

# Messenger

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## Patient Attention, Valuable Discoveries

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his *annus mirabilis* (“year of wonders”) and reportedly said, “If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent.”

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God’s presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as “I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope” (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?

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# THIS WEEKS CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

9:00 a.m. Come AZUR Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

## MONDAY, JULY 13

9-12 noon Methodist Market

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

9-12 noon Methodist Market

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## Adult Sunday School Classes

Many of our adult members have expressed a sincere desire to begin having Sunday School again at the church. Adult classes are free to meet as they choose with proper distancing beginning July 5, 2020. Children and Youth will not return until later.



13. Linda McDonald

16. Claire Dunnington

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16. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Whitaker



*Truett Duncan*

Mr. & Mrs. Clay Adcock

J. Lynn & Sidney Murray



This Sunday, July 12, we will have our regular services: Come AZUR at 9 a.m. and our traditional worship at 11 a.m. We hope you will join us. For those who are not yet comfortable in corporate worship, we will also have our live stream worship service Sunday at 11 a.m.

Our Scripture for this Sunday, July 12, 2020 is I Samuel 5:1-12. Sermon Title is "Holy Is the Lord."



**& Children**

I hope you have all enjoyed your vacation and time with your family. As the summer comes to an end, be watching for our last few activities that are being planned.

It is hard to believe school will hopefully be starting soon and we are planning to get back to our normal activities beginning in August.

As of right now, Sunday School is not meeting. We are working on lining up teachers for children and youth and plan to resume as soon as possible.

## Daily Bible Readings

### JULY

<b>12. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Matthew 10:40-42</b>
13. A time of singing	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
14. The LORD is faithful	Psalm 145:8-14
15. He shall command peace	Zechariah 9:9-12
16. God calls Rebekah	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
17. Promised blessing	Psalm 45:10-17
18. Evil lies close	Romans 7:15-25a