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SPOTLIGHT

May 2020

The mission of our church is to raise up disciples of Christ through love, service, and example.

FROM STEPHEN'S STUDY

I decided to take this opportunity to update you on the Executive Leadership Team's decision regarding when we might begin on-site worship. I posted this other places, but some of you might not have seen it.

I wanted to inform you about the decision of our leadership team regarding on-site worship. We met Thursday evening and reviewed input from the Governor, Bishop Lowry, and other sources regarding all the measures that would have to be put in place in order to resume on-site gatherings at Church. We came to a unanimous decision to continue live stream worship services only through the end of May. We will be working toward being able to resume on-site worship on the first Sunday in June.

Our decision was based on several different factors right now. First, the requirement that people age 65 and older would be asked to remain at home since they are in the high risk category. Second, was the instruction that we could not have public restrooms open if we did meet on-site, because we cannot guarantee safe social distancing in a restroom. Third, we considered the fact that the number of positive cases of COVID 19- Corona Virus is still on the rise in our county and in Texas. Fourth, we have to furnish an ample supply of hand sanitizer and provide masks and gloves for our ushers and greeters. We do not have enough of either and are working to gather those items for when we do gather together.

We are all anxious to resume on-site worship services, but we want to assure the safety of those in attendance when we do. We will meet again after Mother's Day to begin planning to re-open in June if conditions permit. Some churches in town will re-open this Sunday. Others will join us in remaining closed. Be patient for now and continue to worship with us via Face book live stream, or on YouTube. I will update you when I have more information.

I really miss seeing all of you and look forward to the day when we will be able to meet together in person again.

Yours in Christ's service,
Stephen



A word from the *Children's Ministry*

I would like to thank all the Wednesday Word Cooks that volunteered and cooked some amazing meals for us!!!

John and Sherri Young, Dede Powell, Gaye Sadler & Anne Ramminger
The Bible Study Class, Amy Daze, Pastor Schmidt, Ricky Harvey & Youth Impact Group

I would also like to thank everyone that donated Easter eggs, candy and money for the children's ministry. Candy and eggs went out Easter Sunday. More candy will be given out with their lesson's to come.

Thank you all and God Bless,

MILITARY

Brandon Durham
Tyler Cooper
Tom Cushing
John Decker
Dusty Dossman

Than Dossman
Dylan Hartmann
Larrett McCoy
Fredrick Ralls
Wesley Reay
Jacklyn McAndrew

Michael McAndrew
Jeron Tarpley
Eric Ward
Dakota Elliott
Roy Thomas
LeAnn Mullins

EXCITING THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER:

- **UMW SENIOR CELEBRATION**
- **CAFÉ EVENTS & TRAVELS**
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
- **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE & BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

Once we start in church services and activities again we will send out a full calendar so you can stay in the loop!

Prayer Concerns

Sally Jund
Barbara Miller
Ollie Loggins
Dale White
Nellie Sheldon
Michelle Martin & Family
Shelly (Hughes) Friederich

Jane Majusiak
Randy Thomas
Pat Boren
Helen Theaker
Emily Young
Joe Bradbury
Barbara Harrell Rorabaw
Moreland Family
Pearce Family

Kemp– Mutz Family
Michelle Henry
Emily Veiga
Danny Loerwald
Schmidt Family
Kara Butler
Jim Dildine
Shepherd Family

May BIRTHDAY'S

1 Katelyn Brown
1 Dylan Hartmann
1 Everett Seymour
3 Ryli Bryson
4 Hayden Kemp
6 Hope Lacefield
6 Ray Martin
7 John Daniels
7 Guyann Miles
12 David Lovelace
12 Larry Roberts
14 Ray Hartmann
14 Ruth Jones
15 Karen Lacefield
15 Jayme Palady
15 Nellie Sheldon
15 Tom Sweazea
16 Ron Decker
16 Kelsie Martin
16 Anne Ramminger
17 Kurt Snively
19 Crystal Jeffcoat
20 Laura Scott
23 Marie Pruitt
23 Stella Wiegrefe
25 Jane Majusiak
27 William Farrell

Get Wells

Jim Dildine
Ken & Velva Riddle

Memorials

MH Shepherd
Kay Smiley
Steve Elliott
Bogard Family
Sullins Family
Monroe & Virgia
Wienecke
Bob & Cathi Self

Did you know we have Facebook, YouTube and an Instagram account? Throughout these uncertain times we have been LIVE streaming (or videoing) Sunday Worship services! If you don't have accounts with any of these social media platforms you can still access these videos without creating an account! Below you will find the links you can use to view the videos with us Live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. If you still don't feel comfortable or are unable to view the live streams you can tune in on our website each Monday afternoon to find the videos! If you have any issues or need help please feel free to call Courtney at 405-808-8468. This is her cell phone and she would be happy to help walk you through the process or get you set up for viewing.



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Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/gatesvillefumc/>

FUMC Gatesville Church Website:

<http://fumcgatesville.org/live-worship-streams/>