

THE NESTOR BELL

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When Are We Coming Together?

This past Sunday I mentioned in the Video Worship that we are starting to discuss when and how we will get back to in-person worship. We have received guidelines from the government and recommendations for our Bishop Grant Hagiya and we are working on the process to prepare a comeback for activities in person at our church.

One big issue to consider though is the large number of people in our congregation in the high-risk category for Covid 19. So, we need to consider all factors as we plan a careful strategy so that when we come back it is safe and secure for EVERYONE who may attend.

Meanwhile, I would like to share this article by Jennifer Lee, our choir director, where she shares a testimonial on how even during times of crisis we can develop and move forward in ministry and strengthen our faith.

By Jennifer Lee

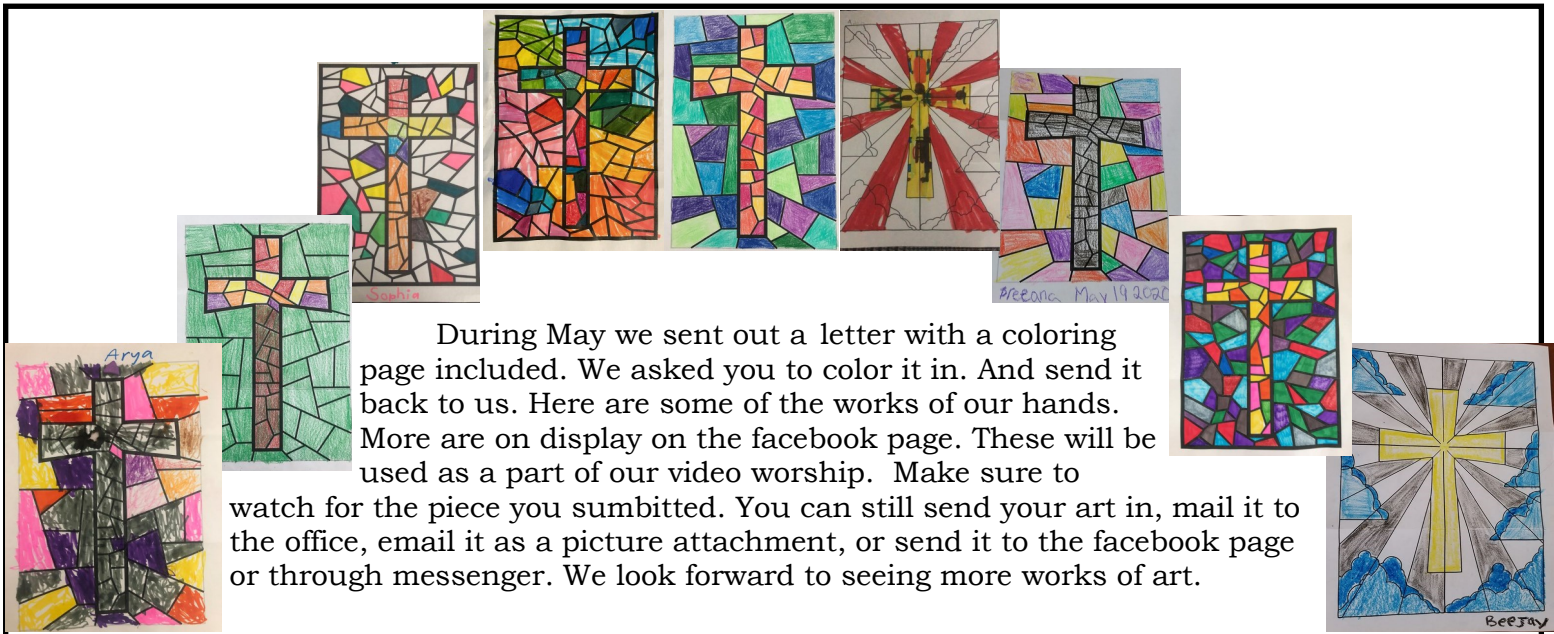
Good morning/afternoon/evening Nestor United Methodist. I was asked to share a brief testimony in written words of how God has been working in my life despite this season of struggle and pandemic in our world today.

I find myself a very introverted person normally. I like to keep to myself and spend time alone; however, with a little balance of having a social life. So, I am mostly introverted, but I need a little bit of extroverted energy to balance all the time I spend alone. This quarantine has taken away a lot of my regular routines away from me from my social life all the way to my life as a musician. Oftentimes, I find this quarantine socially depriving me, because of the social distancing rules and the quarantine regulations put in place for the safety of all of us. The inability to just simply fellowship in person has left me in the dark and has left me feeling even more lonely than what my introverted life has already been like.

Yet, I still know that God is working and that God is moving in my life even now. I thought I would be jobless, yet God is still sustaining my life with giving me the privilege to teach a few students who have agreed to take online lessons from me. Not to mention also this loving church has provided me with opportunities to express my praise to the Lord through music, despite this quarantine.

One big thing that God has been doing in my life is going back to praise, going back to the Lord. I have had the time to be able to listen to praise music and have found joy in translating Korean Contemporary Christian music (CCM) into English and English CCM into Korean. Despite the uncertainty, God has opened up doors for me to be able to be a performer and a true worshiper through means of youtube, livestream videos, and my gift of music. Going back to the things I loved doing and still love doing because it brings me closer to God is a life-long lesson that I feel God is always teaching me to do. God is working in ways that I do not understand and He is always filling my life with hope instead of fear. My life and dreams of being a performer, a musician, has not stopped just because the world has stopped. Instead, my life and dreams are continuing because God is my sustainer, my shelter, and my provider.

God has been faithful with me in how he leads me and there is a recurring theme. It is always to trust God. Although my life is not exactly as I planned it, I am filled with joy with the opportunities and the doors that God has opened for me to be able to express my love for God through music. I wouldn't have imagined that in this time of quarantine that doing all that I was doing was even physically possible, yet God is faithful and He is my good Father. I don't have to worry about making connections, trying to become famous, trying to find a job, trying to make a living. Yes I have worried, but in the end, worrying doesn't do us any good. Instead, God has filled me with hope and joy to be His true worshiper through music and through my life. I may have monotonous days still, but I know one thing: I look forward to the opportunities to praise my God as God continues to work in my life.



During May we sent out a letter with a coloring page included. We asked you to color it in. And send it back to us. Here are some of the works of our hands. More are on display on the facebook page. These will be used as a part of our video worship. Make sure to watch for the piece you submitted. You can still send your art in, mail it to the office, email it as a picture attachment, or send it to the facebook page or through messenger. We look forward to seeing more works of art.

Conversation after Video Worship

Starting Sunday May 24th we are hosting a Zoom discussion after the Sunday distance worship service. Sunday Mornings at 10 am.

We invite you to watch the video worship **before 10 am.**

You can find the video worship at NestorUMC.com, under the Nestor Worships Together tab.

Then at 10 am, we will open a Zoom space so we can talk, comment and share regarding worship and life.

Would you like to be part of this conversation?

Email the office, or message Pastor to get the information for the zoom meeting.



GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTERS

TO RE-OPEN AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Help is needed at both locations: Nestor UMC & Christ Ministry Center, with unloading pallets on delivery day, pre-bagging food on bagging day, and distributing food on distribution day.

GNC, at Christ Ministry Center

3295 Meade Ave., S.D. 92116

*Thursday, June 4th, at 9:00 Delivery Day,

*Monday, June 8th, at 9:00, Bagging Day,

*Wednesday, June 10th at 10:00,

No Contact Distribution Day!!!

**GNC, Nestor UMC **

1120 Nestor Way, S.D., 92154

*Thursday, June 11th at 8:00 Delivery Day,

*Saturday June 13, 9:00, Bagging Day,

*Tuesday, June 16, at 9:00, No Contact Distribution Day!!!

If you and a friend can come and help at either location on any or all dates just *Call Debby at (619) 339-3719. Come get out of the house, have a little exercise, and enjoy (at a safe distance) some fellowship!

Stay Connected

We are committing to staying in contact, someone is in the office 2 days a week, Monday and Thursday. We are checking emails and messages daily.

Facebook has become a huge resource as well. Please take a minute to like our Facebook page. We post daily, positive scriptures, and quick interactive posts. We would love to see more of our friends there.

Nestor United Methodist Church at Facebook.

Our Sunday video services are now available on the NestorUMC.com website. Under the Nestor Worships Together tab.

~PRAYER REQUESTS~

Strength, Comfort & Healing:

Linda Walden, Lee Rodriguez Family, Mercedes Lopez, Juan Lopez, Bob, Gibson, Barb Morrison, Cindy Barnes, Lee-Rodriguez Family, Juan Garcia, Mercedes Lopez, Don Susral, Esther Bolger, Amparo Escandon, Kaleo Hizon Villamen, Tom and Maryola Chaudoin, David Hankins, Rosalie Pamintuan, Maggie Hunnicut, Daniel and Karen Abbotts, Susan Zabel, Vannesa Querouil, Francine Maigne, Vicki Hankins, The Roach Family, The Brann Family, Drake Walker and Family, Carimilita Palsco, Joi and Curt Bayse, Janice Dahl, Lorraine Hanley, Monica Wong, Bill Shipley

Praises:

Eva Velasquez is home in San Diego.
Bob Gibson is getting a little stronger everyday.
Declan's friend, Drake Walker has had a small reduction to his tumor.

Nestor UMC Children and Youth:

Christopher, Madison and D.J. Pepper; Arya, Sophia and Aden Narciso; Graham, Finn, Ethan and Noah Wahamaki; Fantasia Rivera, Yhazzi and Rhiane Ramos; Julia and Jayda Jeter; Makayla Soria; Raymond Barrar-Wells; Jahniya McClellam; Emzey and Ryder Sheppard; Aracely, Yazleen, Enrique and Miguel Arauz; Neveah Frayre; Bree and B.J. Gorospe; Caleigh and Declan Villagran; Diana and Julian Kuenzi; Jordan, Trinity and Jewell Bendorf, Alex, Aulani, Aubri and Averii Williams; Porter and Sedona Sayers; Mia, Marissa, and Sabrina Howard; Naliyah Cabal; DJ and Nicky Camden, Brook, Erika and Nikole Jamieson, Tristen Campbell; Jared Williams; Gavin and Nyla Wraight; David Berrien; Jaxon and Ethan Schaffer, Kaila Otto and Karl Otto Jr., Ezekiel Zachary Crann, Luc and Momo Cota, Saedy McCoy

Active Duty Military:

Joseph Guerrero, Jacob Spradlin, Charyn McCurdy, Keenan Flores, Spencer Brandt, Henry & Lucy Steele, Josh Peterson, Rafael Navarrete, Josh Glover, Joy Zanghi, Dajeur Bruce-Malone, Sara Fernandez, Dairon Frazier, Michael Waters, Joe McGuffie, Chris Duran, Arturo Mota, Ron Ramos