes

If you have any special talents you could use to make toys, games, clothing, etc. for the boxes, it would be much appreciated. It is a wonderful way to spend extra time that you have on your hands and feel like you are doing something useful. I know it is scary to go shopping, but have found shopping online to be a safe 'contactless' option.

July We'll collect Clothing and some Hygiene items!

Tee shirts, girls & boys socks sizes 5-9 & 10-14, underwear, shorts, flip-flops, Soap, Nail Files, hair brushes. Items may be dropped off at Church by calling ahead to make sure Susann is there to collect them.



Another option is to build a shoebox online. For \$25 they will build a box for you! These can go to those very hard to reach countries, where traditional shoeboxes cannot go. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>






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