

WINGS APRIL 2020:

Pastor's Front Page Message

Shall we gather at the river...anywhere? I know we the Church long to be together, worship together and fellowship together. However, we wait patiently for a time of safely gathering. It could be as soon as June or a little while longer. Until then, remember, we still are the Body of Christ, connected and are together in Christ.

In early March I attended a worldwide conference in Florida with the theme, Better Together. As soon as I arrived home, the stay at home decree came forth and I thought, "How can we be together, though apart?" And, "How can this be better?" While the Apostle Paul was in prison for sharing his faith, he also longed to be with the Church body, in person, but obviously could not. In the Book of Philippians (see our in depth study of FaceBook Live each week) Paul wrote to the Church in Philippi with a longing to be with them again. Yet, while he was isolated he prayed for them, gave thanks for them, wrote a letter to encourage them, and found joy in thinking of them. Remembering those he could not be with helped Paul tremendously!

While we are away from each other, let us also give thanks for each other, pray for each other and find ways to encourage our family in Christ till we gather again...at the church building, smalls groups, the river, or wherever. This, like in Paul's example, will also bring us joy. We still need each other and we still have each other. We are still Together and still Connected. God has made that happen through creating the Church, giving us His Spirit and has even blessed us with new technologies to share in.

I still cannot wait to see you again, face to face, soon. We will continue to have an online, Facebook live, worship Sundays through the month of May. This will again be a time of song, sharing of announcements and updates, scripture, message and more. Please use the following link to join us: <https://www.facebook.com/WildareUMC/>

Also, please note that if you do not have Facebook you can still see the services online after they are complete, plus previous week's services, on our church website at the following link. Simply scroll down when there through our social feed video section to find our posts: <https://www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com/social-feeds/>

If you need anything or know of anyone who we can serve in this time, please let us know. Let us continue to pray and give thanks for each other! May God bless you and your family in these unique times and let us trust in Him who has brought us together for the better!

In Christ's Grip,
Pastor Jody

Sundays/Sermon themes (all on FaceBook Live at 10am)

May 03: Message: Don't Fall in the Trap Series: Satan is Real

May 10: Message: A Mother's Day Pandemic

May 17: Message: Don't Fall in the Trap Series: Jesus is Coming Again

May 24: Message: Don't Fall in the Trap Series: The Bible Stories did Happen

May 31: Message: Don't Fall in the Trap Series: Jesus is the Only Way

PICTORIAL DIRETORIES ARE HERE! Stop by during office hours to pick up if you **ordered** one.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: We want to thank everyone who has been able to give tithes and offerings, through online giving and mail, even though we have not been able to gather recently. We still have our full budget in effect throughout this time and in order to maintain our ministries, your giving is vital and such a blessing. If you are able, you may mail any offerings to: Wildare UMC 7211 North Park Ave. Cortland, OH 44410. Thank you so much!

COME VISIT US ONLINE AT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE www.wildareunitedmethodistchurch.com

Information about upcoming ministry, download our church phone app, online giving, our weekly sermons on video and more!

UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS: **Admin Board** will meet Thursday May 21st at 6pm via ZOOM meetings. A link will be emailed to church leaders/Admin Board.

BASEMENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Our Basement Outreach will help deliver food on Tuesday May 19th at 5pm to families in Warren Trumbull Homes. Join us!



In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity!

~Albert Einstein~