ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 29, 2020

- We continue with no in-person worship, meetings, gathering hosted at 2nd Church through May 17. Please read the 3-19-2020 letter sent out by Pastor Char and Moderator Carl Nord.
- Please continue to send in your pledge! You can do so by mailing your check to Second Church, PO Box 243, Newcastle, ME 04563, c/o Ed Smith, Financial Secretary. On-line giving through our website and PayPal should be up and running in the coming week! Your generosity helps to continue our vital ministries with local and global partners – which are vitally important to many in these stressful times, such as the Ecumenical Food Pantry which is still being run out of our building; New Hope for Women who continues to address domestic violence issues and Healthy Kids, which is helping underserved families to meet on-line learning and parenting needs. Funds also help to support our staff during this difficult time, maintain building expenses and ensure our continued worship together in creative and varied ways. Your support matters!
- Scheduled church office hours for this week are only Monday, 9am-12Noon. Staff may come in at other (staggered) times. If you stop by during office hours or not, please use the doorbell to the right of the exterior door off the parking lot. We are limiting access to the building for the sake of protecting church staff.
- Zoom/FBLive/FreeConferencePro Meetings: If you serve on a ministry team or sub-committee, periodically check your email for invitations to Zoom for on-line meetings. We continue to explore and find other ways of communicating – through email, teleconferencing, social media and good old fashioned (but always reliable) phone calls and cards.
- The Ecumenical Food Pantry continues with curb-side pick up only on Tuesdays, 9:30-11AM. Volunteers for the help desk are visiting car to car to respond to urgent needs and distribute other emergency assistance information.
- All AA Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.
- Second Congo Church was highlighted at www.ucc.org for its firm commitment to this week’s area Red Cross Blood Drive and the adaptions made to continue to host the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Check out the article at https://tinyurl.com/w6g3eh6
- Pastoral counseling – call ahead - 563-3379 - to make a telephone visit. In-person visits will be considered for urgent matters and on a situation-by-situation basis. Please self-monitor your health and the health of your home community; Pastor Char will do the same.
- Easter Flower Orders: Have been suspended until further notice.
- Questions: If you have any questions about our cancellations, office hours, pledge and donation support or flower orders, don’t hesitate to call the church at 563-3379 or email us at office@secondcongo.org.
- One Great Hour of Sharing: Don’t forget, you can still mail in or drop off your contributions for One Great Hour of Sharing, our special Spring offering through the United Church of Christ to support those in need.
- Healthy Kids Fundraiser: Please consider supporting one of our local partners through the upcoming Healthy Kid’s April Calendar Raffle. Purchase tickets
through March 31st for the chance to win a wide assortment of artwork, homemade quilts, local business gift cards, local museums, etc. Funds support the mission of Healthy Kids, which is to support families at risk and to strengthen communities. Tickets are $20 each or 3 for $50. To purchase, go to the Healthy Kids website at https://www.healthykidsmaine.org/ or call Healthy Kids at 207-563-1818. Pastor Char can also answer questions.