



# Bismarck-Mandan Area United Church of Christ

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## April 2020

A GLOBAL MINISTRY CHURCH

## It Has Already Been

by Rev. Gretchen Deeg, Senior Pastor

*\*As you likely already know, the church is closed to all in-person activities. Worship services and other opportunities are available online. This newsletter contains multiple ways you can continue to be a part of this active faith community whether or not you have online access. If you are not already, we encourage you to follow the guidelines of the ND Department of Health and CDC for the wellbeing of our community.*

In the middle of last month, as I stood in an empty sanctuary, I temporarily froze unable to figure out what to say. Are there words for these days? Are there words for shut-downs and daily death tolls in the thousands? It turns out, there are words... and there are songs... and there are prayers... and there is even comfort. As it says in Ecclesiastes 1:10

*Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?  
It has already been, in the ages before us.*

Our faith ancestors lived through days like these and remind us through the scriptures and the writings they left behind that this too shall pass. One of the nuggets of wisdom they give us is to **lean on our faith**. Now this may sound like an empty platitude to you for it has been overused, and often misused, in Christian pop-culture. However, it is far from an empty piece of wisdom.

Faith is that which gives you hope even when things seem hopeless. It is clinging to the truth that there will be life after every death, even when the death feels overwhelming. It is the stubborn determination to find joy and be a wellspring of joy even when bad news surrounds you. Faith is a strength beyond our own which empowers us to carry heavier burdens than we ever thought we could carry. Faith is the recognition of God's great love for us and the trust that the Holy Spirit will get us through even times like these.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



### UPDATES at Bismarck UCC

All in-person activities are currently suspended, but we're still an active community of worship and service.

#### Join us ONLINE:

- Sunday Worship at 10 am
  - Facebook & website
- Sunday Fellowship at 11 am
  - FreeConferenceCall and Facebook Live
- Wed. Children's Time at 3:45 pm
  - FreeConferenceCall
- Wednesday Worship at 6 pm
  - Facebook Live (posted on website at 7pm)
- Daily Devotional with Carly Retterath & baby Lauren
  - Facebook Live

#### Available by PHONE:

- Church office remains open M-F from 9am – 1pm. 223-2915.
- Pastor Gretchen at 701-347-1235
- "Lead Connectors" are doing regular check-ins. Contact Pastor Gretchen to request a phone call.



*More resources and updates are available at [www.uccbismarck.org](http://www.uccbismarck.org)*

# Vision Statement

Adopted January 2016

**The Bismarck-Mandan UCC is a thriving church transforming our lives and community:**

- Where all are unconditionally welcomed, affirmed, accepted and loved;
- Where the good in every person is recognized and their talents are encouraged to be shared;
- Where children, youth, and adults learn that God is love and all are welcome to freely explore spirituality in a safe and nurturing environment;
- Where we can bring our personal needs and struggles and count on support from our church family – which is the loving family we all deserve;
- Where powerful messages inspire and challenge us to be caring and compassionate to all – in our church, community, and world, seeking opportunities to put our faith into action with courage to go beyond what we think we can do;
- Where we embrace the still-speaking God and live in today's world.



## LIVING OUR VISION HIGHLIGHT

*"Where powerful messages inspire and challenge us to be caring and compassionate to all – in our church, community, and world."*

Everything we do is an act of leaning on our faith. Even our livestream camera leans on the cross when recording parts of worship! Although our services have moved online, they are just as faith-filled as they have ever been. And because our worship has moved online, people even as far away as Hungary have joined us in worship.



## Council Corner

by Mike Stein, Moderator

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds everyone practicing social distancing and staying healthy. Society has dramatically changed over the past 2 months. We are living through a historic moment. Fear starts creeping in as we watch the community and the business world shut down. We are in the fastest bear market in history and it only took a month and half. We will all get through this. It might take a few months, but we are resilient people. Even though this is an historic event, we have been through tough times before. Think of our heritage. Imagine the events our parents, grandparents and great grandparents had to endure.

The Council had to make a tough decision. The decision of shutting down the church for all activities and Sunday worship services. We did not take this decision lightly. We had to consider the safety of all parishioners and staff, as well as the welfare of the church. I am proud of our Council team. One Council member stated that if you think you are making decisions prior to any activity, you are making the decision at the right time.

As we are practicing social distancing, I would like to encourage everyone to access the streaming of our church service. You can access the streaming through our UCC Bismarck website and through the UCC Bismarck's Facebook page. In a short amount of time, Pastor Gretchen has done a tremendous job in getting this set up.

As society shuts down around us and as we settle in place at home, please remember we need to continue to support the church. We can support the church by mailing our offering directly to the church. The church is set up to accept contributions through your bank's online "bill pay." The church is also set up to receive online donations at [www.uccbismarck.org/donate](http://www.uccbismarck.org/donate) through PayPal.

When I had to get through a major event in my life or achieve a challenging goal, I would always reward myself at the end. Maybe this is what the church should do. After we all get through this and start gathering at the church again, maybe we should throw a party and celebrate together! God Bless and be safe!

SPECIAL OFFERINGS



On March 22, we were scheduled to collect your coin banks and offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. These donations can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office anytime during normal business hours M-F from 9am-1pm. Please call ahead. One Great Hour of Sharing does support disaster response and will be active in rebuilding communities following the current pandemic.



FINANCIAL STATUS

January 1 to February 29, 2020

Revenue

General Offerings

Actual = \$ 21,785.07

Other Income (Dedicated, Earned)

Actual = \$ 4,258.52

Expenses

Actual = \$ 32,931.10

Total Revenue = \$ 26,043.59

Total Expenses = \$ 32,931.10

NET ACTIVITY = \$ (6,887.51)



SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION PARTNERS IN 2019

East Timor Education Fund	\$ 0.00
Charles Hall Youth Services	\$ 25.00
Our Church's Wider Mission	\$ 320.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	(Mar. 22)
Strengthen the Church	(Collected in June)
Neighbors in Need	\$ 20.00
CROP Walk	(Collected in Oct.)
The Christmas Fund	(Collected in Oct.)
<b>Total Shared Ministry</b>	<b>\$360.00</b>



# Serve and Support

We'll be honest with you - all of this is a leap of faith for us. Before COVID-19, almost all of our donations were received through the offering plate on Sunday morning. We don't know how long we will be able to weather this without your continued support. However, we promise to put every dollar we have and that we receive towards strengthening your faith and community to come out healthier on the other side of this. We hope you will join us in this endeavor. Together we can be a transformative and thriving community.



How to DONATE?

1. **Cultivate generosity.** Pandemics create an atmosphere of fear and when we make fear-based decisions, we convince ourselves that there is not enough to go around. God offers us a different story - that being generous is the actual cure in times of scarcity.
2. **Use online bill pay.** If you do online banking, you probably already use online bill pay. You can use those same tools to donate to your church.
3. **Donate online.** We have partnered with Paypal to make it easy for you to give online in a safe and secure way.
4. **Mail checks to the church.** The post office is still a great way to get a donation to us.
5. **Sponsor a Sunday.** Even though we are now online, it still costs about \$500 to host Sunday's worship services. Help us continue to offer these services by sponsoring a Sunday. Call or email Pastor Gretchen to choose a date. Sponsorships can be done in honor or memory of a loved one, birthday, anniversary, business, or other reason.

The second part of cultivating generosity is SERVICE. There are many ways to be of service to one another from the safety and comfort of home.

1. **Sew masks.** Our community has a shortage of medical supplies. If you can sew, you can help provide basic protection for the staff at Charles Hall Youth & Family Services and other care providers. Although homemade masks do not provide the same protection as a N95, they are still being requested for other instances when masks are needed.
2. **Join a worship team.** Record yourself singing a song, playing an instrument, offering the passing of the peace, or reading scripture for a Sunday service and send it to Pastor Gretchen.
3. **Host Fellowship.** Become an online fellowship or game night host. Contact the church office with interest.
4. **Be a Lead Connector.** Help keep people connected and drive away isolation by making weekly or bi-weekly phone calls.

## Thank You to our Sunday Sponsors!

- March 8: Happy Birthday Leah! – Evan & Tove Mandigo
- March 15: Happy Birthday to everyone born in March! – Anonymous
- March 22: Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Clem Weber! – Maria Roll-Schlecht
- March 29: To you all! – Larry & Phyllis Schneider
- April 4: To a generous congregation! – Stewardship & Mission
- April 12: Happy Easter!



\*April 19 & 26 still open for sponsorship.



# Some Thoughts on Riding Out A Period of Social Isolation

by Rev. Judy Copeland, UCC clergy in New Hampshire

I went through a three month period of “social isolation” following my stem-cell transplant in 2015. As my baby chick immune system rebuilt itself, I had to stay home and limit my contact with others. As we approach days or weeks of more limited social contact in the face of COVID-19, I thought I would share with you some thoughts based on my own experience. I won’t reiterate the things that you already know about washing your hands and disinfecting surfaces, but here are some things that I found helpful during that forced “time out.”

**#1 Remember that this too shall pass.** Don’t go looking for that phrase in the Bible because you won’t find it there. But it’s a good bit of folk wisdom. Most of us are going to come through this just fine.

**#2 Connect with others,** even if that connection has to be in a modified form. Make it a point to talk to someone outside your own household every day.

**#3 Keep to a schedule.** Most of us claim that we would love to have some wide open, unstructured days, but then when we get them, we don’t do very well with them. They can leave us feeling uneasy and out of sorts. They say that children do best when they have routines and that goes for adults as well. Create a homebound routine for yourself.

**#4 Tackle one of those projects** you have been meaning to get around to. Maybe it’s something creative you’ve been meaning to start. Try one of those recipes you’ve clipped. Go through that box of photos and start labeling them. Maybe it’s a bit of housekeeping. One of the things that I hope to do is tackle my files. It’s well past time for me to let go of the student sermons I preached in the early 1980s. Think of this time as an extended snow day—and consider the time as a gift.

**#5 Get outside every day,** rain or shine. We are lucky that we live in an area where putting our feet on unpaved surfaces is so easy. When I had to stay at home for those three months, one of the things that saved me was the stretch of time I sat outside every day. I was too weak to take a walk, but I could sit on my deck and watch the trees move, the birds circle, and the sky change colors. Those small movements in nature reminded me that things were moving forward.

**#6 Use the time to deepen your spiritual life.** Build some devotional time into the routine you create for yourself. If you don’t have a prayer practice, think about starting one. Make a mental list of the people in your circle who are perhaps most vulnerable and pray for each one of them individually.

**#7 Practice gratitude.** Even when it feels like the world is crashing down around us, try to find and name things to be grateful for. “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom,” the psalmist writes (Psalm 90:12). Every day is a gift—even the strange and scary days.

## Greetings from the Board of Deacons

by Harold Karch, Deacons chair

As of this writing there is no set time when we will return to a normal service schedule. At our last meeting, we discussed Jacks Food Pantry. The pantry has been very busy! **We provided 39 bags of food to those-in-need in February and 31 so far in March.** As the need for food continues to grow, and in an effort to better serve our community, The Board of Deacons is considering an affiliation with the Great Plains Food Bank. We have just begun this process and will keep the congregation informed. We are asking for input from the congregation, and of your ideas and opinions are necessary.

Through emergency conversations, the Board of Deacons also decided to temporarily move donated food to a more central location in Bismarck to make it both easier and safer for people-in-need to access food during the pandemic. This move will have been made at the end of March.

During this uncertain time, please join the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening service on Bismarck UCC’s Facebook page or at [www.uccbismarck.org/worship](http://www.uccbismarck.org/worship). **Please stay well and May God Bless You All!**



Your Board of Deacons

Harold Karch, James Mandigo, Murrae Kramer, Darlene Kinnischtzke, Carol Baber, Sandra Domagala, & Loren Knoll



## Holy Week

### Holy Week Devotional

Palm Sunday – Matthew 21:1-11

Monday – Matthew 21:12-46

Tuesday – Matthew 23-25

Wednesday – Matthew 26:14-16

Thursday – Matthew 26:17-75

Friday – Matthew 27

Saturday – Isaiah 55:1-11

### Holy Week Schedule

Friday, April 3 – Palm Pick-Up (call the church to pick up palms from church between 9am – 1pm)

Saturday, April 4 – Palm Pick-Up (weather permitting, palms will be available for pick-up from the front steps and ramp starting at 10am)

Palm Sunday, April 5 – Worship online at 10am

Wednesday, April 8 – Worship online at 6pm

Maundy Thursday, April 9 – Worship online at 6pm

Easter Sunday, April 12 – Worship online at 10am



## A Blessed Easter from our Easter Flower Donors

### In Memory or Honor of

Lloyd Livingstone  
 Gaylord & Virginia Tudahl  
 Rudy Nitschke  
 Vi Karch  
 Chad Jackson & Ron Fetzer  
 Our Parents  
 Doris Lydeen  
 Kenneth Christianson  
 Roger Young, Bob Dreis, Jessie Young-Dreis & Liz Lahbuhn  
 Skyler, Tristan, and Riley Benson  
 Janet & Maria  
 Tim & Helen Whitmore  
 Paul & Shirley Kreie  
 Merle & Eugene Bruce, Samantha Danks  
 Mary Stala  
 Libby Mettler  
 Pastor Gretchen Deeg  
 Jim Cairns  
 Steven Stack  
 Family Members  
 My Mom

### From

Sarah & Dave Ripley  
 Teri Nitschke  
 Teri & Kevin Nitschke  
 Harold Karch  
 Lee & Ruby Jackson  
 Lee & Ruby Jackson  
 Jerry Lydeen  
 Laurie & Jerry Reinisch  
 Jeff & Wanda Benson  
  
 Jeff & Wanda Benson  
 Howard R. Etson  
 Bruce & Paulette Whitmore  
 Bruce & Paulette Whitmore  
 Cheryl Danks  
 Camille Grothier  
 Camille Grothier  
 Camille Grothier  
 Darleen Cairns  
 Darleen Cairns  
 Elizabeth Held  
 Carol Baber



### Flower Pick-Up

Enjoy these flowers in your home as a reminder of the ongoing promises of Jesus' Resurrection, and the glory that Christ has Risen!

Please call ahead to the church office to schedule a no-contact pick up for your flowers starting on Tuesday, April 14 from 9am to 1pm.

On Monday, April 20, any remaining Easter flowers will be placed near the front doors for pick up (weather permitting). Starting on this date, you are welcome to pick up a flower even if you did not order one.



**CHARLES HALL**  
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

When the Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) was enacted in February 2018, our agency saw the opportunity to not only remain part of the foster care continuum of care in the state and receive funding, but to improve and expand our services.

In a short period of time, Charles Hall staff accomplished a great deal and made some changes. Those accomplishments and changes are detailed below:

- Achieved national accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA)
- Implemented a new trauma informed model of care – Risking Connection/Restorative Approach
- Adopted a new name – Charles Hall Youth & Family Services
- Created a new logo
- Became a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) as of October 2019
- Began providing family engagement and aftercare programming
- Launched a new website – [www.charleshallnd.org](http://www.charleshallnd.org)

As we move forward we can be certain that more changes will come. One anticipated change is that as a QRTP, we will be serving fewer youth but those youth have greater emotional and psychiatric needs. What will not change is our commitment to providing strength-based, trauma-informed care for these at-risk youth in North Dakota.

Thank you, for your support and prayers as we move ahead. If you would like to discuss any of the changes or want to hear more details, call Rhonda Styles-Rohde at 701-255-2773, ext. 301, or email [rhonda.stylesrohde@charleshallyouthservices.com](mailto:rhonda.stylesrohde@charleshallyouthservices.com)

*Spread the love, not the germs. Thousands of people are practicing social distancing worldwide and under stay-at-home orders to stop the spread of coronavirus, but that's not stopping neighbors from leaving messages of hope in the windows of their homes.*

## UCC Events Update

As of the printing of this newsletter, all in-person events through April 18 have been moved online or cancelled. For the latest event updates, please visit the church calendar at

[www.uccbismarck.org/news-events](http://www.uccbismarck.org/news-events)

### Weekly Events:

April Choir Practice – Cancelled through April 18

April Bell Practice – Cancelled through April 18

April Kid's Bible School – Cancelled

April Caffeine & X-ianity - Cancelled

April Monday Bible Study – Cancelled

April Friday Bible Study – Cancelled

**April Committee Meetings – Online as scheduled**

**April Threads of Love – Sewing masks at home**

**April Wednesday Worship – Online at 6pm**

### Previously Scheduled Events:

**April 5 Palm Sunday Worship – Online at 10am**

April 5 Pancake Breakfast – Cancelled

**April 9 Maundy Thursday Tenebrae – Online at 6pm**

(Choir & orchestra has been cancelled. An alternative worship opportunity will be held online.)

April 11 Ecumenical Easter Vigil – Cancelled

April 12 Easter Sunrise Service – Cancelled

**April 12 Easter Egg Hunt – In this newsletter**

**How many eggs can you find?**

**April 12 Easter Worship – Online at 10am**



April 19 to May 1 events – Pending

May 2 Rummage Sale – Pending



## The Census is still IMPORTANT

If you haven't already responded to the census, please do so this month. The census has a huge impact on the amount of resources available to our communities.

It is easy to understand the importance of the census when you look at the financial figures. In fiscal year 2015, \$1.45 billion in federal funds were allocated to programs in North Dakota based upon resident count from Census 2010 and subsequent annual population estimates.

These programs include: Medicaid, highway construction, Head Start, Foster Care, SNAP, Low Income Energy Assistance, Special Education and other programs. That means approximately \$1,910 in federal funds per resident was spent that year.

**Of all the statistics we live with, the census count is one of the longest-lasting as the census occurs only once every 10 years.**

# No Matter Who, No Matter What!

by Pamela Clark Stein, Stewardship & Mission chair

Little did we imagine, at the last Stewardship & Mission Committee meeting on March 12, that so much could change in a few short weeks. We started that meeting with guidelines for healthy communications and then proceeded to discuss One Great Hour of Sharing and 5-for-5 Offerings, renewed excitement for Sponsor a Sunday, Charles Hall Youth & Family Services and ways to ramp up the promotion and participation for the annual Buffalo Dinner. Yes, we were eager to already start work on the Buffalo Dinner – even though this great event is not until October.

Now, one of our greatest challenges as members of the United Church of Christ – under the leadership of Pastor Gretchen and the Church Council – is to find new ways to work together to sustain the mission and vision of the Church in spite of the COVID-19 crisis. Even more importantly, we as a church family need to find new and different ways to stay connected to each other. One way is to continue sharing our gifts and serving others, which requires new approaches as we all do our part in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Another way is to reach out to each other with an unexpected phone call, note, email or text message to say hello and “Hey, I’m thinking of you and miss not seeing you in church. I can’t wait until we can all get together and see your face – and see your smile or hear your laugh.” Or whatever is in your heart when you reach out to a fellow UCC member and friend.

This is sharing our gift of time (and encouraging words) with each other, especially when face-to-face fellowship and outreach projects into the wider community are not advised right now.

Years ago, I served as chaperone for a group of high school students who traveled to Washington, D.C. for a weeklong youth leadership program. One of our tour sites was the Holocaust Museum. To this day, one of my favorite and most encouraging messages was written on a cellar wall during the Holocaust.

**‘I believe in the Sun, even when it is not shining;  
I believe in Love even when I cannot feel it;  
I believe in God even when He is silent.’**



Let’s share our gift of time to stay connected with each other. No matter who, no matter what.

Your Stewardship & Mission Committee

Allison Volk, Amber Augustadt, Jim Huncovsky, Larry Schneider, Marcia Lerberg, and Pamela Clark-Stein



*Happy Birthday to our beloved members and friends! May God’s gift of life be a blessing to you and may your life be a blessing to others all year long.*

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 02 Rachel McFerran | 10 Peg Schemmel    | 16 Sandra Domagala  | 18 Krystal Sonnenberg |
| 04 Ken Royse       | 14 Tammie Robinson | 17 Myrna Detloff    | 23 Tanner Balliet     |
| 05 Ty Balliet      | 14 Allison Volk    | 17 Allie VanderLaan | 25 Brandon Domagala   |
| 06 Brenna Jessen   | 15 Herbert Wilson  | 18 Mesa Tollefson   |                       |



**\*Please contact the church office or sign up in the narthex if you would like your birthday listed in the newsletter.**



## Have Meaningful Worship Online

In-person activities might be suspended, but worship hasn't stopped. Keeping yourself grounded in your faith and focused on the blessings in life is just as important as it has always been. That's why we're offering two weekly worship services throughout the pandemic - Sunday at 10am and Wednesday at 6pm.

### *3 ways* to join worship:

1. Worship LIVE with your church family on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/uccbismarck](http://www.facebook.com/uccbismarck)
2. Join worship on the church website at [www.uccbismarck.org/worship](http://www.uccbismarck.org/worship)  
\*Note that the Wednesday service will not be available on the website until 7pm
3. Watch recordings of all services on the Bismarck United Church of Christ YouTube channel.

### *5 tips* to make worship more meaningful:

1. **Get out of bed and get dressed.** You're welcome no matter what, but physically getting ready for worship helps mark the time as sacred.
2. **Be fully present.** Multitasking will take away from your worship experience. We know it's harder to be present when text messages and email notifications pop up on your screen, so we recommend pausing notifications or silencing your phone just like you would do during in-person worship.
3. **Engage in worship.** Sing and share your prayers out loud. It might seem silly to do that at home when others can't hear you, but think about it this way... you truly can make a joyful noise to God and no one will know if you are singing off-tune!
4. **Connect with others.** If you're engaging in worship through Facebook or YouTube, use the "like" and "heart" buttons, make comments, and let others know you are right there with them.
5. **Use the largest screen possible.** Make the window full-screen whenever you can. If you have a Smart TV, link to worship through the Facebook app. It will make worship feel more immersive and minimize distractions.

### HELP! I'm not tech-savvy.

You do NOT need a computer or Facebook to join worship. If you have a smart phone, you can join by going to your web browser. (The icon on your phone might look like one of the pictures to the right). Then type [www.uccbismarck.org/worship](http://www.uccbismarck.org/worship) into the search bar. Next click play or the arrow on the video on your phone screen.

Don't have a computer or a smart phone? Call a church or family member and find out if you can join worship with them. Just remember to be mindful of your health and to practice social distancing when together. Another option is to listen to our ecumenical partner Trinity Lutheran on the radio on 1270 AM at 8:30am Sundays.



## Keep Going to Fellowship

This congregation has always prioritized fellowship and not even a pandemic will change that. Social distancing can be isolating, but we want you to know that you are not alone. Not only is God always here, but so is your church family.



### Phone

- "Lead Connectors" are available to make calls to you. If you aren't currently receiving calls from one of our Lead Connectors and would like to, please contact the church office.
- Fellowship Time will be held every Sunday at 11am. You can join by phone by calling (978) 990-5000 and using access code: 618278#
- We encourage everyone to continue to be in contact with one another. Being reminded that God loves you and your friends and family are thinking of you can make a world of difference!

### Video Conferencing

- Fellowship Time every Sunday at 11am. You can join on Facebook @uccbismarck or by computer at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/gretchen284>
- Kid's Fellowship Time on Wednesdays from 3:45 – 4:15pm using the FreeConferenceCall link above.

### Mail

- Notes and letters are still a great way to keep in touch! If you have a note you would like to share, mail or email it to the church and we will share it in the weekly e-blasts or the printed monthly newsletter.

## HELP! I'm feeling isolated and alone.

Know that we are all in this together and that there is help available for you. Supports are in place to help everyone get through this time. Your church family and Pastor Gretchen are available for conversations throughout the week. Also know that many health care providers and insurance companies are offering free or discounted telehealth options for physical symptoms, anxiety, stress reduction, and counseling.

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMHSA) Helpline: 800-662-4357  
SAMHSA's National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255  
The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones.
- Abused Adult Resource Center: 1-866-341-7009 (Out-of-state: 1-800-799-7233)  
Free and confidential assistance 24/7 for survivors in North Dakota of domestic violence, dating violence, rape/sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and abuse in later life.

## Grow Your Faith at Home

### Children & Youth

- Join Children's Time with Pastor Gretchen on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:15pm at <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/gretchen284>
- Sign up for Children & Youth emails to receive regular resources and updates.
- Daily devotional with Carly Retterath & baby Lauren on Facebook @uccbismarck



### Everyone

- Contact the church office to have an Upper Room Devotional book mailed to you or schedule pick-up.
- Sign up to receive a weekly guide for continuing your faith formation at home <https://bibleproject.com/church-at-home>
- Daily devotional with Carly Retterath & baby Lauren on Facebook @uccbismarck
- Call, text, email, or video conference with Pastor Gretchen at 701-347-1235 or [gretchen@uccbismarck.org](mailto:gretchen@uccbismarck.org). Despite the suspension of in-person activities, Pastor Gretchen's schedule remains the same with Friday being her day off.
- The church office is still open M-F from 9am-1pm. Let us know how we can be of support to you!

**Check the church website [www.uccbismarck.org/community](http://www.uccbismarck.org/community) for more resources!**



# BISMARCK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

‘A Global Ministry Church’  
[www.uccbismarck.org](http://www.uccbismarck.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Live Daily Devotionals are available on Bismarck UCC's Facebook page.</p>			<p>1  <b>ALL ONLINE</b>            3:45pm Time with Children            6pm Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3            Pick-up Palms from 9am—1pm</p>	<p>4            Pick-up Palms after 10am</p>
<p>5  <b>Palm Sunday</b>  <b>ALL ONLINE</b>            10am Worship            11am Fellowship</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8  <b>ALL ONLINE</b>            3:45pm Time with Children            6pm Worship</p>	<p>9  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>ALL ONLINE</b>            6pm Worship</p> 	<p>10  <b>Good Friday</b></p> 	<p>11</p>
<p>12  <b>Easter Sunday</b>  <b>ALL ONLINE</b>            10am Worship            11am Fellowship</p> 	<p>13  <b>Easter Monday</b>            Church Closed</p>	<p>14            6pm Deacons</p>	<p>15  <b>ALL ONLINE</b>            3:45pm Time with Children            6pm Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>Call the church office between 9am-1pm to pick-up Easter Flowers</p>						
<p>19            10am Worship            11am Fellowship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21            5:30pm Trustees</p>	<p>22  <b>Earth Day</b>             3:45pm Time with Children            6pm Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>Location of events from April 19 thru April 30 is dependent upon the status of COVID-19.</p>						
<p>26            10am Worship            11am Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28            6pm Council</p>	<p>29            3:45pm Time with Children            6pm Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>As of March 26, all in-person activities are suspended through April 18. Please visit <a href="http://www.uccbismarck.org">www.uccbismarck.org</a> or call the church office for updates.</p>	