

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO ULC?

While we may be practicing proper social distancing and the church calendar looks a little more open than usual, that does not mean ULC is just “sitting around doing nothing”. Members are occupying their day with a number of activities during this downtime. So we asked, ‘What are you up to ULC?’

We have been enjoying time together around the home and have almost finished a 1000 piece puzzle! - Russ Pope

I'm continuing to do what I can to assist in getting packets/assignments ready for my kiddos at Gravette Middle School and also preparing for my son's upcoming graduation from Gravette High! I miss my kiddos at ULC and Gravette...hope to see them soon! - Barbie Heaton

I have actually enjoyed having a few days at home. It's nice not to have to be "on the go" constantly. Charli Anne and I have done yardwork, cleaned closets and sat in the sun and read. I sure miss my Church babies though. So, I've been sending them Sunday School lessons and crafts in the mail. And...my kitchen table is a hot mess....full of VBS decorations in the making! Miss you all!



- Sarah Stephenson



- *Binh and I have been working from home and helping Hannah and Tanner with their online schooling. Last week during spring break we did a lot of indoor and outdoor house projects like painting, cleaning and organizing closets, preparing our vegetable and flower beds and we camped in Ponca for one night and hiked to see Eden Falls which was beautiful! We've been playing a lot of basketball in our driveway and base-ball and softball too! I've been doing daily workouts and walks around the neighbor-hood with the kids. We have also used the time to write letters to friends and family and are calling too. I have never played so much Go Fish before in my life;) Tanner re-mains the champion of Go Fish in our house! - Susannah Hoang*

Here's what I'm up to! Trying new recipes, reading new books, figuring out on-line grocery shopping and pickup, going through stacks and stacks of old pictures to sort and store, making things on my Cricut, and trying to stay healthy and positive. I see my grandkids if we can do outside activities together, but I miss them. I'm trying to contact at least two people per week to check on them, and have caught up with some old friends recently. I miss church and our community, but wholeheartedly agree that we must do the right thing, and physically distance ourselves. Take care everyone! - Kathy Bassett



I'm catching up on my reading...you should too! - Pastor Karen

FEELLDHRINSO (hello friends in scrabble!) Fred and I send you greetings! To cope with the social isolation in this unprecedented time, we look for a bit of joy and happiness each day by watching movies (new and classic), reading books and magazines, working crossword puzzles (Fred) and jigsaw puzzles (Robin), playing scrabble (Robin leads!) and walks in the beautiful weather. We also like to stay connected to friends and family via social media and recently added Zoom to our media skills. God's blessings to you all. - Robin Nelson



Mike and I were in Arizona when this all started getting more serious, so we've been back now for 2 weeks. We've been fortunate to have pretty nice weather, so walks outside and visiting with the neighbors from a distance. I've learned how to accomplish ordering groceries online and picking them up. I still would rather pick it out myself, but probably not so much impulse buying. I FaceTime with family in Kansas City and Mike keeps busy in his workshop. We feed and watch the birds and read. Maybe we'll get in the car and Cruise Main Street and wave at people, (if only BV had a Main Street). We are more blessed than some at this time and praying like all of us, for an end to this soon. Looking forward to being all together in worship sometime. When it's possible this summer, I hope to plan a picnic in the parking lot. - Barb Marrs

The staff is still here! Our hours have been modified to accommodate the current social distancing protocols as well as give some staffers time to homeschool their kiddos; but, we remain working and present for ULC! Jeff is still cleaning and disinfecting daily to ensure ULC is ready for when our doors can fully open again. Marilyn is busy ensuring all financial business is attended to. Charlotte and Tonja continue to reach out to members to ensure they are doing what they can to stay healthy. Jerry and the entire council have been taking time to call and chat with members to see if they need anything. Liz works weekly to give us some music worthy of praise for Sunday online services. Pastor Karen continues

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While we may not be together in the office at the same time, we continue to keep our connection strong during this time to ensure we are able to be here for you.

We'd love to hear what you've been up to! **Email: admin@unitedlutheranbv.org with an update we can share with ULC. Send a picture too if you can; we'd love to see you!** Even without in person parish fellowship, remember to reach out and call someone you're thinking of, join in a Book Club Zoom session, or even host a prayer call. There are many ways to keep our connection even in our distance.