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New Covenant UMC Newsletter

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Hello friends and family,

I've been involved in some dangerous activity since we last met. I have been dreaming of the day we are allowed to return to our worship space.

I call it dangerous because I don't believe we ever go back to that wonderful place called 'normal'. What we knew as normal a year and a half ago is not coming back any time soon.

There! I said it. I know that brings sorrow to our hearts. It means letting go of the familiar.

But there are some things we should not go back to. There are some things we

should dare to chart a new course. I believe since it won't be like it was, we have an opportunity to re-tool, and rethink. Maybe if we dare to trust God we could even dream new possibilities. Could we dream new dreams. Perhaps we could come up with something we never thought of before.

Maybe we could move forward or in a different direction?!

We will always be tasked with living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **That** will not change!

Could we imagine new ways to reach those who do not know the blessed joy having been in relationship with Christ.

Suppose we stepped out

on faith and imagined new and different ways to get the message to those who need it the most?

What would it look like if we walked by faith and not by sight and ministered guided by the Holy Spirit's leadings?

This is dangerous thinking! But the Christian mission is always filled with unknowns and unexpected happening.

What we do know is **with God all things are possible.**

Dear friends and family let's a little dangerous in our dreaming and our thinking. What if we asked God: Now What?

Love you, *Pastor Althea*

Sunday Worship on Zoom weekly	10am
Tues May 4-Drive Thru Communion	4:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer & Study on Zoom weekly	5pm
Every Tuesday & Thursday Take out dinners	5-5:45 pm
Sat May 15 Trustees Com on Zoom Dec	10am
Monday May 17 Food box delivery	8:30 am
Thur May 20 Finance Com. on Zoom	7pm
Saturday May 22 Church Council on Zoom	10 am

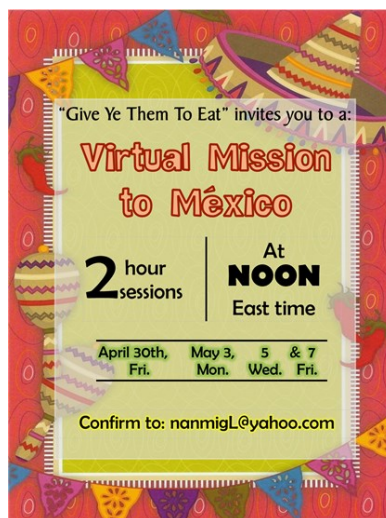
**June
Newsletter Deadline
June 25, 2021**

**Send articles to Deb
Glasse at
glassey50@comcast.net**

REOPENING

Outdoor service on May 9th 2021. Service will be streamed via Zoom for members who are unable to make it to church. Questions?— Contact Eunice or Pastor Althea

The New England Annual Conference and other agencies of the United Methodist Church are presenting several webinars on relevant topics of the day. Here are 3 of them.



Join virtual mission to Mexico

Join a 'Virtual Mission' to the program "[Give Ye Them To Eat](#)" (GYTTE) in Puebla, Mexico, run by Global Ministries missionaries Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena. Two-hour sessions begin at noon EDT on April 30, May 3, 5 and 7, 2021. To participate, contact nanmigL@yahoo.com

Rolling Ridge
Retreat and Conference Center



To build bridges of understanding, we must take time to listen to the experiences of others. "Voices and Stories" is a new ONLINE series that uses historical education and contemplative listening to open hearts and minds to the events that have shaped American society today. Every month, we will highlight an aspect of American history through video and story that will lead into a time of contemplative sharing and reflective conversation. In a "safe and sacred space", we will consider the historical implications for our world today and what we need to do to build bridges of understanding and to take a stand for justice.

Upcoming events in this series:

- - The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 on Thursday, May 6, 2021
- - Juneteenth on Tuesday, June 14, 2021
- - The 1982 Murder of Vincent Chin on Wednesday, June 23, 2021
- - MLK "I have a dream speech" in August

For more information and to register: rollingridge.org/events



This webinar is hosted by the New England Conference Re-Entry Team. Team members, along with other experts, will offer guidance and information as well as take questions about in-person worship, vaccines, church music and more. Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/98422502352?pwd=VkpHQQdDS1ovRVUrQ3F6V2o5blo1UT09>

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