



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

“When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick.” Matthew 14:14 (CEB)

What amazing compassion! Jesus, sad and grieving the death of his cousin, John the Baptism, crosses the Sea of Galilee to be alone and pray. Crowds of people, suffering and in need, follow him there. They're intruding into his private time, his space.

Yet Jesus didn't raise his voice. He didn't get angry. Jesus didn't send them away. That's what we might do if strangers intruded on us. Jesus shows them (and us) another way.

Jesus had compassion. Rather than turning away, he went into the large crowd (Matthew tells us there were more than 5,000). Jesus healed everyone who was sick. That means he listened and heard their needs. Not only that, Jesus miraculously fed them, giving them bread, fish and spiritual food. The disciples? On the sidelines, trying to figure it out.

That's the Jesus who says to you, "Follow me." Jesus is in the crowd today, hearing the cries and the needs of people in our community. There are many who are in need.

The way to healing isn't a retreat to a quiet place, far from other people, separate and alone. It also isn't standing on the sidelines, waiting for Jesus to do the work for us.

We can't overcome the lethargy and spiritual malaise that's overwhelming so many on our own. We can't forgive ourselves. We can't save ourselves. The way to forgiveness and healing is through grace, by following Jesus. We are healed by Jesus. All we have to do is follow him on the path.

Start with yourself. Forgive yourself. Take your cares and concerns to God. Be kind to yourself. Trust God. You'll find amazing grace when you do.

Then pass God's grace on. Start with your household. Take time to really listen (& not just wait for the opportunity to tell them your opinion). Hear their needs. Pray for them and pray for the wisdom and grace to help.

Once we get a little practice under our belts, we're ready for our neighbors. And then those we meet, even though socially distanced, in the highways and byways of life. Healing and compassion starts with Jesus, but it continues through you and me. That's how God's blessing passes from generation to generation.

I can think of no better gift to offer to someone as we prepare for Christmas.

Lord, we are willing,
Pastor Eric



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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

11/1 Paula M. 11/7 Judy W. 11/11 Bill S. 11/13 Elijah C.
11/16 George A. 11/19 Brian P. 11/20 Lynn B. & Janet P.



Volunteer Corner

Thank you, Marc & Cheryl Trifiletti, for all you do! Please join us in expressing our great appreciation to this couple who give of themselves, quietly and faithfully. Marc has served as the Trustee president for three years and Cheryl is on the Staff-Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC). They are long time members of the church, always ready and willing to jump in and lend a hand, no matter what hour of the day (or night). You may not know they are newly retired and enjoying some time on the road in a new RV.

Enjoy your time and may God's light always shine on your path.

(Want to recognize an unsung volunteer? Send us a picture and paragraph. We're grateful to all who serve.)

Message from Finance Committee

Hello Everyone

Just a friendly reminder to send your 2021 Estimate of Giving forms.

Please and Thank you

2021 ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Our goal: 100% participation = everyone returns a card!

Yes! I estimate I will grow in my giving as follows:

My commitment is \$_____ per ___ week ___ month ___ year
for an annual total of \$_____

I will continue to pray for Corona UMC and my response to God

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

I understand this estimate of giving may be revised or canceled at any time at my request. Please return this card to the church office. Thank you!

Outreach & Faith in Motion

Christmas is Coming

Outreach & Faith in Motion are looking for Santa's Helpers. Keeping the tradition going we will be "adopting" 2 families from Parkridge Elementary School for Christmas. The Principal was very excited about our request for names, ages, and what they want for Christmas. If you would like to donate to this outreach either with a monetary donation or by shopping for an item let us know and we will give you more information as we get it.

In the Spirit of Christmas

Thank You

Linda McGranahan (951-858-4572) & Cheryl Lum (217-766-7114)

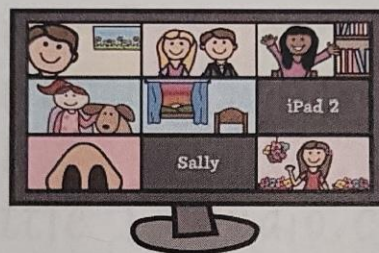
Faith in Motion

A Corona Family in need has been helped by Faith in Motion. Ernie Foster has kindly given two dressers that were sorely needed by this family. Linda and Ed Faxon delivered the dressers along with blankets, afghans, pillowcases and books. Wayne Vinyard is providing pest control, which is needed due to rodents. What a wonderful church family we have to come together and help those less fortunate than us. As it turns out there are two families living in the house; the other family has an Autistic son. We have plans to help these two families at Christmas time. If you would like to be included, please call Cheryl Lum (217) 766-7114 or Linda McGranahan (951) 858-4572 Please pray for these families and for our efforts to help them. Your continued support is much appreciated.

CHILDREN'S ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

November 15th 2020 at 11:30am

This monthly fellowship time is a special time for the kids to connect with their friends, share prayer requests and have fun playing Bible Charades.



If you would like to participate please email coronaumc.childrensministry@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	2	3 Election Day Messenger Input Due Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F	4 SPRC @5:30pm via Zoom Jan N. Weds. Bible Study @8am via Zoom Ernie	5 Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	6	7 Church Clean-up
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