



*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

Sunday Services

Online Worship:
10:00 am

Dear Friends of First UMC, Anchorage,

The Church is Closed ...

APRIL FOOLS! **We are the Church**; you and me along with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. As our heart, soul, mind and strength remain open to God through Christ, Jesus our Savior and Lord; the Church is never closed. Hallelujah!

Today, during the COVID-19 pandemic; I greet you with faith, hope and love. During a time when we are unable to greet one another in-person: It is with faith I know you are in the loving presence of Christ wherever you might be. It is my hope that you are doing well and staying safe. And it is Christ's love in each of us that endures all things keeping us connected as one in the Body of Christ.

One of the realities I've noticed over the past few weeks is; we are experiencing unique stresses in life. Those who are going into work – those who are working at home – those who are furloughed, laid off or have reduced income – those who are self-quarantined from recent travel or direct contact – and those who are experiencing untimely grief in the face of death. We are all experiencing different stresses in this time.

It is my belief that those stresses can be a form of grief and loss of what used to be normal. Along with acknowledging your grief – Accepting that grief may trigger unexpected emotions – Understanding that your grief process is unique to you – and Caring for yourself physically; one of the best ways to walk through grief is to do so with one another.

Remember, we are the Church and the **Church is open**. While we may be separated by social distancing and quarantining; we are still able to connect with one another in the spirit of Love through prayer and conversation by telephones, computer video chats, writing letters and sending cards, and maybe sending verbal greetings to our neighbor in the garden next door.

Let us love one another and be the open Church. It is important to remain connected. It is healthy to share about our struggles. And it is a redeeming quality of faith to listen to one another and our neighbors.

“Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure.” (Henry Nouwen)

We will get through this pandemic together and then be back together once more.

In Faith, Hope & **Love**,

Pastor Steve Fisher

Here are some other Bible passages to ponder: Deuteronomy 31:8 – Psalm 46:1-2 –

Psalm 46:10 – Matthew 28:16-20 – John 14:27 – Romans 8:37-39 – Philippians 4:8

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Check out our website!

Did you know you could donate online?



Pastor's Morning Cafe

Wednesday's 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Casual Chat –
Devotions - Prayer
Bring your Coffee, Tea,
Muffin and/or Scones
to our Virtual Cafe

Zoom Meeting ID:
588 557 152

Please email Pastor Steve for complete
details (including password)
psfisher94@gmail.com



Pastor's Evening Cafe

Wednesday's 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Casual Chat –
Devotions - Prayer
Bring your Coffee or Tea & Snacks to
our Virtual Cafe

Zoom Meeting ID:
298 006 904

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complete details (including password)
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Alaska United Methodist Women

Daily devotion at 7am

AlaskaUMW Facebook page & Zoom.

**Weekly Bible Study at 3pm on
Wednesday afternoon.**

Both hosted by Jenn Miller,
Alaska UMW Vice President

If you would like more information, please email the church office
(fumc@gci.net)

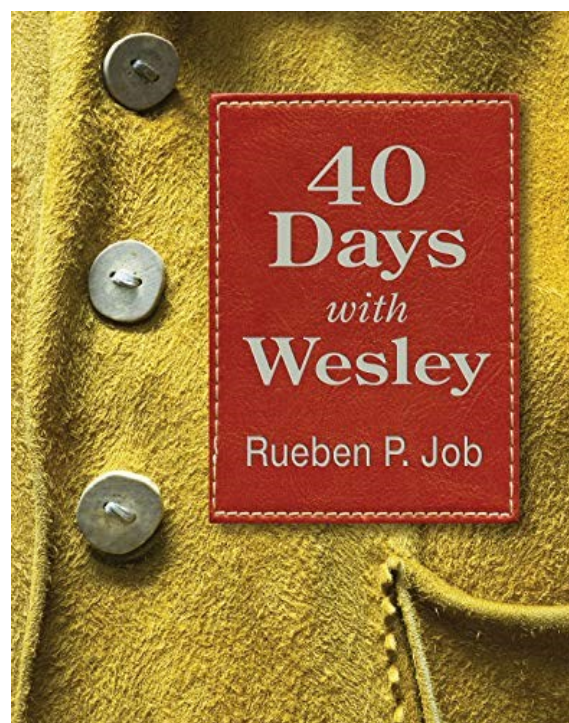


United
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Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Jenn is using 40 days with Welsey by Rueben Job with permission from the publisher

Everyone is welcome to join on [Face-
book](#) or Zoom ([bible study](#) or [morning
devotion](#)), email the office for details.

This book is on the United Methodist Women's reading program and can be found on [Amazon](#)



Book Club

We had a great meeting as we discuss Finding Dorothy By Elizabeth Letts! We met via Zoom meeting with 4 people in attendance.

In April we will be discussing The Wright Brothers by David Mcullough:

In a winter day in 1903, in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, two brothers—bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio—changed history. But it would take the world some time to believe that the age of flight had begun, with the first powered machine carrying a pilot.

Orville and Wilbur Wright were men of exceptional courage and determination, and of far-ranging intellectual interests and ceaseless curiosity. When they worked together, no problem seemed to be insurmountable. Wilbur was unquestionably a genius. Orville had such mechanical ingenuity as few had ever seen. That

they had no more than a public high school education and little money never stopped them in their mission to take to the air. Nothing did, not even the self-evident reality that every time they took off, they risked being killed.

Do you have a book you would like to discuss with others? We are always looking for new books to read!

Join us for our next meeting ONLINE on April 27th at 7:00 p.m. Bring you own snacks! Sit in your favorite chair! Dress in your comfy PJs!!!!

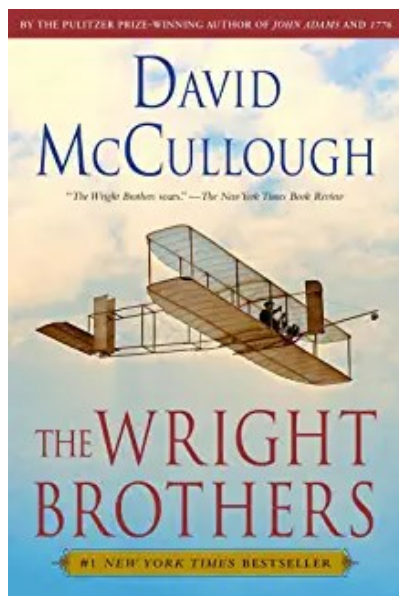


Upcoming Book:

April:

Wright Brothers

by David Mcullough



May:

Once Upon a River

by Diane Setterfield



APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am Pastor's Café Online 7:00 pm Pastor's Café Online	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Online Worship	6	7	8 9:00 am Pastor's Café Online 7:00 pm Pastor's Café Online	9 7:00 pm Online Worship Maundy Thursday	10 7:00 pm Online Worship Good Friday	11
12 Easter 10:00 am Online Worship	13	14	15 9:00 am Pastor's Café Online 7:00 pm Pastor's Café Online	16	17	18
19 10:00 am Online Worship	20	21	22 9:00 am Pastor's Café Online 7:00 pm Pastor's Café Online	23	24	25
26 10:00 am Online Worship	27 6:30pm Peanut Farmers Online 7:00 pm Book Club Online	28	29 9:00 am Pastor's Café Online 7:00 pm Pastor's Café Online	30		

All meetings of the church have been moved to online.

Daily UMW online devotions are at 7:00 am and weekly UMW bible study is Wednesdays at 3:00 pm (email office for details)

April Birthdays

Jamie Linxwiler	9	Ari Schablein	21
Aimee Rathbun	9	Elena Snyder	23
Bob Raymond	10	Chipp Leibach	24
Jordan Cash	11	Eva Damrill	26
Kaprice Zuke	13	James Damrill	27
Kristina Villamor	17	Rhonda Warren	27
Kasey Zuke	18	Elizabeth Linxwiler	30



April Wedding

Anniversaries

Rob & Nancianna Shaaper

~ 16 years

Wayne Campbell &

Janet Carr-Campbell-

31 years

Angel & Elsa Tutaan- 41 years

Congratulations to the happy

HAVE WE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY? PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE AND LET US KNOW!

