

Our Vision: To encourage a closer walk with God and greater involvement in His Ministries in the Lincoln Nebraska area through the medium of A Walk in the Park.

Our Mission: With God's leading, we will reach out to our church family, sharing stories of hope, encouraging all, and promoting active involvement in the various ministries of Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church

Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist Newsletter

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March Madness

By Pastor Michael Halfhill

March madness happened. Just not in the way it normally does. Every year college basketball holds a 68-team tournament called March Madness. It becomes the focal point for the sports world for the month of March. This past March no player made a basket. No team won, and no team lost. Because of the Covid 19 virus, not only college basketball, but all sports shut down. There was no March Madness basketball this year, but this was probably the craziest March I have ever lived.

I held a board meeting where we sadly voted to suspend worship services and all activities at Piedmont Park until this pandemic has passed. It broke our hearts to decide not to meet in our church building. Suddenly everything was being canceled or rescheduled. Movies theaters closed their doors. All students are suddenly being home schooled online by their teachers. Camp Meeting and the General Conference session are both not happening this year.

March was crazy, and April is not normal yet. We are trying to find a new normal. Trying to find new ways to keep ministry going at the church. I am excited that we are keeping our worship services going online on Facebook and YouTube and making them available by mailing DVDs.

I have been blessed to hear about members finding ways to reach out to each other and the community by phone, text and other means. Like many of you, I am working from home. And it hasn't been easy. But I believe God will see us through this time as He has in the past. Continued on page 2

March Madness, continued from page 1

Maybe you are starting to feel a little cabin fever. I think one great thing we can do is share ideas of how we are using the time that we currently have. I have been reading a lot lately. I finished Ty Gibson's book *The Sonship of Christ* and would recommend it to everyone. My wife and daughter made some "*Miss You*" cards to send to people. And my son and I decided to have our own March Madness tournament. Only this tournament wasn't sports — it was music.

Ethan and I came up with 64 of our favorite hymns, and Ethan used a website to create a random tournament bracket of all the songs. Then, we had to choose when songs came head-to-head which song, we liked better. It was a fun and challenging way to think about our favorite songs. We shared stories as a family of why we liked certain songs and what they meant to us. We are planning on sharing this idea with others.

I encourage you to use this time that we have. Many of us have been forced to slow down from our normal activities. The Bible encourages us to find ways to make the most out of each day and to honor God. Ephesians 5:16 says "redeeming the time because the days are evil." Some translations read, "making most of the time." I pray that we will all make the most of this time and find ways to support each other, to build community and still be Christ's hands and feet in this mad world that so desperately needs healing.

We Can Help

By Carol Rees

Recently I saw a woman being interviewed about grocery deliveries. She explained that the stores had more requests than it was possible to fill. As I watched this story, I wondered where are her neighbors?

It motivated me to get out my old telephone list and start calling. I met a young mother who I didn't know, and talked to others I did know. I profited from the calls and so did the people I contacted.

Here are a few things I got from that experience:

Look and think about people who could use a little help or a phone visit.

Some people don't have technology and can't get sermons or Sabbath School Study. This is an opportunity to call and study together on a one-to-one basis. Think of your Sabbath School class, and check that they are doing OK. Call and see if people are able to get groceries. If not, get a list and shop.

There are many opportunities to contact and help. Find one that you can do, and be a helper.



Personalizing the Lord's Prayer

My personal interpretation of the Lord's Prayer by Renee Schaecher

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Hello,

God, in heaven. We are happy that You are a kind, powerful, living, just and ever-present God. We ask You to give us a heart and mind today to whole-heartedly serve You as the angels in heaven already do. Thank You for food and shelter, for safety through the night, and for answering our prayers for ourselves and others in the past. Today, again, we ask for Your presence and for Your care and miracles in meeting our daily needs.

We are grateful that You have provided forgiveness for all humankind through the work of Jesus Christ. We accept Jesus Christ as our Creator, Savior, Redeemer, and Restorer. We pray for the heart of Jesus so that we are tolerant and forgiving towards those who have treated us unkindly, just as He forgives. Help us, God, to be free of unholy thoughts and actions. Please protect us from the influences brought to us by the Evil one and by those who cooperate with him.

Help those in need, those who are in danger and those who are ill or lonely, and help us work with You to give them the care they need. We ask all this because we believe in a good God, the Three-in-One. The one true God - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - we recognize that all glory, honor, and praise belong to You alone, our God of love and so we, of our free will, return our love to You and give our allegiance to You alone.

Ministry During Social Distancing

By Carol Leonhardt

Our member Myra Mosher lives in an assisted living facility, and was feeling lonely spending so much time alone during corona virus prevention measures. She is a lover of birds and thought having a pet bird would be a good companion during this time. Her friend Teresa Thompson sent out an email asking people to help make Myra's dream for a pet Cockatiel come true. A baby Cockatiel was located on Craigslist Lincoln at a considerable savings over retail. In a few days, Teresa had pledges for enough to purchase the baby Cockatiel and to get a new cage too. Myra is calling her bird Miracle.

Do you have something to share in the next newsletter? We'd love to read it!

Email it to piedmontinspiration@gmail.com, or call Laura at 402-217-6369.

Life

By Pastor Ray Daniel

I've given weeks of prayer at schools on the subject of life. The purpose was to expose the students to life's realities. It might seem gruesome to speak with them about longevity and death at their young age, but I discovered it more pertinent and meaningful than I would have imagined.

Each day's talk would include stories of individuals dying at varying ages from young to older. I would give them daily assignments to reinforce the stories. One day they were asked to write a one-page paper on how they learned that life ends. Another day, to read the obituaries in the local paper and find the shortest and longest life. Another day to walk through a cemetery and find the shortest and longest life. Another day to research longevity studies. Sound like something appropriate for young children? Something they would really get excited about? Well, they did.

One boy said in his paper "I learned life ends on the way to the ABC with my mother. I saw a bird lying on the road and asked my mother what was wrong with it. She said it was dead, and that's how I learned life ends." Another boy wrote, "I learned that life ends when my mother died." That one really hit me. I asked his teacher, "His mother died?" She told me it had happened about a year ago. He must have been only 9 or 10 years old! I suddenly realized some of these children knew more about life's realities than I would have dreamed.

I wanted them to understand that we get no guaranteed amount of time on this earth. Some are born dead and never live one day. Others only get a few days or years. If we're satisfied with the amount of time we get and that's all we want, that's our decision. But if we want more than that, it's available!

I told them, "What if you were walking down the street and saw a beautiful red Lamborghini parked on the curb? A man walks up to you and says, 'You like my car?' And you say, 'O yes! I love your car.' He says, 'How'd you like to have my car?' You say, 'I'd love to have your car, but I could never afford it.' He says, 'What would you give me for my car?' You say, 'All I have is this pen in my pocket.' He replies, 'Would you give me your pen for my car?' You say, 'Oh yes!" Then I ask the children, "Do you think that would be a good deal?"

Then I tell them, "What if you were walking down the street and a man walks up to you and says 'How'd you like to live forever?' You say, 'Absolutely!' He says, 'What will you give me for that? 10 years of your life? 20 years of your life, 50 years of your life? 75 years of your life? Would you be willing to give me your entire life?'" Then I ask them, "Do you think that's a good deal?"

The week concludes with a large cake with the words on top "Happy 10 Millionth Birthday". The students are given candles and asked to put them on the cake if it is their choice to accept this deal and live forever. During the week I've taken their one-page papers to a bindery and had them made into a book with all their names listed as the authors. I present this book to the students at the end of the week and tell them they are now published authors! The schools treasure it and keep it in their library.

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God is in Control

By Eula Key

Psalm 139:17-18 "How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You."

These words have become so precious to me - that God Himself loves and thinks about me all the time. God, who is life, connects with me so that I can continue to have His life forever even if I die in this world. The God, who runs the entire universe, wants to spend time with me! He also is able to spend precious moments like these with each person in the world! So yes, when I awake each morning, I am glad I am still with Him, as the verse states. He is the reason I do awake, and I want Him to know that I am happy to be conscious and able to say Good Morning to Him. I usually say "Good Morning Heavenly Father, Good Morning Jesus, Good Morning Holy Spirit, I invite You into my life today to say and do the things that please You and bring glory to Your name." Then whatever happens, I have given my life to the Lord. At night, I look to see what miracles He has done and what failures I have made. I thank Him for His miracles and ask forgiveness for my failures. I look forward to reading His word and praying to Him each day. I enjoy my time with Him, so whatever happens, good or bad, by His grace, I am still with God.

I pray that our God, who knows the end from the beginning, helps us all to realize He is in control. He sees the big picture and He knows what is best in all situations. He knows that He can turn the evil that Satan does to us around and make something good come out of it. We can trust Him to do what is right for us, regardless of what happens in our lives. Let's pray for those who are suffering and for their families. Let's comfort one another with prayer even if we don't get to see one another. God has precious thoughts of each one of us personally. He wants to comfort each one of us each day of our lives. His thoughts are precious toward YOU today. Isn't that good news, even when things aren't going the best? Praise God! He is in control and working everything out behind the scenes for each one of us, even this Coronavirus pandemic.

Life, continued

A few years after one of these weeks of prayer, four academy boys were going too fast on a curvy road and three of them were killed. One was a boy who had written a page in the book. At his funeral it was on display in the foyer for attendees to read how he had learned life ends. Far too soon, he experienced it first-hand.

Many are dying right now all around the world due to this terrible pandemic. We can only pray that they have chosen to accept the offer of eternal life.

John 3:16 (KJV) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Where do I go from Here?

By Laura Daw

There is so much fear in our "new normal". Everyone is concerned about losing jobs, getting sick, and dying. You cannot listen to the television without hearing something about COVID 19. You cannot go outside your home without thinking about it. People are wearing masks (sometimes-even gloves) and worrying about one of those diseased droplets reaching them or their loved ones. If you go to the grocery store, you see signs everywhere warning that you should leave six feet between yourself and others. Shelves are empty of toilet paper, eggs, and cleaners. You may be making masks for others to wear to protect them from the virus. You may be trying to find one for yourself.

What is happening in our world? 2 Timothy warns that while people seem to believe in God, their lives may say something different.

However, understand this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy... loving pleasure, rather than loving God. They will maintain the outward appearance of religion but will have repudiated its power. (2 Timothy 3: 1, 2, and 4, 5 NET version)

If you go farther down in the chapter, you see:

You, however, must continue in the things you have learned and are confident about. You know who taught you and how from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 14-17 NET version) The entire chapter is a must read for Christians in these days.

In Matthew 24, we are told You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Make sure that you are not alarmed, for this must happen, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise up in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these things are the beginning of birth pains. (Matt 24: 6-8 NET version)

I have a fear for my family and friends that haunts me when the lights go out and I have time to think. It would be so easy to find this fear taking over my life. I beg God each night that if someone in my family must die of this virus, it would be me. Just thinking of losing any of my daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, husband, sisters, parents, and friends breaks my heart. My mind is in turmoil as I beg God to help me accept His will and a minute or so later try to bargain my life for theirs.

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I'm Not in Control or Lost

By Kendra Carlson

I like to put time limits on things. It should take thirty minutes to run this errand. Surely, I can get this email written in five minutes. Timeframes are also handed to me. Your order should arrive on such-and-such date. Your car will be done Friday. Once in a while, things go as planned, but most of the time I have to do some adjusting.

Jeff Goins talks about this in his book *The In-Between*. He says we don't mind waiting, per se, but waiting longer than we think we should have to. We feel entitled to things happening in a reasonable amount of time and get upset when they don't. So maybe the discomfort I feel is realizing I'm not in charge. I'm feeling that a lot lately. There are a lot of timeframes I have no control over and yet, they affect me. This can make me angry or frightened. I don't want to face my mortality or the vulnerability of those I love.

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. (Pro. 16:9) Part of me longs for the pseudo-safe feeling I get from believing I'm in control. This verse (and our current global situation) pops that bubble. In unprecedented, uncharted territory, we don't know from day to day if the course of action we've taken is the best one. That can drive a person crazy.

But this verse says I don't walk alone. I've felt immobilized by fear of doing something that would cause harm to my community, but I don't have to know everything to start taking steps because the Lord promises to establish them. I can walk humbly with God and trust Him to guide me. Even when it feels like floundering in the dark, my Companion still sees the way through.

Where do I go from Here?, continued

Where can you go? In the middle of this chaos, we need a place of peace. We need freedom from fear. We need reassurance that everything is going to be all right. I need to give it to God and stop taking it back. Why do I not trust Him? Where do I find the faith to give all my worries, my life, and that of my family to Him? I remind myself that I can find reassurance in His promises. Every night, as I "take it back" and start to worry about my family I recite the words I've know from childhood (albeit in the King James Version words, not the NET as shown below); the words that tell me that I am in the care of my loving shepherd.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He takes me to lush pastures; he leads me to refreshing water. He restores my strength. He leads me down the right paths for the sake of his reputation.

Even when I must walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff reassure me. You prepare a feast before me in plain sight of my enemies. You refresh my head with oil; my cup is completely full.

Surely, your goodness and faithfulness will pursue me all my days and I will live in the Lord's house for the rest of my life. Psalm 23

Where Do You Put Your Trust?

By Pastor Katelyn Weyant

What or whom do you put your trust in at this time? Your finances, spouse, job, health, God?

The Bible says that things of this earth are fleeting, but God and our relationship with Him is eternal. Matthew 6:19-21 advises us, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Where is your heart today? Let us seek the One who will never disappoint or forsake us. Let us put our trust in God.

The Psalmist writes in Psalm 9:10, "And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;

For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You." Amen!

I came across this acrostic poem once. It really blessed me. May it bless you in this season, and may your trust in God grow.

Trust is:

Taking each day, one at a time, Remembering God's sweet whisper divine, Urging us onward through the unknown, So that His glory and goodness, Through us can be shown.

And Jesus Answered, What is that to You? You Follow Me

By Renee Schaecher

John 21:21 - "Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them. He was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper to ask, "Lord, who is going to betray You?" When Peter saw him, he asked "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you? You follow Me!"

Wherever you are in life with whatever you're doing - you're going to be ahead of some and behind others. That is okay. Own where you are. Take time to embrace and celebrate that. Give God the glory for what He is doing in your life. Continue to move forward...and never compare your beginning to someone else's middle. (Anonymous)

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Labels for Education

By Chris Hausted

The General Mills Company is sending College View Academy a check for \$223.60 for the last shipment of Boxtops they sent in. Unfortunately, the program is suffering from a drop in participation since they went digital. Many people have had trouble with the app and some don't have smart phones, but most just don't want to share their shopping history with yet another media platform. The sharp decline in earnings is widespread across most of the schools and non-profits who have traditionally shared in GM's generosity. (There are still paper Boxtops to be found on many GM products though, so please keep cutting them out and bringing them to church! They are still worth 10¢ each.) Something new: CVA is now collecting Loma Linda and Worthington labels - worth 25¢ each - which we hope will make up the Boxtops shortfall. We're expecting a check in the amount of \$223.75 from Atlantic Natural Foods for our first label submission! We're also still collecting Best Choice UPCs, but don't have a total yet as we are waiting for the end of the school year to submit them.

The labels and UPCs which you have been depositing in the collection box at the Welcome Desk are also adding up. As you may recall, our church board decided to divide the money your submissions bring in between our young people's clubs: Little Lambs, Eager Beavers, Adventurers and Pathfinders. There's been a bit of a drop in those submissions, possibly because some are going directly to College View Academy, but it's also possible that people have just been forgetting to bring them to church. So far in 2020, there have been 283 Best Choice UPCs, 42 Boxtops and 115 Atlantic Natural Foods labels brought in. \$28.75 will come to Piedmont Park and \$12.69 will go to CVA. So - if you've been meaning to bring the labels you've saved up to church, be sure to bring them with you when our live church services resume. We so appreciate all the snipping and saving you've been doing for our young people, both those in our church and those in our church school. Thank you for helping us raise funds to support our youth!

Daniel

By Renee Schaecher

The book of Daniel starts with King Nebuchadnezzar entering Judah. The king takes Jewish prisoners to Babylon. The book of Daniel ends with Michael. Michael stands up to free God's people from end-time Babylon. The whole book of Daniel shows us that God works everything out for His people in the end.

As we saw, Daniel and his friends stay loyal to God. They show wisdom and faith in God during hard times. In the same way, God's people also will show their faith in the end times. They will stay loyal to God during "a time of much trouble, the worst time since nations have been on earth." (Daniel 12:1, ERV)

During this time, God's people will show the same wisdom and understanding that Daniel and his friends showed in Babylon. Then, God's people will lead other people to God. They will show people how to live holy lives. Some of God's end-time people will die or be killed. Their dead bodies will be buried in the earth. Then they will turn to dust. But Jesus will wake them up from the dead and give them everlasting life (Daniel 12:2).

Book Resource: "Daniel-Pure and Simple" by Kenneth Cox

Boredom Busters for People Stuck at Home

By Richard Clark

• Watch the **Neotropic fruit feeder live cam in Panama** (and more live nature cams at this site):

www.allaboutbirds.org/cams/panama-fruit-feeders/

• Listen to **Abiding Radio's** sacred music stream (they have an app, too): www.abidingradio.org/listen

• Read an audiobook version of **The Great Controversy**: https://egwwritings.org/?ref=en_GC.i¶=132.2#

• Catch up on mission videos from **Adventist World Radio** and get trained in **cell phone evangelism**:

https://m.youtube.com/user/awrweb/videos

- Take a **cross-cultural mission course**: www.reachtheworldnextdoor.com/training-center/training-kit
- **Share a Bible promise** with international friends in their heart language using www.bible.is.
- **Enroll** in an online **Bible study course**: www.voiceofprophecy.com/bible-studies
- **Memorize Scripture and Scripture songs--**or compose your own uplifting music! For one source of Scripture songs: www.audioverse.org
- **Relish the joy of giving** a donation to your favorite mission organizations. Ministry and service continues through pandemics!
- **Remember** how the Lord has led us. **Pathways of the Pioneers** brings to life the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through dramatized audio stories. Listen to the stories online at: https://whiteestate.org/resources/pioneers-stories

May the Lord bless and keep you all. John 14:27.

Golf Fellowship

Ray F. Daniel, Commissioner, Whole In One Golf Fellowship

The 2020 "Whole In One Golf Fellowship" season is scheduled for May-September one outing per month. Each outing will be played on a course accepting the Big Red Tour Book which a number of participants purchased at a special discounted price offered to our group. Those using the book pay no green fee, only the cart fee = big savings!



"Making a baby laugh"

"When a little kid reaches up to hold your hand"

"Instant friendships"

"When a person's laugh is funnier than the joke"

"When a friend enjoys something, you recommended"

"Hearing an old song, you used to love"

"Finding something you lost"

"A compliment from a stranger"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus".

Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church Just now • *

For all of our families with young children, here is a great resource with an abundance of ideas, activities and Sabbath School options! Check it all out at the link below!

https://www.childmin.org/virtual-resources



Jaime Jorge Concert with Jaime Jorge Livestream

You won't want to miss a special LIVESTREAM concert by violin extraordinaire Jaime Jorge (April 11, 2020) as he plays soothing music meant to encourage and uplift in this time of uncertainty and social distancing. Plan now to gather around your computer or phone or TV and watch this concert! The LIVESTREAM LINK will be posted on Piedmont Park's Facebook and Website



(www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda and www.piedmontparksda.org) and will be live and watchable for one day only TOMORROW, April 11, 2020, from 12:00am-11:30pm. If you would like to contribute financially to Jaime Jorge's ministry, please visit https://www.jaimejorge.com/healingmusic/ and click on the donate button.

Shepherd Ministry

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We are thankful for the Shepherds who are performing incredible ministry providing real blessings to their flock and themselves. We can only hope this ministry will continue and strengthen. With the current COVID-19 health crisis and not having church services in the Piedmont Park building, the ministry of the Shepherds is even more vital in maintaining contact with the church members.

20/20 Vision

Ray F. Daniel, 20/20 Vision Representative

We're in the last stages of our 20/20 Vision Plan. A key portion of this plan was to have 13 "Bring Ben" Sabbaths. The goal is for at least 100 families, members or guests to bring \$100 on those days totaling \$10,000.00 per time. Bring Ben 10, February 29, 2020, exceeded the goal by \$3,000.00 for a total of \$13, 141.82.



We've spent \$432,000.00 so far and have received \$397,000.00 in contributions. The \$35,000.00 difference has been met from our \$200,000.00 loan. We've incurred \$5,636.46 in interest on that loan to date. Since it's become clear we won't need the full \$200,000.00 the church board just voted to return \$100,000.00 to the loaning organization.

A \$100,000 donor challenge is continuing to be matched with over half achieved to date. When the full \$100,000.00 match is achieved 20/20 Vision should be complete!

Online Services

We are the church! Let's join together on Sabbath morning from wherever we are and worship the God who made us and loves us! Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church will post Sabbath School and Church Service on Facebook and on YouTube (addresses below). We invite you to gather around, and let's worship together!

1 Corinthians 12:27

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Online Worship each Sabbath during Social Distancing: Sabbath School @ 10am CST Church Service @ 11am CST www.facebook.com/piedmontparksda www.youtube.com/piedmontparkchurch



Prayer Meeting

Join us for a social distancing Prayer Meeting via conference call each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Call (617) 829-6816. You will be asked to state your name. Whoever is already on the call will be able to hear you come on.

If you are unable to get on the call after a couple of attempts you can try texting CALL ME to the dial in number (617) 829-6816.

Prayer Meeting is led by Steve & Kaye Duden.



Hope Awakens presented by IT IS WRITTEN By Vanessa Schaecher

Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church is excited to be offering the Hope Awakens series from It Is Written. The series begins on April 17. To learn more and to reserve your spot for this free virtual event, go to Piedmont's Facebook page or website (links are below) to find the RESERVATION link. After you reserve your spot, you will receive information on how to view the series from the comfort of your own home.



ANCIENT PROPHECIES

SPEAK TO THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD. TODAY WE SEE CHAOS, BUT WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?

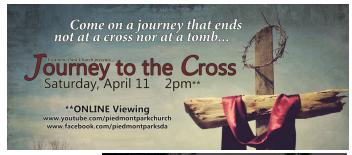
FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

https://www.facebook.com/144011375635715/posts/2851140058256153/?sfnsn=mo&extid=hcibtDbVeqgDAoZY

https://www.piedmontparksda.org/calendar/detail/146?date=2020-04-17

Journey to the Cross By Vanessa Schaecher

Have you ever wondered what it might have been like to be in Jerusalem on the day Jesus died on the cross? Piedmont Park is happy to present an <u>ONLINE version of</u> **Journey to the Cross**, April 11 at <u>2pm</u>.



Gather around your computer or phone or TV and experience a journey that ends not at a cross nor at a tomb...

The video will premiere at 2pm on April 11 (Sabbath) on Piedmont Park's YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/piedmontparkchurch) and will be available allEaster weekend, so we invite you to share the link on your social media pages or e-mails and invite your family and friends to view it as well!

You can find out more about this event at www.piedmontparksda.org/journey or https://www.facebook.com/events/237946820733643/



Mark Your Calendar...

April 11: Jaime Jorge livestream 12:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. See graphic on page 11.

April 11 and every Sabbath until further notice: Online church services. See graphic below.

April 11 Journey to the Cross online at 2:00 p.m. See graphic on page 13.

April 15 and every Wednesday until further notice: 6:30 p.m.

Conference call prayer meeting.

See graphic on page 12.

April 17: Hope Awakens. See graphic on page 13.

TBD - Bean Auction fundraiser for Families with Special Needs ministry



Black Wild Rice/Vegetable Salad with Lime Vinaigrette

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Gluten Free, Sweetener Free, Vegan, Complete Protein - Contains Olive Oil *Makes 2 quarts

Cook the Wild Rice:

1 cup dry black wild rice

3 cup water

1 tsp pink Himalayan salt

Boil. Cook till tender. (Add water, if needed, just to the top of the rice.)

Drain. Cool to room temperature. Put in larger bowl so can toss well later.

Add Finely Diced Fresh/Raw Vegetables

1/2 large orange bell pepper

1 medium onion (red, white, or yellow)

1 medium carrot

2 stalks de-stringed celery

1/2 can drained black olives

1 - 15.5 oz can red kidney beans - rinsed well and drained

Option: 1 small peeled diced de-seeded cucumber

Add dressing/spicing: Start small with spices and add more if you desire to adjust to taste

4 TB virgin olive oil

6 TB fresh or jarred lime juice

2 TB apple cider vinegar

1/2 tsp paprika

1/2 tsp pink Himalayan salt

1/4 tsp white pepper

1 tsp granulated garlic

Toss Well

Cover

Refrigerate for

one hour to

overnight.

Nicole Houdek shared a resource for families with special needs: There is an abundance of ideas, activities, Sabbath School options (mostly Gracelink), etc. at the following link:

https://www.childmin.org/virtual-resources