

THE NESTOR BELL

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Where Do We Go from Here?

Probably there is a wish inside you (as it is in me) that everything would go back as it was before the pandemic. The reality is that nobody knows how that could happen, especially here in the US, as the pandemic is still continually active and dangerous. Maybe you have a wish inside you (the same one I have) that a vaccine will fix everything, and then we will forget all about this tragic episode for humanity. Even so, I think this time of pandemic is leaving a big scar (to say the least) in our communities and societies, taking lives and reminding us that we are, after all, humans and as such, vulnerable to sickness and death.

So, I wonder as we are in the middle of this situation and rushing into the last months of 2020, where do we go from here? Well, specifically as Nestor UMC or for that matter as the entire UMC, in the short term there will be a few more weeks of video worship, then a possible reopening with a limited number of people and live streaming, and then start to get ready for Christmas (because Christmas will still happen!) Then a few months later, we may be able to reactivate other in-person activities and hopefully finish negotiations with CORE and start the building project... and still, we will see what is next.

So, although remotely and taking precautions, our goal is to create a new normal where, as it was before, we can meet the spiritual needs of our congregation, we can minister in different ways to our community, and we can share the light of the Gospel to those in search of God.

Where do we go from here? I would say to reestablish our role as "the salt of the earth and the light of the world". It may require us to take a different approach, with a lot of creativity and willingness to do things in a new way, but that is where we should be going in order to keep strengthening and sharing our faith with others.

I am asking you for your support, prayers and involvement so that we can keep being a light in the middle of our community of Nestor and beyond. Can I have an AMEN to that?

See you Sunday in video worship,

A Testimony from Linda Walden

To all my dear Conference Sisters-in-Christ, my District Sisters, my Pastor & Nestor UMC:

As of this past Wednesday, my faith in the "power of prayer" just grew in multitudes!

When I went into the hospital for my angiogram, my Cardiac Surgeon told me I would probably get one stent, maybe 3. One artery was for sure, at least 57% blocked. Well after all was done, he told me, "to my surprise I didn't have to do anything! The worst artery was only about 30% blocked & the others were in good shape!" He said, "I don't understand why the CT you had with the dye, showed a lot more blockages?" I just smiled and said, "its called The Power of Prayer, Dr. Brown". He just smiled & said, "you've got to be right about this, because scientifically I can't explain it!"

WOW...thank you to everyone who prayed for me! God was truly watching over me, along with my Guardian Angels! So I got to come home that afternoon. THANKS AGAIN & LOVE to you all! God Bless.

Linda Walde

Drive-In Communion on Sunday September 6th.

More information coming soon.

OR

Prepare the Lord's table in your home.
Prepare a plate of bread and cup of wine or juice and share Communion with your family at home.



Join us for Communion September 6.

What's New at NESTOR UMC?



New Mailbox

The biggest new thing, is our new mailbox! This is a brand new locking mailbox. Offering envelopes and any other communications can be dropped into our new mailbox. They will automatically be dropped into a securely locked section of the box to be retrieved later.

New Tuesday Night Book Study- Zoom Bible Study.

The Wesley Challenge. Starting Tuesday July 21st, our Tuesday night Zoom Chat will now have a study focus. We will be working through the book The Wesley Challenge. If you were in the adult Sunday school class in the spring before quarantine, you have the book.

GOOD NEIGHBOR CENTERS ARE STILL SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Help is needed at both locations:
Nestor UMC & Christ Ministry Center.

Nestor GNC help is needed with unloading pallets on delivery day on September, 10 at 7 am.
Pre-bagging food on bagging day, September, 12 and no contact food distribution day, September 15 at 8 am.

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

Join us for worship and invite a friend!

Our weekly video worship is available to watch at any time on the NestorUMC.com website, under the "Nestor UMC Worships Together" tab.

Please share our weekly invitation to worship on our Nestor United Methodist Church Facebook page.

The worship videos for the last month are also available on the website.

The worship videos are also available on youtube.com under the Nestor UMC channel. You can subscribe to our channel.

Special Prayers

- Special prayer Hurricanes in the Caribbean and the South.
- For those in the path of the California Fires.
- For all our friends and family with Covid and Those waiting for tests.
 - Prayers for peace in our cities.
 - Prayers for Beirut as they begin to rebuild.

Prayer Quilt Update

Last month, we prayed and blessed a prayer quilt for a friend of Virginia Littleton. Today we received a thank you and an update.

"It is so beautiful! I am so grateful to you and your church members! I cannot think of anything Maria would love more. She is so much in despair that she has been abandoned in the nursing home where she cannot even leave her room."

Maria received the quilt and she did indeed love it. It brought her peace in her last days.

Even in quarantine, we are able to pray and bring blessings to people.

~PRAYER REQUESTS~ Strength, Comfort & Healing:

Julie and Tony Davis,
Connor Snow and The Snow Family
Don Susral, Linda Walden, Al Dildine,
Joanne West, Juan Garcia,
Denise Sanchez, Cyndy Barnes,
Susan Zabel, Raina Kerr,
Bob Gibson, Esther Bolger,

Amparo Escandon,
Kaleo Hizon Villamen,
Tom and Maryola Chaudoin,
Daniel and Karen Abbotts,
Rosalie Pamintuan,
Vannesa Querouil,
David and Vicki Hankins,

Barb Morrison, The Roach Family,
The Hernandez Family,
Drake Walker and Family ;
Carimilita Palsco, Janice Dahl,
Joi and Curt Bayse, Crickett Clowery,
Lorraine Hanley, Monica Wong,
Bill Shipley, Francine Maigue

Nestor UMC Children and Youth:

Mia Felizardo; Jared Williams;
Julia and Jayda Jeter; Saedy McCoy;
Christopher, Madison and D.J. Peffer;
Arya, Sophia and Aden Narciso;
Graham, Finn, Ethan and Noah
Wahamaki; Makayla Soria; Jahniya
McClellam; Yhazzie and Rhiane Ramos;
Raymond Barrera-Wells ; Emzey and

Ryder Sheppard; Neveah Frayre;
Bree and B.J. Gorospe; Aracely,
Yazleen, Enrique and Miguel Arauz;
Caleigh and Declan Villagran; Diana
and Julian Kuenzi; Jordan, Trinity and
Jewell Bendorf; Naliyah Cabal; Tristen
Campbell; Porter and Sedona Sayers;
Alex, Aulani, Aubri and Averii Williams;

Mia, Marissa, and Sabrina Howard;
DJ and Nicky Camden, Brook, Erika
and Nikole Jamieson; Fantasia Rivera
Gavin and Nyla Wraight; Jaxon and
Ethan Schaffer; Colleen Abbott;
Kaila Otto and Karl Otto Jr.;
Ezekiel Zachary Crann;
E.J., Lucas, Sal and Lorenzo Cota

Active Duty Military:

Taylor Cuellar Davis, 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