



Have Goodwill by Sharing a Feast of Love, Straight from the Heart

Find a box or grocery bag to collect food donations or the next few weeks. Use markers or paints to decorate it with symbols of love. Include messages and intentions like “straight from the heart” or “feast of love.” Go through your pantry and take out things you wish to donate. The next time you go to the grocery store or have groceries delivered, intentionally purchase items to add to your food donation collection. When you place any items in the bag/box say a prayer of thanks for those that prepared it, and a prayer of goodwill for those who will eat it. And as we bless our meal in worship, bless each item. Hold it and say, “Grateful!” When we’re able to be back together bring your goodies for the Food Pantry



@ Court Street or the Shiloh UMC Food Pantry. If you want, instead, to collect diapers for Baby Grace bless them in a manner similar to the food. Give thanks for those who created the diapers, those families who receive them, and the wee ones who will wear them. Bless each package by saying, “Grateful!” Contact the CSUMC office [(573) 642-5721] to find out more about how to get the diapers to us. The next Baby Grace distribution is on Friday, May 15, 2020.

~ WDS Associate Shelley Walters and Rev. Rebecca Dunger Peak

Intergenerational Engagement

Be sure to download the **Intergenerational Engagement** pages for some great activities. This week we encourage you to make a cross from twigs and sticks you find in your yard or on one of your walks. Then turn it into an Easter Cross by adding flowers that you find or create. Speaking of getting outside...pick up a few rocks along the way. Then cover them in hope. You’ll find instructions for each of these activities in the Intergenerational Engagement pages.

Prayer of the Week

[hold your hands near your eyes] Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

[hold your hands near your ears] Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

[hold your hands near your mouth] Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

~ *Open My Eyes, That I May See*; WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895; OneLicense #A-730996

Going Deeper This Week

Throughout our Easter Worship Series the good folk of The Work of the People have given permission or us to use resources that will help us go deeper and carry our worship into the week. Find a moment for some quiet reflection as you take in this video devotion by Dale Ryan about reading the Bible, *An Open-Hearted Response*. <https://www.theworkofthepeople.com/an-open-hearted-response>

Daily Readings for This Week

Every day through scripture reading and prayer we will discover the broader story of God's Word. Together let's go deeper into God's Word this week.

Monday ... Luke 9:35-36

Tuesday ... Luke 18:31-34

Wednesday ... Acts 2:42

Thursday ... Acts 20:7-12

Friday ... 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

Saturday ... Acts 28:23-31

Scripture for Next Sunday ... John 10:1-10 & Acts 2:42-47

Heart of the Matter Easter Season Dance Party Playlist



Each week we encourage you to move your body. We've created a "playlist" that will not only help you focus on the Heart of the Matter but also help you to be heart healthy through movement. If you have a song with heart and a good beat that you'd like to add to our playlist send us an email (umccourtstreet@gmail.com) with the name of the artist and the song title. You can find our Easter Season Dance Party Playlist on our YouTube channel under the playlist tab. Let's get moving

and Praise God! Check it out at www.youtube.com/channel/UCrYU-EowoJgCN_SKSy011og/playlists