

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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LOCKDOWN TALK

What day is today? Tuesday, maybe Wednesday. That is how everyday seems since we started staying home and social distancing. I get to attend church in my pajamas. With the exception of the people in my household, I have no direct contact with anyone. There is no Sunday School and no Drama Club. Without my old collection of hand puppets and marionettes, I am no longer involved in a group discussion.

All the commercials on television scream at me that staying home is the safest thing to do. I thought that was true also, until I was creeping around the house in the dark one evening and tripped over a piece of furniture. Needless to say, I ended up having to ice a swollen and bruised much often injured knee. I have been stuck at home long enough to know where every piece of furniture is located.

Looking to divert myself away from the negativity being broadcast by the news, I turned to my Amazon Music Unlimited account to create a few playlists that contained positive messages. I began with a select group of Christian punk and rock bands that included Relient K, Skillet, Hawk Nelson, Thousand Foot Krutch, DC Talk, Newsboys, MercyMe and For King & Country. I turned it up a notch for my second playlist that encompassed Christian Metal and Hard Rock bands that included P.O.D., Stryper, Whitecross, Petra, Bloodgood and Leviticus. I think the positive messages are making the knee more flexible again.

Pandemics can bring out the best and worst in people. I don't need to talk about the worst because Facebook does a good enough job with that. On the other hand, all you have to do is either walk outside or look for the bright spots of a news broadcast when they focus on the healthcare workers. Neighbors are helping neighbors. Nurses and doctors from other states are travelling to those states with the most need to help out. People are donating food and supplies to our first responders. For the most part, the people of this great nation know how to come together in a tragedy.

Continued prayers go out to all of the essential personnel that are risking their own health to ensure that we are healthy, safe and fed. When our state does deem us ready to open up and go back to work, even more prayers will be needed. Some businesses have already announced that they will not be able to come back from this. The most recent casualty appears to be Quaker Steak & Lube in Brick. Notices were already sent to employees that their doors will not be reopening. Also, prayers will be needed for those that are unemployed and have fallen through the cracks in the system. After spending months without a paycheck, they will have to restart the job hunt with no stimulus money as a backup.

Let's not forget all of those who died from the coronavirus. Their families remain in my prayers. While our government is preparing for things to open up within the confines of a "new normal," this moment will be the start of what may be a long road for our state.

God Bless,
Dominic Gregoria

SHELTER WISH LIST

The Confirmation Class is collecting items for Popcorn Park Zoo as their mission! Please consider donating items from the following list. Drop-off details will be shared soon.

*Pedigree Dog Chow / Purina Complete Cat Chow / Kitten & Puppy Chow / Canned Dog & Cat Food
Puppy & Kitten Formula / Nursing Bottles & Nipples / Litter Pans / Cat Litter (Clay & Scoopable)
Collars & Harnesses (All Sizes) / Leashes / Kongs – Kong Toys For Dogs / Nylabones
Cat or Kitten Toys / Rescue Remedy or Calming Collars / Garbage Bags (Big & Small)
Grooming Supplies (Clippers, Blades) / Office Supplies (Paper, Pens etc.) Timothy Rabbit Pellets/Hay
Guinea Pig Food / Sunflower Seed (Unsalted) / Nuts (Unsalted) / Pine Shavings (Small Animal Bed)
Gift Certificates for Home Depot, Staples, Shop Rite etc. / Fresh Fruits & Veggies / Bleach
Laundry Detergent / Brooms & Dust Pans / Brillo Pads & Sponges / Towels & Wash Cloths
Blankets & Sheets / Patio Umbrellas / Dish Soap / Paper Towels / Tissues / Dog & Cat Beds
Rubbing Alcohol & Peroxide / Unscented Baby Wipes / Bird Seed / Bird Toys / Parrot Chow
Cracked Corn / Wee Wee Pads / Hamster Food / Unflavored Pedialyte /
Bandages & Medical Supplies*

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SCHOL

United Methodists are making a difference. During Covid-19:

- We are a vibrant worshipping community using the latest technology
- We are reaching out to the sick and the lonely using the latest technology
- We are Bible and small groups enthusiasts, creating new online experiences
- We are food depots, healthy mask makers, prayer partners, health care worker applauders
- We are givers, finding new ways to give generously online
- We are evangelists, inviting new people and family members to worship with us online
- We are modeling safe distancing and responsible ministry online
- We are United Methodists

During a season of pain, fear and illness, you have been hope and healing. You have been the body of Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness, your ingenuity and commitment to be Christ Jesus in action. Jesus told us in Matthew 25, when you serve the sick, you have served me, when you have served the least, you serve me, when you serve those bound by loneliness and anxiety you serve me.

You and the church will not be the same once we defeat Covid-19. We will learn how resilient God has made us and that we can engage in ministry in new ways. We will discover our Wesleyan roots that know no bounds, but like our founder John Wesley, we will find our way to where the people are and nourish their souls and heal their bodies and minds. We cannot go back to business as usual, but we can use this season to see and understand where God is calling us to next. Let's travel together. GNJ is here to assist you through this season and support you in discovering what God has next.

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JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 9AM FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP!

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<https://www.facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/>

or Web: laceyumc.org

DRAMA CLUB NEWS



While we have been staying indoors, I put out a suggestion to the youth from the Drama Club to see if they could film their roles in "Shell Of My Self," if they were interested. I received a response from a good portion of the class. I tried piecing what I received together. The first problem

was the necessary size of the files, which proved to be too large in some instances. Even though everything wasn't sent in, I figured that I would have fun putting together what I received. Then, I experienced files that would play on my computer simply would not work upon downloading them to the editing program. I haven't totally given up on it yet though.

Because our "stay home" policy has lasted longer than I had hoped, I was wondering if any of the Drama Club participants would like to have some sessions via Zoom. I will open this invitation to even those who weren't participating before. The sessions would be held at the same time slot that the Drama Club met (Tuesdays at 5pm). If you are interested in participating in this type of session, email me at donnieg777@hotmail.com and I will schedule a session and email the details on how to connect. Keeping with safe sanctuary practices, I will also look for another adult to participate if I have enough interest in this way to bring the program forward.

Hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy,
Dominic Gregoria

***"You are the melody,
the words You're the
chorus***

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***Cause You gladly laid
your life down for us***

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***All the blessings that
You bring***

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***You're the only song
that I ever wanna sing.***

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Blessid Union Of Souls

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