



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Hello Church,

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In our efforts to stay connected, we are writing this letter to help us stay in touch with you and invite you to stay engaged with the ongoing ministries of the church. As we begin a new appointment year in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, we are both excited to announce our reappointment to First UMC, as well as announce an additional appointment to serve as the co-pastors of Wesley Memorial UMC. Due to the many unknowns of navigating a global pandemic, a unique and challenging ministry setting, and the combination of pastoral gifts, the Bishop, her cabinet, and church leaders from each congregation agreed to initiate a one-year experiment of parish ministry with two churches in the same town. We hope and pray that there will be many opportunities made possible through sharing our ministry across the wider parish of Charlottesville and are looking forward to seeing what God will do with these two congregations. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about this new Pastoral Partnership with Wesley Memorial UMC please reach out to either pastor or members of the Pastoral Partnership Taskforce: Cindy Remington, Bill Clark, Vickie Sykes, or any member of the Barker Family (Scott, Susan, Rachel, Caleb).

We also want you to know that the congregation of First UMC is putting an effort into staying connected with the membership through phone calls, cards, Zoom meetings, online worship services, and live streamed weekly announcements. The best ways to keep in touch are through the church website ([cvillefirstumc.org](http://cvillefirstumc.org)), our facebook page ([facebook.com/CvilleFirstUMC](https://facebook.com/CvilleFirstUMC)), or our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/c/CvilleFirstUMC](https://youtube.com/c/CvilleFirstUMC)). We want to know if we can help you stay connected so please know that all phone calls to the church office will be answered or returned and it's still possible to arrange pastoral visits or meetings. We do not want to leave people behind in this time of pandemic and social isolation.

If you or someone you know would benefit from any additional in-person or written contact with the church, please be sure to mention that on the return postcard (included with this letter) and send it back to the church. We are blessed to have you in our church family and pray that we can stay connected in spirit, in prayer, in worship, and in person.

May God bless you and strengthen you in this challenging time - and be encouraged that we will again gather as one body in the future (several smaller gatherings are being planned for the coming months so that we can learn how to safely be the church in a post-pandemic world). Know that you are loved, and that because of Christ, this love keeps us connected to one another, even when we're more than six feet apart.

  
Rev. Gary Heaton

  
Rev. Phil Woodson



## WE HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE BUILDING, BUT WE'VE BEEN VERY BUSY !

The front steps of the church being cleaned in preparation of holding outside services in the late summer months.



Look at those steps!

Getting cleaned up!



All done now and ready for future outside services!

Our Nurture and Prayer Quilt ministries have been reaching out with cards, letters and prayer quilts!



Our online worship has reached a growing number of people. Plans are being made to hold Baptism and Confirmation services in the month of July.

2020	Month	Day of Month	8:30	9:45	11:00	Com-bined Services	Total Sunday Worship	
	January	5	63	118	35		216	
		12	46	110	56		212	
MLK Weekend		19	59	113	53		225	
		26	63	132	58		253	
	February	2	51	103	51		205	
Scout Sunday		9	56	139	57		252	
		16	49	N/A	52		N/A	
PACEM		23	57	N/A	45		N/A	
PACEM	March	1	64	113	41		218	
		8						
		15	Estimated Online Viewers				307	614
		22	Estimated Online Viewers				262	524
		29	Estimated Online Viewers				209	418
Palm Sunday = Spring Break	April	5	Unique Online Viewers				212	424
Easter		12	Unique Online Viewers				446	892
		19	Unique Online Viewers				264	528
		26	Unique Online Viewers				259	518
	May	3	Unique Online Viewers				304	608
Mother's Day		10	Unique Online Viewers				216	432
District Wide Worship		17	Unique Online Viewers				551	1102
Memorial Day		24	Unique Online Viewers				206	412
Pentecost/5 Preachers		31	Unique Online Viewers				240	480
	June	7	Unique Online Viewers				191	382
		14	Unique Online Viewers				201	402
Father's Day		21	Unique Online Viewers				169	338

In Coronavirus times, the VA Conference suggests multiplying your attendance X2 for people who watch at home with their families.