

# Connections

October 2020

As we head into fall, and what is traditionally the beginning of the “program year” for churches I want to take a moment to celebrate the ways you have been in ministry these past six months. **Wyoming Park may be a small community but you are alive, being and making disciples for transforming the world!**

When life came to a halt on March 13, you did not. You kept on going even if it took awhile for us to figure out how to continue worship online, and to realize that the church didn't close it adapted! You stepped up to the plate in making sure those who are **homebound or isolated would still receive contact** from persons at the church, and you continued with ministry.

You have helped distribute food from at least **3 Food Trucks**; food badly needed as evidenced by over 150 cars lining up to receive a distribution. In rain and shine, cold and heat, you've been there. Thank you!

**All summer long, Kayleigh and the parents of youth have found ways to continue to meet** through Zoom and other socially distanced and safe ways. Thank you to Kayleigh, Michelle Roosinck and all the parents who continue to provide space and time for these young people to grow in their faith. Thank you to Rob Meredith also for stepping up to lead this ministry at least temporarily.

When asked to **support the staff at Parkview Elementary School by sending cards**, you responded with an outpouring of love making sure every staff member received at least one card. Then when we learned that funds for teacher's classroom

supplies would be very thin due to outfitting classrooms with safety measures, you stepped up again **donating \$400 to purchase supplies** such as pencils and notebooks so teachers wouldn't have to use their own dollars.

Volunteers also came out to plan, publicize and hold a **Voter Registration event** on our front lawn which made us visible to the community, letting them know that we care about their right to vote. We were joined by two Census Bureau workers and enjoyed a time of fellowship with them and each other.

You've joined me with several online **Chat with the Pastor** events, as well as a study on Racism. We've held a couple of **Parties in the Parking Lot** where we could safely see and chat with each other, and talk about the future of our building.

Attendance at **in-person worship has averaged around 15-17, with at least 20 more joining online**. Several persons also receive copies of weekly worship transcripts in the mail. That's right with the national average of 25-40% of a church's regular attendance before Covid 19.

Congratulations! These are the signs of a community that has adapted and continues to be the church “Seeking God, Sharing Love, and Bringing Hope.” I am so deeply grateful to serve as your pastor. We have some difficult decisions ahead of us, but it is clear that God will continue to be with us guiding and empowering us to be the Body of Christ in the world. May it be so!

*Pastor Kim*

# Connections News & Notes

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## Feed America Mobile Food Pantry

This fall, the "food truck" will alternate between Gladiola Elementary, West Elementary and Parkview Elementary. The next truck is scheduled to be at Parkview Elementary on Monday,



11/30/20. Watch for details. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer! Please contact Don Williams with any questions.

## In-Person Worship

We will continue to hold in-person worship, alternating with Courtland Oakfield every other Sunday. The services will also continue to be seen on Wyoming Park's facebook page.



## Online Worship

You may continue to watch live video sermons on Sundays at 10am on Facebook. Go to Wyoming Park's Facebook page to see Pastor Kim give her sermon. If you are unable to watch live, you may still watch on WP's Facebook page at any time. Videos will also be posted to our website ([www.wyomingparkumc.com](http://www.wyomingparkumc.com)) at a later time.



## Family Promise at Wesley Park

At the moment, Family Promise is housing those with needs in local motels. They hope to return to local churches in early fall. Wesley Park is not scheduled until late fall. Watch for details.





## ***Birthdays***

October 3 Kyle VerHage

October 7 Joe Kohley

October 9 Tressa Moore

October 13 Kim Rudd

October 13 Dave Borda

October 22 Art Brazee

October 22 Andrea Meredith

October 25 Doug VanHartesveldt

October 28 Andrew Kramer

October 29 Francis Sutton-Shephard

October 30 Connie Swinger

## ***& Anniversaries***

October 2 Dave and Sue Borda

October 21 John and Wendy Brookhouse



## **Prayers**

Those affected by Covid-19.

Sara Boverhof and her family, as they continue to deal with Peter's injury and with Sara's chronic illness.

Below is a list of persons related to Wyoming Park who are unable to be present with us. Please keep them in your prayers, and send them a note or card, or give them a call. They need to feel connected to this community and we need to be connected to them.

Liz Sloomaker, Dick and Jane Younker, Mary Mol, Jan Luurtsema, and Joan Roe.

### **Those in the military service:**

Greg Schaefer, Jason Lavengood, Joseph Landon, Stephen Rine, Mike Lindsey, Tom Young, Jeremy Rainey, and David Harris.

### **Those in community service:**

Patrick Agema, Jake Agema

## **Keep in Touch With Your Church Family:**

Mary Mol, who is now at Georgetown and Cambridge, 151 Port Sheldon St. SW Room 15, Grandville, MI 49418.

Joanne Kamps, who is staying with her daughter for the time being. If you would like to send cards, her address is: 1124 E. Maple Ave., Orange, CA 92866.

Paul Garvin has a new address: 141 Port Sheldon Rd. Apt 16E, Grandville, MI 49418

Dick and Mary Jane Younker have moved to Sunset Manor: 725 Baldwin St. #123, Jenison, MI 49428.