

What's Cookin' at FUMCGJ

1/10/2021

Welcome to Worship

Join us for worship at either 9:00 or 11:00 AM – ONLINE ONLY
Live Stream services via our website at fumcgj.org or on facebook live video at fumcgj.

Today is Make A Change Sunday and it will benefit Sozo Youth Sanctuary. Remember you may donate by:

1. Going to our website listed above and navigating to the giving page
2. Mail a check in to the office and note "make a change"

A Word from Pastor Steve

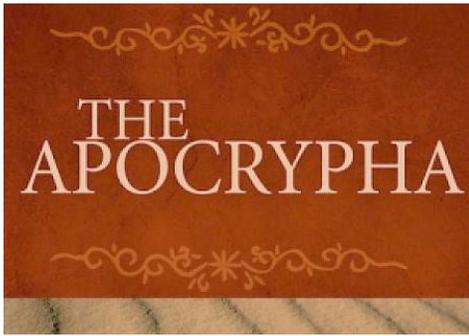
As a people, we are suffering many things in the days following the insurrection at our Nation's Capitol building this past Weds., an event the likes of which have not been seen since the War of 1812 when enemy forces at the time (the British) burned much of the city of Washington, D.C., including major parts of the US Capitol, at that time still under construction.

We grieve with one another in the midst of continuing unrest over the events of the past eight weeks, and we pray for God's healing hand to lead us to repentance and to grant us healing. Emotions are still too raw and passions too high to address this in worship this Sunday, in my opinion. I feel it best to take some time for perspective and for a cooling of the fires around these events.

But, I have set aside Sunday, Jan. 31st, a 5th Sunday, for us to share in one worship service at 11 AM, led by both music teams, the Choir and the Praise Team. We will collaborate on worship elements as we have done in the past and focus the service on repentance, healing, and hope. The congregation will be invited to participate in this, as we did for the service of Thanksgiving back on 11/22/20, with information being shared next week. In the meantime, I offer these points of prayer for you to consider focusing on in the coming weeks, taken from the 11 AM worship order for this Sunday:

- For the heart and soul of our Nation, broken and in need of repentance and healing; for our leaders and those about to take office; and for all who were injured or lost their lives in the Capitol insurrection on Weds. and for their families.
- For the strength of will for us as a people to renounce violence and destruction as means of response to injustice, real or perceived, no matter what the cause or who the actors, from far-left to far-right and everywhere in between.

While we all have some soul-searching to do upon reflection of the events of the past couple of months, myself included, I am confident that these times need not lead to further deterioration of our democracy and our society but can lead to what the late President George H. W. Bush envisioned as "a kinder, gentler nation." The details are for a time in the future; for now, Godspeed the day.



We have begun exploring the collection of quasi-Biblical books referred to as The Apocrypha, or “Hidden Books.” Mysterious in their origin and widely disputed as to their place sacred Scripture, these writings offer valuable insight into the world of Judaism following the return from Exile and before the Christian era. And while not included in our Protestant Bibles, the “hidden books” of The Apocrypha were very much a part of the sacred Scriptures quoted by New Testament authors. We had an engaging start last Sunday, looking at the way the books became “hidden” in the first place. This Sunday, we turn to the books of Tobit and Judith and

learn something from the stories they tell of God’s mysterious redeeming work and the fruits of courage when it comes to standing up to oppressive powers that threaten to destroy a people. The sermon is entitled “Two Hidden Heroes” – I’ll look forward to seeing you through the lens of the camera.

Death Notice

A beloved church family member and community pillar, Herb Bacon, passed into God’s loving arms on January 6, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Laura May, and to their extended family. A service will be held later when things are safer.

Next Week! FUMCGJ Annual Church Conference

Our annual conference will be held on Tuesday, January 12, at 2 PM, via Zoom.

The Zoom link is listed below. This is the meeting where we celebrate our ministries of the past year and make commitments for the year ahead. Rev. Elizabeth McVicker, our District Superintendent, will be presiding. As important items are voted on at this meeting by FUMC members of record, all are encouraged to attend; although only FUMC members of record may vote at this meeting on the few items requiring such formality.

Pastor Steve is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FUMCGJ Church Conference

Time: Jan 12, 2021 02:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86251114992?pwd=UEtzdFY5MUU4cFFEM2ViVzFRSE12UT09>

(*Meeting ID: 862 5111 4992; Passcode: 610940. Not needed for sign-in; FYI only.*)

OR...to dial in by phone:

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- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
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- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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A Little Noon Music

Join us on Wednesday, January 13, at 12:15 PM for our concert series, A Little Noon Music. The performer will be **Javier de Los Santos** on the classical guitar. The concert is live streamed via our website at www.fumcgj.org/events and navigating to the little noon music page.

Circuit Rider Articles

Articles are now due for our Spring edition of the Circuit Rider. If you have an event in March, April, or May and want it published, the article must be emailed to the church office or put in the shared google drive by Friday, January 15th. Friendly Reminder: the purpose of having the Program Ministry Council in December was to give our ministry areas a month to get articles in before or on this January due date.

Memorial Service for Ray Hickman

There will be a Live Stream-only memorial service for our beloved Ray Hickman on Saturday, January 23rd, at Noon Mountain time. You may access the service through our website at www.fumcgj.org and navigating to the worship page or you may click on this link <https://www.christianworldmedia.com/livechannel/fumcgj> and it will take you straight to the channel without having to navigate our website..



Over the holiday season, our faith family showered our at home villagers with Thanksgiving bags and a Christmas Card Shower. In a time of limited contact, our at home villagers have suffered the most. In an effort to show our love, the February Mission Moment will be a Valentine's Day Card Shower! We will be using the same list as we did for the Christmas Card Shower. These will be available in the church library as they were for the Christmas Card Shower. If you are not comfortable going to the church, please contact Ashley Goldthwaite at connectionalministry@fumcgj.org and she will be more than happy to email you a list!

The COVID pandemic has left many isolated, alone, and feeling hopeless. Starting January 28th, 2020 Ashley Goldthwaite, Director of Connectional Ministry will be launching Project Chit Chat. Project Chit Chat is intended to reach people within the church as well as the community as a group forum for connection, discussion, openness, and acceptance. Two times are available, 10 AM and 7 PM via Zoom, and will take place on Thursdays. Our beginning topic will be focused on our struggles through COVID, how we are coping, and our hope moving forward. For Zoom link, please contact Ashley Goldthwaite at connectionalministry@fumcgj.org.

**INTRODUCING:
PROJECT CHIT
CHAT!**

JANURARY 28TH 2020 10 AM AND 7 PM
CONTACT ASHLEY GOLDTHWAITE @
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FOR ZOOM LINK.

FEELING ALONE?
NEEDING PERSPECTIVE?
SEARCHING FOR NEW CONNECTIONS?
THEN JOIN US FOR PROJECT CHIT CHAT!