



### From the Pastor - Update Video

Dear Church,

Please [click here](#) to watch my weekly update in video form.  
*Journey well, be safe, and keep washing your hands!*

*Blessings!*  
*Pastor Keith*



### UCC Interfaith Day of Prayer May 7 on social media

*From our national Church office*

May 4, 2020

Written by Connie Larkman

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is honoring May 7, the day designated by Congress as a national day of prayer, as a day of healing, hope and lament - and reaching out to ecumenical and interfaith partners to join them via social media.

Rooted in a firm belief in the power of prayer, the UCC is inviting people of faith everywhere to be part of an Interfaith Day of Prayer this Thursday on Facebook and Instagram. As part of its commitment to "a just world for all," the church will offer prayers for health and wholeness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The UCC will publish 24 hours of prayer in many voices, from many faiths, praying to God on behalf of our nation and our world on both social media platforms. Prayers from all five living United Church of Christ General Ministers and Presidents will be included.

As a church of extravagant welcome, the UCC is inviting members of all faiths to add their prayers to the stream of UCC posts on Facebook (@UnitedChurchofChrist) and Instagram (@unitedchurchofchrist).

"Prayer is our spiritual currency as people of faith," said the Rev. Traci Blackmon. "It is our primary means of exchange with a God called by many names in covenant with people who differ in being but share one breath. On this National Day of Prayer, it is as important as it has ever been to be reminded of our interconnectedness with one another and all of creation. We are deeply grateful for this diverse group of faith leaders, serving in varied spaces, who have agreed to lead us in prayer each hour in ways that connect our hearts, honor the holy, and amplify our cries. May it be so."



The UCC associate general minister overseeing Justice and Local Church Ministries has invited the contributions of two dozen outspoken religious leaders, so the denomination can share prayers in diverse voices and languages.

## Pictures to Celebrate and Give Thanks for Mother

In an effort to share appreciation and thanks to God for our mothers we are asking that you email electronic pictures of your mother to Ed Goode, [ed@christchurchft.org](mailto:ed@christchurchft.org), no later than **noon on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. These pics will be used in the virtual worship service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. Thank you for helping us celebrate our mothers.



## Virtual WORSHIP Service

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Phone-in** (audio only) at 10:30a on Sundays by dialing either: 1 929 205 6099 or 1 312 626 6799 and then follow the prompts. The meeting ID is: 952 499 133 The participant ID is: #  
**Click here** to Login and to print the bulletin.



## Wednesday Morning Prayer via FaceTime

The 8a Wednesday Morning Prayer has gone FaceTime! If you would like to pray together (35 minutes) with others from St. John Church contact Pastor Keith ([Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net) or 859.466.7572) and he will get you connected.



## Monday and Wednesday Evening Prayers

**Click here** any time after 6p on Monday or Wednesday evening to join in the prayers provided by Rev. D. Houston Hall of St. John's United Church of Christ - Newport, KY



## Thursday Zoom Bible Study

*Psalms of Lament*

6:30p to 7:30p

Sign up here: [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net)

**Pastoral Care and Vital Assistance**

If you need prayer, spiritual direction, or financial assistance for essential needs contact the Pastor Keith:

**The Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, Pastor & Teacher**

Email: [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net); Office: 859.261.2066, ext.202; Cell/Text: 859.466.7572

The Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund at work.

## **Strategic Leadership Council Update**

***Let's not open until we're ready!***

May 5, 2020

Although we are all anxious to return to the Church house and resume our in-person worship services, Bible studies, youth meetings, Cub Scout pack, and other ministries and missions, it is important that we not rush back to an old normal. This pandemic is not over and we must continue to love our neighbors and ourselves through continued social distancing and the other safe practices we have learned in the past two months.

This pandemic has, is, and will continue to change us - and God's Spirit is always reforming us for the mission of the good news of Jesus, the Christ. But we are committed to not open until we're prepared and ready, which means re-entering through phases.

Thus, the SLC is appointing a "Re-forming Team" to guide us in opening. A date will be communicated with protocol and phases when we are ready. We are planning to continue virtual worship, Bible study, Wednesday morning prayer and other virtual opportunities through the month of May and beyond for those who may feel that is a safer choice for them.

During these two months we have built an online following beyond our current congregants. Thus, it is our intent to continue to provide a weekly online presence as part of our on-going mission and outreach to build that following.

One additional action of SLC you need to be aware of: Due to the pandemic we are not able to achieve our annual meeting or appoint a nominating committee to seek new SLC members within the stated time frame in our bylaws. Thus, the current SLC members have voted to extend their terms and remain in office until this can be achieved in a safe and appropriate manner.

We ask for four things from you: 1) Pray for us as we seek to serve with you and honor God; 2) stay informed through The e-Weekly; 3) be proactive and contact one of us if you are willing to fill the position of president elect or help with the work of the Re-forming Team; 4) begin and continue to financially support this ministry through whatever amount you can give.

***Look for further updates next week.***

Faithfully,

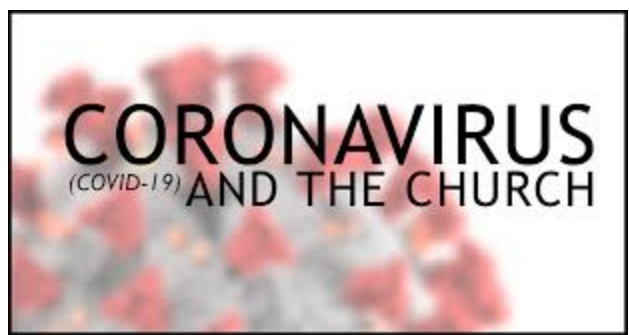
Strategic Leadership Council

Jeff Draper, president (cell/text: 425.905.0827); vacant, president elect; Melissa Stephens, treasurer; Jan Hoeweler, recording secretary; Ginnie Kelley and Carol Griffith, members at large; Keith M. Haithcock, pastor and teacher

### **Continue to flatten the curve!**

- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Stay 6 feet away from each other
- Sanitize surfaces

- Wear face mask while in public



## Some Ways to Stay Connected:

- Call a friend and share what you are experiencing.
- Have a conversation that does not include talking about Covid19.
- Write a note to someone without email and let them know you're thinking of them.
- Join the virtual Zoom Bible Study that's forming. Sign up here: [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net)
- FaceTime 8a Wednesday Morning Prayer. Sign up here: [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net)
- Share a prayer concern for the Prayer List: [PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net)



## Continue to Support St. John Church

*Your continued support is vital to the mission.*

[Click here](#) to donate on-line  
or mail a check payable to St. John United Church of Christ,  
520 -Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, KY 41073.

## Information - Pass It On

If you know of someone who does not have electronic connection, please let the office know so we may US Mail a copy of The e-Weekly to them. Thank you for your help in this effort.

## Prayer of the Week

God, please hear my complaints when life is difficult, but, dear God, please don't let me become a whiner. Instead, trace my heart with gratitude. Amen.

*-from OMG Devotionals for teens and young adults*

## Thank You!

I want to thank every person in my church family for all of the prayers said for me during my recent hospitalization and current recovery. Your support for not only me but also for Marvin is a beautiful testament to the love and caring we all share. Blessings. Bill Machuga

## The e-Weekly Deadline reminder

### Keith M. Haithcock Pastor & Teacher

(Typical Office Hours:  
Tues. & Wed. 9:00a to 4:00p)  
-Always available by  
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**[St. John Website](#)**

**[Master Calendar - Online](#)**

## **For our readers who live in Bellevue, Kentucky**

If you are not already aware of the Bellevue Neighborhood Association you can find out more about applying for a Beautify Bellevue Grant, see events on the calendar, volunteer, and subscribe to the free newsletter. Start at their home page at [bna-ky.com](http://bna-ky.com)



Decorative flower pots on a Bellevue corner.

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