

the CHIMES

**An Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community**

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Church Family, we continue to monitor and follow the guidelines of those who have the knowledge we need to remain as safe as possible in regard to the virus. Upon recommendation of health professionals we will continue our “PHYSICAL distancing” through the month of April, BUT we will continue to be connected via email, phone calls, and with our on-line VIDEO worship service presence! Please know that, while we would most love to be in face-to-face worship together, we are more concerned that all precautions be taken for your well-being.

In that regard, we will be observing Easter LATE this year! We’re not yet sure when we will be back to “on-site” worship, but whatever Sunday that may be, we will celebrate the Resurrection and Easter, knowing that God has brought us through to a new understanding of what abundant life is!

Easter at NC4

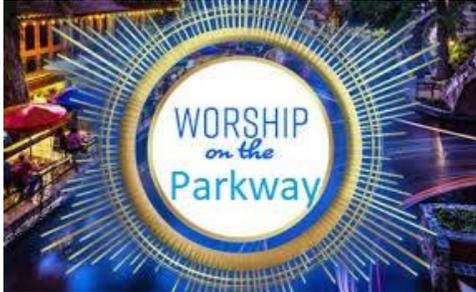


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**Easter Sunday, whenever we observe it,
will include**

flowering of the Cross in celebration of new life.
(Bring cut flowers w/you for the flowering!)

Since this year is unique in many ways, our Easter Sunday will be a simple celebration. We will not be able to arrange for special musicians, or Easter lilies & tulips, balloons or festival activities, but please know that we WILL celebrate!



SUNDAYS IN APRIL

ON-LINE WORSHIP

You will receive an email and E-Minder with instructions on accessing the on-line service. It will also be available on our FACEBOOK page (<https://www.facebook.com/NCCCCDisciples/>) and on our website (www.nc4disciples.org)

Sunday, April 5—”Looking for the Unexpected”
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11

Sunday, April 12 — “The Heart of the Matter”
Jeremiah 31:3-4; Matthew 28:7-8

Sunday, April 19— “With Glad Hearts”
Psalm 16:7-9; John 20:19

Sunday, April 26 — “Straight from the Heart”
I Peter 1:22; Luke 24:30-32

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***“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” – Psalm 118:24 NRSV***



**Let us rejoice that the Easter offering, through Disciples Mission Fund, makes ministry possible. Through the general ministries of our Church, lives are changed and our world is transformed. Will you rejoice with us and give to this special day offering?**

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **CHURCH CALENDAR**—If you need to schedule a meeting or are meeting vendors/workers here at the church PLEASE double check the church calendar posted on the Glass-way bulletin board or on line at <http://www.nc4disciples.org/calendar> OR call AARON in the church office who will be happy to check dates for you.
- **CHIMES**—We would **LOVE** to have your articles, updates and information to put in the monthly CHIMES newsletter! Please be aware of the deadlines — **THE 15TH OF THE MONTH**. Information should be sent to [northchevychase58@gmail.com](mailto:northchevychase58@gmail.com)
- **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** are Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9am-4pm
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** On those days of snow and ice, if the Montgomery County Public schools are closed, the Church office will be closed. Rev. Tatham will always be available for pastoral emergencies at 301-335-7344.



## NO ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE MONTH OF APRIL

Both our Grief Group and "Meet & Eat" will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. Until that time, please practice all precautions to keep yourself and your family healthy!



## YOUR GIVING

There are concerns about what not having community worship is going to mean for our financial status in regard to our Sunday offerings. The staff's salaries, the bills related to our facilities and cost of performing our mission still need real dollars to operate and the virus doesn't stop them from coming! We know that you are each concerned about the on-going mission of the church, and we hope to make it easy for you to continue your giving, even if we are not physically present in our sanctuary.

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- 1) Mail in your payment to the Church Office at 8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
- 2) Set up Electronic payments through your bank
- 3) Set up a recurring payment through our "REALM" program (you have to have a profile account to do so)
- 4) Use our **NEW "Text Giving"** - simply text **NC4** and click the link provided and you will be able to select **2020Regular** for your contributions (or other special funds).

**ALSO -- PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A SPECIAL CASH GIFT TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND OTHER AGENCIES** who are continuing to care for the vulnerable: homeless, those in the service and food industries, others who have no employment or sick leave.... (Bethesda Cares, Manna Food Pantry, Inter-faith Works, Mid-Country United Ministries, etc.) Most of these agencies have ways to donate on line.

# UPDATES

***A Tremendous Debt of Gratitude to the Rev. Dr. Michael McMahon and Ray Valido for stepping into the role of preacher and worship leaders during Rev. Tatham's absence! We are grateful beyond measure for the ministerial and musical leadership Mike and Ray provided. We are especially appreciative of their work on getting us up and running on-line!***



**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR MAY Worship Leadership, PLEASE go to SIGNUP GENIUS to sign up.**

**We have added 1st Sunday Coffee Fellowship Host to our SignUp.**



4/4—Christine Schadeberg Wydro  
4/9—Claire Bergesen  
4/12—Diane Knight  
4/13—Carrie McClure Lee  
4/14—Michael Harper

4/17—Clara Brock  
4/20—Ashley Bergesen  
4/23—Evelyn Dodge  
4/25—Dan Longo & Drew Thomason  
4/30—Vanessa Bisengo



**Some Suggestions** to help us stay connected, caring for each other and ourselves in the uncertain days ahead:

1. Light a candle for hope at 7:00 PM every day (and, if possible, post a photo of it to Facebook and tag the church so others will see it.)
2. Offer to do grocery shopping and other chores for elderly persons who should not be out in public.
3. Check in by phone, email, text, snail mail and so on with church members (and others) who are isolated at home or in retirement or nursing facilities.
4. Use this time as true sabbath. Rest, read, pray, exercise, keep a healthy diet, care for your loved ones. Care for yourself.
5. Take time each day to meditate and pray for yourself, your family, our community and the needs of the world during this crisis.
6. Regularly check our Facebook page and your email for updates and ideas for how to stay connected to your Church family in the coming weeks.

## **A PRAYER FOR TIMES SUCH AS THESE**

from Fr. Joseph M. McShane, S.J., president of Fordham University in New York City:

*God of all mercies, grant:*

*To our families and communities, safety and good health:*

*To those afflicted with COVID-19, swift healing;*

*To health-care providers, strength and stamina;*

*To our leaders, wisdom and compassion;*

*To our nation, unity and purpose;*

*To the dying, comfort;*

*To the dead, eternal life;*

*To all believers, strong faith in You;*

*To the Church, the gift of service;*

*To the whole human family, unity of heart; and*

*To us, your servants, the reward of knowing that we are doing Your will when we spend ourselves in loving service of others.*

*May the God of all consolation walk with us through these difficult times. And may God find us worthy of the call to be a healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world. Amen.*

# APRIL 2020

| SUNDAY                 | MONDAY         | TUESDAY        | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY               | SATURDAY             |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                        |                |                | 1<br>6:00P: GM (HH)<br>6:00P: SHN (CLR) | 2                   | 3<br>6:30P: SHN (CR) | 4<br>8:30A: SHN (CR) |
| 5 – PALM SUNDAY        | 6              | 7              | 8                                       | 9 – MAUNDY THURSDAY | 10 – GOOD FRIDAY     | 11                   |
| Online Worship Service | 8:15P: AA (HH) | 7:30P: AA (HH) | 6:00P:GM (HH)<br>6:00P: SHN (CLR)       |                     | 6:30P: SHN (CR)      | 8:30A: SHN (CR)      |
| 12 – EASTER SUNDAY     | 13             | 14             | 15                                      | 16                  | 17                   | 18                   |
| Online Worship Service | 8:15P: AA (HH) | 7:30P: AA (HH) | 6:00P: GM (HH)<br>6:00P: SHN (CLR)      |                     | 6:30P: SHN (CR)      | 8:30A: SHN (CR)      |
| 19                     | 20             | 21             | 22 – EARTH DAY                          | 23                  | 24 – ARBOR DAY       | 25                   |
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| 26                     | 27             | 28             | 29                                      | 30                  |                      |                      |
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**Open & Affirming LGBTQ+ Ministries** **OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT**  
North Chevy Chase Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ), committed to connecting our faith to community, and believing that “Love does no wrong to neighbor” (Romans 10), declare ourselves a spiritual sanctuary from the fear, rejection, hate and violence of a world that judges and condemns people for being who God has created them to be.

We proclaim God’s inclusive welcome to the Communion Table and welcome into full membership, participation, and leadership persons of every color and ethnicity, language, culture, nationality, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, physical and mental ability, economic status, familial status, and spiritual background. We also recognize that people find God in many ways, and we seek to support and affirm them in their spiritual journeys. We ask only that each person be accorded the honor, respect, and dignity due a beloved child of God.

Following the example of God’s beloved son, Jesus, we hereby declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming church.

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