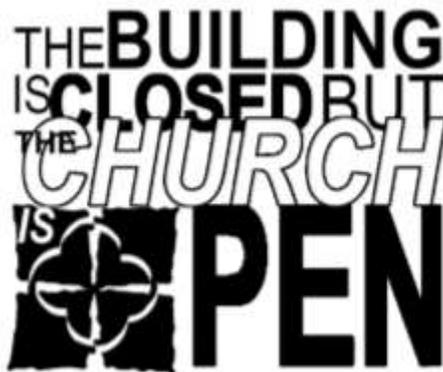


From the Corner – Sidewalk Chalk Prayers at St. John Church

If you walk up to one of the doors at St. John United Church of Christ in Bellevue, you'll find a sign that says, the building is closed but the Church is open. Christians often get too attached to buildings – so much so we almost make them an idol, a graven image, an object of worship. A Church building is not to be worshiped. A Church building is to facilitate, enable, and assist the followers of Jesus to love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Mark 12.30-31.

I like the name Church house is a house that facilitates a service to the world and God's Can the Church, the Body of Church building? Yes, it can! Church is still worshiping God studying the Bible together, spiritual needs of the



rather than Church building. It congregation's purpose and will "on earth, as in heaven." Christ do its work without a During the pandemic St. John together, praying together, and feeding the physical and community together.

As the people of St. John Church in Bellevue always say, No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here. I want to invite you to join us through Zoom, FaceTime, and YouTube to worship with us, study with us, and help pass out food with us. Go to www.StJohnChurch.net for online logins or call 859.466.7572 to phone in to participate.

Even though the Church building is closed the work of the Church continues.

From October 1 through Thanksgiving Day, I want to invite the whole city of Bellevue and others to pray with us through Sidewalk Chalk Prayers on the sidewalks around the corner of Fairfield and Ward Avenues in front of the St. John Church building. Keeping distance and masks on. Praying together as neighbors, friends and strangers, Christians and others who wish to join their voices in prayer, for our communities, neighborhoods, families, friends, nations, and world. Bring some chalk and offer your prayers and creative artwork to God.

Journey well,

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