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Message from the pastor

Dear Faith Family,

How are you doing? It’s almost been a year now since we first closed down our Sunday services due to Covid. This means it’s almost been a year since I’ve seen most of your faces, almost been a year since we’ve been posting our services online, almost been a year without donuts and brunches, almost been a year since we were all together as a church family. And, to be honest, this week I’m feeling a little tired of it all. If I’m being really honest, part of the weariness is in not knowing how many of you are still out there. Are people still watching our services? Do they still consider Faith Community Church their home? When we reopen, will they come back? These concerns and others are the things that keep me up at night.

But then I think how many of you have continued to give generously and faithfully to keep the ministries of our church going. I think of guys like Jerry and Ron and Phil who regularly volunteer to keep our grounds looking clean, our sign board current, etc. I think of Clarice and the ladies that helped decorate the church at Christmas, even though we knew we wouldn’t be having our regular, Christmas services. I think of the ladies’ group that has periodically been mailing cards to our kids and teens. I also think of our amazing staff, Molly and John and Dennis and Paul and Hannah, who have continued putting in more hours than they’re paid for to make sure our ministries keep moving forward. I think of Lizzy and Wendy who are leading online small groups. And let’s not forget our consistory, who continue to meet regularly, making decisions on the church’s behalf, praying for you by name, monitoring our finances, etc. I think of all of these people and many others who have kept in touch with us throughout this time, and then I realize how truly blessed I am.

At this time I’m guessing many of you are feeling somewhat similar to me. You’re tired and worn out by all these restrictions, the threat of catching Covid, church being closed, etc. And while the good news is that the vaccine is now being widely distributed, and dropping cases mean we should be able to start reopening soon, the truth is we still have a ways to go until things are normal again. Until then, I urge you to keep things in perspective. Continue focusing on the positives. Keep tuning in to our online services, or consider attending one of our Saturday services instead. Keep practicing the disciplines God has given us that will help us stand firm in the faith, even when things are out of whack. Gratitude, Bible reading, prayer, worship, even listening to an online sermon from



Giving Options

We now have online giving! Please see our webpage (www.faihtedmonds.org) or download the Tithe.ly app to be able to make payments through credit card. Or, you can still send in checks through the mail. Thank you fo your faithfulness during this difficult season!



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(cont'd) yours truly, all are tools God has given us to maintain the right perspective when the storms of life are raging. Like making lemonade from lemons, these are the things God gives to us to make life a little sweeter, even in the midst of bitterness.

So, how are you? I hope you are well, and I hope you continue to hang in there with us until we are able to be together again.

Blessings and peace in Jesus,
Pastor Andrew

Missionary Minute: Walker Family, Mexico

Latest news: "For several months now we have been having evangelistic film meetings. During one of these a man named Juan asked for help with his alcohol addiction. We were able to have him be part of a Christian drug rehab run by one of our partners. Please pray for Juan. We have also started the Kids Club meetings again on Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Please pray that the kids continue to show interest and accept Christ as Savior. Over Christmas the youth had a Christmas Posada. There were over 30 youths in attendance. They played group games, then had a Christmas program with Christmas carols and an evangelistic message. Please pray that our youth continue to reach out to their friends. Lastly, we had an early Christmas present, a seventh grandson, Jeremiah, born on November 21st. This is Julie and Marc's first child. Please pray for Jeremiah to grow in health and in strength, and in the knowledge of the Lord. Love, Jeff and Shenya Walker"



Missionary Minute: Nourishing Network in Edmonds

Our ministry partner, Nourishing Network, makes sure hundreds of meal kits are given to kids each year who are homeless or underfed and underserved. This year, they have stepped up to provide many more meals to the kids due to COVID. Here are some quick facts about our food programs:

- **Weekend Meal Kits:** more than 7,200 weekend meals were provided between September and June.
- **Pop-Up Pantries:** each month, vulnerable families in need of assistance receive food and household goods at six schools across the district.
- **Holiday Meals:** 240 families received complete holiday meals before the winter break.

If you would like to host a food drive or volunteer with the Nourishing Network, contact Thame Fuller, Nourishing Network Programs Director by [email](#) or phone at 425.431.7092.