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WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH

SPRING 2020

Making it Matter by Peter Thompson

Wayzata Community Church first got involved with Families Moving Forward in the late 1990s as part of what was then called the Hospitality Network. The Hospitality Network was one of the first programs that did not separate men from their wives/partners and children. Our Peace and Justice Committee made the plea to Church Council, which after much discussion took the risk to welcome these homeless families whom we now call neighbors. My wife, Vicki, helped get the program started, and I tagged along like a good spouse. Ever since, Vicki and I have helped welcome our guests, played with the kids, made and shared dinners and stories with hundreds of homeless souls who were down on their luck often through no fault of their own.

I originally thought that I was helping these families, but like most of us who choose to serve, we soon learn that we receive more than we give. I was inspired by many of our guests, some of whom were working multiple jobs, going to school and all were determined to make a better life for themselves and their families. Their children could break my heart, annoy me and delight me all at the same time. My biggest takeaway, however, was experiencing the amazing generosity and resources of our congregation. On more than one occasion we were worried about covering a particular need, and invariably someone from this congregation would step forward and make the meal, help with the kids or bring what we needed.

I will share just one of the experiences I treasure. One young boy was having a really tough time. The first night we tried to engage with him, but he would just sit at a table by himself looking sullen. The second night when he was sitting at the table by himself one of our youth, who was volunteering, went over and sat next to him. Our volunteer at first



Peter and Vicki Thompson



didn't say much, just sat quietly next to his new friend. After a while he pulled out his telephone and began playing a video game. The next thing I knew the two boys were deep into this video game, laughing and shouting like young kids should. I think our guest finally felt welcomed.

I am grateful that the Church Council took the risk many years ago. I am thankful to be part of this generous congregation.

See page 2 for a reflection about Peter written by WCC member, Brad Sleeper.

Thanks, Peter!

BY BRAD SLEEPER

THANK YOU, Peter Thompson, for your Families Moving Forward Ministry legacy at WCC! Every FMF volunteer I've talked to praises your unselfish leadership and commitment for so many years to help families who need help the most. The work you and your wife Vicki have done as the driving forces behind FMF is well known in the church. But most members haven't witnessed the desperate circumstances of our homeless guests and your unshakeable caring for their needs. From infants to elderly grandparents, you have taken on the chaos of their lives.

For example, one night Lynda and I woke up to tornado sirens and gathered two families with small children to the basement. You were our rock through much of the night, keeping us updated on the tornado's path and reassuring us with emergency plans. God knows how many nights like that you guys have quietly given to the program over the years.

I've also seen you work tirelessly for affordable housing with a hammer and a voice in public zoning hearings, for IOCP fundraisers, and even for my random thought about WCC opening its doors as an afternoon drop-in option for homeless young adults. You are the quintessential generous, kind, humble and caring community volunteer. You never call attention to yourself, but your retirement from leading FMF is time to publicly thank you on behalf of the hundreds of people you have helped in their darkest times.

Wayzata is a better place because of you, Peter!



Welcome, Molly!

Almost a year ago, we started our search for a High School Director who embodied eight key characteristics. The eight key characteristics were: innovator, genuine, missional, communicator, equipper, relevant, relational, and collaborator. After interviewing many candidates, our committee is so excited to introduce our community to Molly Schroeder. She embodies each of these characteristics and we are thrilled to have her join our team.

Molly has been a family and student ministry director for the last ten years. She has two Master's degrees from Luther Seminary, one in "Children, Youth and Family Ministry" and the other in Theology. Molly also started a student center in Big Lake MN. She has three children, an amazing husband and the cutest dog.

Molly is dedicated to engaging students and igniting their desire to build a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, their leaders, and each other. She is skilled at empowering and partnering with families to take an active role in their student's faith while growing their own family relationships as well. Molly is a ministry architect and passionately believes in the power of relational ministry.



FOR THE MOMENT

REV. DR. JOHN ROSS
SENIOR MINISTER

In This Together

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20)

As the sign out in front of our building has been flashing for 3 weeks, we are “IN THIS TOGETHER”. It has been remarkable to watch the countless ways people are “gathering” in Jesus’ name and to witness the ways He is here among us!

And, it’s important also to acknowledge that we are not all “in this together” in the same way. We are all experiencing this Coronavirus crisis in different ways and our mood seems to change from moment to moment. So, let me offer a few universal thoughts.

Be Aware

The best functional description I’ve ever heard about what brings on grief is that “something ends before we are ready for it to end.” So we are ALL grieving. As a result, we’re all going through the classic stages of grief: denial, anger, depression, bargaining, and acceptance. To BE AWARE is to know where you are in the stages at any moment and tell the truth about it. To BE AWARE is to ensure that you don’t go through your grief too quickly.. or too slowly! In time, through our own awareness, we will arrive at a new stage: making meaning of all this.

Be Gracious

In this time of disoriented living, be sure to give yourself (and those around you) plenty of grace and space. As we make our way through the stages of grief, we’re also learning all new ways to interact with each other. In a time when our relationships matter as much as ever before, we’re being forced to connect in new and unfamiliar ways. This is the time when we can show each other and the world that it is possible to be both: HIGH-TECH and HIGH-TOUCH.

Remember the “Wheel”

Whenever we were apart from one another as a family– like ALL of us are right now– my mom would always say, “Remember the Wheel”. She had always told us that our family was like a wheel: we were all the spokes and God was the hub at the center. So, the closer we stayed to God, the closer we stayed to one another. So, as our time apart intensifies and extends, I say to you, “Remember the WHEEL” so that we may remain spiritually connected.

For the moment, remember what binds us together: the love of God in Christ Jesus. Know that I miss you very much and pray for the day we’ll be together again. Until then, BE AWARE, BE GRACIOUS, and REMEMBER THE WHEEL.

In this together,

John

online worship



Worship Online with Us!
**Sundays at 8 a.m.,
9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
and Parables Worship at
10:30 a.m.**

You can watch a **livestream of our worship services** on our website and on our Facebook page! Go to www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org at the time of each service and watch. Or, go to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/wayzatacommunitychurch/)

The Parables worship service is livestreamed at 10:30 a.m. on the **Parables Facebook page**. Just go to www.facebook.com/groups/wccsnm/ at 10:30 a.m. to join this spirited worship experience!

You can also watch all **worship services on demand** at your convenience— go to our sermon archives page: www.wayzatacommunitychurch.org/worship/worship-services/sermon-archives/



Caring Community Ministers

BY REV. DANIELLE JONES

In the book of Matthew chapter 9, Jesus is teaching in a home. So many gathered to hear Jesus that there was no longer room for anyone else to enter the home. Four friends, determined to help their paralyzed friend get into the presence of Jesus removed the roof above Jesus and let the paralyzed man down on a mat. Jesus, seeing the faith of the man and his friends, forgives the sins of the paralyzed man and he is healed.

At the time I am writing this article we are moving in to our third week of social distancing. We have all been at home. A lot. As we navigate this pandemic, we are all becoming aware of the pain that is bubbling up in new ways in the world. Some of our loved ones have fallen ill, some of us have lost our jobs, many of us are experiencing strain in our closest relationships. All of us, are realizing what has always been true: life is messy and painful.

None of us can avoid the grief and loss that life brings. Live long enough and illness, brokenness, and even death will touch every one of our lives. The hope we have as followers of Christ is that these events can be fertile ground for us to find healing and new life. What transforms us into new creations in the midst of our grief and pain are the ways we are cared for and the ways we care for others.

Wayzata Community Church has a rich and wonderful history of empowering our community to care for one another. What we do to help each other get through difficult times can be complex, yet it can be so simple. As people of faith committed to healing and wholeness, showing up and reaching out can be the work that transforms us when God is at the center

of our actions.

In our next season of Pastoral Care at Wayzata Community Church, we desire to expand the work of our clergy team by partnering with lay ministers who work alongside the clergy to care for our congregation. These lay ministers will be called Caring Community Ministers (or CCMs). CCMs will work alongside our clergy team to listen, encourage, pray with, and care for those in our congregation who are in need.

Last November, Rev. John Ross, Rev. Danielle Jones, Reid Shaw and Kris Sanford traveled to learn more about this model for care. After a two-day retreat where we were immersed in this model of pastoral care, we presented what we learned and how we thought it could impact care at WCC to our Church Council. The Council then unanimously voted to affirm this model of care and to charge us to begin designing a program for WCC.

The last weekend of February, we called our first handful of lay people from our membership to attend a two-day training to learn more about this model for care. After our weekend together, all 15 attendees agreed to become Caring Community Ministers to serve Wayzata Community Church.

Like the friends of the paralyzed man, these new CCMs have agreed to walk alongside those who are in need and seek the presence of God together. In May, we will commission our first class of CCMs who will serve alongside our clergy in the area of care. We will introduce you to them and share more about who each one is but for now be encouraged that the care at WCC is about to expand in new ways that we believe will enrich our faith and our lives as we care for each other in the messiness of life.



Music+Message

faith speakers

JUNE 17 - JULY 22

Music+Message kicks off on the lawn June 17! In addition to our fabulous musical guests, we have a group of faithful friends to come share with us every Wednesday. Each of them serves a faith community in the Twin Cities and has a personal connection with our Senior Minister, John Ross. After sharing a brief message of hope during the program on the lawn, we will gather in the Wakefield Chapel for a brief, more personal opportunity to get to know these amazing leaders and to hear about what God is doing through them and the faith communities they lead.

June 17 — Music Guest: Michael Shynes

Speaker: Rabbi Harold Kravitz is the Senior Rabbi at Adath Jeshurun Congregation. His specialties are Conflict Resolution and Mediation, Professional Ethics, Social Justice, especially dealing with anti-hunger and affordable housing efforts.

June 24 — Music Guest: Michael Monroe

Speaker: Rev. Debbie Manning is a Pastor of Care and Community at The Table in Minneapolis. Debbie is a graduate of Bethel Seminary and UW Eau Claire, with a degree in Social Work. The Table is a community that practices the ways of Jesus by creating space for all to belong and be loved.

July 1 — Music Guests: The Frantzich Brothers

Speaker: Rev. Sarah Campbell is a graduate of Macalester and United Theological Seminary. She served several churches, worked in campus ministry and as a community organizer, before coming to Mayflower Church in Minneapolis. With Rev. Campbell as Team Lead Minister, Mayflower has embraced a clear mission for "God's dream of justice".

July 8 — Music Guests: Power Tap & Charles Lazarus

Speaker: Father Mike Van Sloun is Senior Pastor of St. Bartholomew Faith Community in Wayzata. Before his priesthood ordination in 1995 he was a Crosier Religious Brother and secondary school educator. He received his M.Div. at Catholic Theological Union and served at St. Benedict the African Parish, both in Chicago.

July 15 — Music Guests: Ipso Facto

Speaker: Pastor Tim Westermeyer serves as Senior Pastor of St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He also runs and manages the Faith and Life Lecture Series, a community service he founded in 2003. He has served on the board of Feed My Starving Children and is currently on the board of MacLaurinCSF, a Christian Study center at the University of Minnesota.

July 22 — Music Guest: Tonia Hughes & Friends

Speaker: Pastor Jenny Sung of the Depot Church in Hugo is inspired by those who live out their faith in the everyday—single mothers, children who dream, and those who have lived many years. As a two year old, she was abandoned on a bus in Korea and was eventually adopted by a family in the US. Her story began to rewrite itself when she realized how deeply we are loved by God.

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND, UNTIL THEY ARE

Tips for Making it through Shelter in Place

BY REV. RUSTIN COMER

Have you ever been asked those silly party questions like: What would you take with you to a desert island? What would you save if your house caught on fire? These questions are fun thought experiments, in part because we consider them highly unlikely scenarios. But, in this moment, we are struck with the all “too real” reality of “shelter in place.” So while our houses are not burning, we are stuck in the island of our own homes.

Shelter in place is a new normal for many of us. New normals generally cause us to stop what we are doing and try other things. A quarantine, like it or not, forces us to stop what we’re doing. So how do you get through shelter in place without going crazy? Here are some ideas.



1. Be positive.

Look on the bright side to the best of your ability. If you are a realist like me, or even a grade A pessimist, these thoughts can wreak havoc on our psychological health in times like these. A quarantine is a change of plans that we don’t like because it has limited our mobility and confines us to our home and neighborhood. So spend some time each day looking for good news. Check out things like:

- The good news network (https://youtu.be/F5pgG1M_h_U)
- Inspiremore.com
- goodnewsnetwork.org

As an extreme extrovert, part of how I am staying positive is remembering all I love about the people who make up my community. Create a list of all the people you love and why you love them. Then spend some time writing letters, sending emails or texts, or making phone or ZOOM calls. In each correspondence share why you love the person you are talking with. It’s sure to brighten your day, and theirs.



2. Turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

With new time on our hands we don’t have to rush through everything. Think about the things you do every day and do them with a different panazz. If you’re making PB&J sandwiches, cut your sandwich into special shapes or spread a jelly streak on the plate and stack your PB&J like you’re a famous chef. Or change your desk around to make it feel like a more sacred space since you’re now spending so much time at it. Add some candles, reduce clutter, change your background on your screens to beautiful images that bring you joy. Shift your ordinary to make it appear extraordinary.



3. When you're living on an island, organization matters.

So spend some time organizing. Watch Marie Kondo's netflix documentary, or read her book, "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up." I highly recommend both. Spending time creating order in things you can control will give you relief from the things in life that we cannot control. Now, if you have a two and 6 year old like me— GOOD LUCK!

4. Take some time to write.

This is a unique moment in human history, full of "firsts" for many of us. It's my first quarantine, my first experience trying to work from home with kids, my first attempt at home schooling, my kid's first experience of Digital Education. For many it's their first ZOOM call, first digital date, first experience with digital church. A good way to help keep the crazies at bay is to write what you are feeling. You could do a simple journal, sharing what you are experiencing, what is difficult, what emotions are popping up, what new things are you discovering, what you are grateful for, what you miss, where you see God, where you find beauty... the writing prompts are endless. Use some of your precious time to put some thoughts to paper, or page.



5. Quarantine encourages (or forces) us to disconnect to a greater or lesser degree.

Many of us are over streaming our lives right now. We are consuming social media, Netflix, and Amazon Prime like junk food. Anything to take our minds off of the isolation of our new island. Perhaps now is a good time for silence and reflection. "Shelter in place" is a good opportunity for self examination: I can look over my life, repair what has been broken, and make resolutions for the immediate or long-term future. The best way to achieve this is to give yourself some time of silence.

A great way to bring reflection to your life is to use the Ignatian Examine at the end of each day. Theologian Dennis Hamm, SJ, offers five steps: (1) Pray for light to understand and appreciate the past day. (2) Review the day in thanksgiving. (3) Review the feelings in the replay

of the day. (4) Choose one of those feelings (positive or negative) and pray from it.

This brings us to a central expression of silence and reflection: Prayer. Don't be afraid. Try it. It may look like meditation to you, or silence, or gratitude, or simply talking to the divine. Whatever prayer looks like to you, give it a go!

6. Take care of your relationships.

This is a time of isolation and many around us are lonely and hurting. The things we hide from each other, the hurts, pains, disappointments, shame etc. will be bubbling to the surface the longer our quarantine goes. Thus, it's important to create a real time of connection. First, for those with other people on their island, create meaningful time in those relationships. Don't just isolate yourself even more digitally. If you are quarantined alone, schedule meaningful connections. Plan conversation, by phone, facetime, ZOOM, and email. If you know people who are alone, intentionally reach out and schedule a conversation. We are all in this together and we need others. We were created by God to be social creatures, so make sure to honor that part of yourself.



Each of these are simple ways to help make it through the coming weeks. Don't let passivity or mental and physical laziness or exhaustion get the better of you. Make plans! Organize the weeks, days and hours. It's not just about "doing things" but about seizing the opportunity to grow as a person, according to your circumstances. This time is difficult so make the most of your island!

A Ministry of Inclusion

BY HEIDI SEGEDY, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY



I am so happy to update the church on all the amazing work being done in Special Needs Ministry!

As most of you know, my being here is a direct result of your generosity. I am so grateful this congregation and community chose to invest in an area that has the ability to impact so many. Sadly, what's happening here at Wayzata Community Church is not happening anywhere else in the metro area. You should take great pride in that. The foundation on our work on behalf of special needs families is our long standing Parables Worship service. Parables is a safe, inclusive place for families to grow in faith and build community.



Here are just a few of the things we have done in the last 6 months to create even more chances for this community to be together, share their journeys, and gain strength from others.



First, we have hosted a variety of events and have had great feedback about how important it is for our families to attend events feeling loved, not judged, feeling welcomed, and being a part of a community. Our events have included a Halloween lunch, a moms' night out, a Super Bowl Sunday event, a Christmas party, and our wonderful "Faces of Parables" art exhibit, just to name a few. The smiles on the faces of those who have attended these events... Priceless!

We have a number of projects that have just started, but are already making an impact. One of them is the **launch of our "Best Buddies", formalized friendship program.**

We are actually the first site ever within a church setting.

Our first connections have just been formed and we are in the process of creating matches for many others! This program has the potential to be life-changing for many. If you want to learn more about how you can be a "Best Buddy", please contact me.



Another exciting development is the **newly created IFP process.** An IFP is an "Individualized Faith Plan". It's a tool to help guide a family and set goals for their child or themselves as they move through programming here at WCC. It is a great resource for staff and leaders, too. We are using this tool mostly with special needs children who are integrated into our traditional programming, but anyone can fill one out, you don't even have to have special needs! If you have a child you think would benefit from an IFP, please contact me, as I am happy to help.

Finally, the biggest changes in our programming are yet to come as I have just completed building my very own **Special Needs Ministry Board.** This board will have a lot on their plate over the next few years

as we look to create a more focused ministry. We want to continue to support families already connected here at WCC, while extending a hand into the greater community, so that we may share the inclusive love of Jesus with more and more families.

I am beyond excited about what we can all do together to change the lives of those living with special needs, and, as many church members can attest, those who connect with our Parables families end up getting back as much as they give. Stop in! We would love show you the beauty of Parables first hand.

If you would like more information on anything in this article, please contact me at hsegedy@wayzatacommunitychurch.org.

Covid Update on Special Needs Ministry

Who knew where our year would go when I originally wrote this article? Some of our plans are currently on hold, and some have been canceled. During this time of physical distancing our ministry team is doing everything we can to stay socially connected with our families. The changes in routine and having no support from school or additional caregivers is a larger than life burden for any family, but for families with special needs that is amplified tenfold. Our hope is that we can create a greater sense of community within Parables so people don't feel so alone. We are reaching out to families via phone calls and email. As a team, we offer a unique perspective for our families as each one of us is directly affected by the Stay At Home orders, either because we have children with special needs or, in Kelly's case, because she is now teaching children with special needs via distance learning. It is my hope that at a time like this our shared journeys will help us all greatly through this once in a lifetime event.

How are we doing on the things above? I'm happy to share that we have added in lots of fun ways to stay connected by using our Facebook group to host things like:

- Live dance parties and mystery readers on Facebook
- Our Parables worship services are now LIVE at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings! You can join us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/wccsnm/
- We are utilizing ZOOM to host meetings with smaller groups.
- We have started a Unified Choir, which has been an amazing way for our families to see one another and join in song! We also have a moms' group and a dads' group that meets via ZOOM.
- Finally, we have connected our families with their family ministry group based on age/grade. Many of our Parables families have not ever connected with our traditional programming because they feared it wasn't a good fit for their family.

Being at home and connecting virtually offers families a chance to plug in when it works and to do so without fear. We hope ALL of these additions to our ministry will help support our families as we move through Covid-19. We might be alone in many ways, but we are "alone together" and we hope that makes all the difference.



AEGIS AWARD

JIM SANFORD

Jim Sanford was honored in December for his many years of serving Wayzata Community Church. He has been on the Mission and Outreach Board (studying and selecting Light of Hope as a mission partner), an original “Bro” in the Band of Brothers, part of Lenten Study Groups (sharing with them the “Sanford perspective” to what they are studying), the Men’s FM Breakfast Group, and playing an important role in our Camp ministry.

Jim has donated countless hours and expertise to help WCC with legal and contract issues in our “Raise the Roof” project, camp, and other church operations. On behalf of a grateful congregation, we recognize Jim Sanford for his love and care of our church and its members - many of whom call him a great friend. Among his many contributions we recognize the gift of faithful friendships that formed, were nurtured, and have grown for more than 20 years.



Jim Sanford received the Aegis Award at the December 2019 Church Council meeting. All three of Jim’s kids were in town and joined Council in the presentation— a fun surprise for all!



Barb Boulware received the Aegis Award at the February Church Council meeting, with her kids and grandson present!

BARB BOULWARE

Lifelong member, Barb Sween Boulware is part of a four generation family here at WCC. Her parents were the second couple married in the old sanctuary (now Founders Hall) and her new grandson, Bo Workmon (son of Christa, our Middle School Director and her husband Mitch) has just arrived. Barb “does church together” with us every day. It is impossible to list all the ways she has been involved over the last 60+ years, but she does it all with “a bounce in her step and a beautiful smile on her face”.

Barb taught Sunday School for many years, served on the education boards and the Board of Fellowship, tended gardens, organized the camp store, and served in the Community Meal kitchen.

Perhaps what she is most known for is being here from dawn to well after dusk during the Rummage Sale. Barb seems to BE EVERYWHERE—making sure everyone has everything they need, including being fed, hydrated and happy. Many refer to her as the “Energizer Bunny”, because she keeps going, and going, and going! And then on Rummage morning, she bakes hundreds of caramel rolls for all the Rummage volunteers!

Serving as a Deacon has been an honor and a highlight of Barb’s ministry at WCC. She lovingly prepares and serves communion, helps with scheduling, and trains new Deacons, but perhaps her sweetest contribution is sewing little stoles for each baby to wear during baptism. Thank you, Barb, for serving Wayzata Community Church with all your heart.



celebrations & transitions

We would love to hear from you when you have a new baby or grandbaby, so we can share the good news with your church family.

BAPTISMS

- Brooks Thomas Blair, son of Joshua and Abbey Blair
- Henry Benjamin Maas, son of Benjamin and Melissa Maas
- Graham Bradley Dalbec, son of Cory and Tierney Dalbec
- Leona Allison Cook, daughter of Jason and Anna Cook
- Brynn Ruth Rusin, daughter of Grant and Amanda Rusin

CARES

If we can be helpful before or during your hospital stay, please call our Pastoral staff at the church, 952-473-8877.

DEATHS

- Jill Davis and family on the death of her husband, John Davis, on December 1, 2019.
- Nate Grinager on the death of his grandfather, Michael Shaw, on December 9, 2019.
- Rick Hosfield on the death of his mother, Doris Hosfield, on December 21, 2019.
- Jim Mitchell on the death of his brother, John Mitchell, on December 20, 2019.
- Jenny Masters-Wolfe and family on the death of her mother, Shirley Putnam, on December 29, 2019.
- Susanne Egli on the death of her father, Dr. Gene E. Egli, on January 5, 2020.
- Sheri Fischer on the death of her father, Earl Burandt, on January 13, 2020.
- Kristin Olson on the death of her father, Jack Kimball, on January 20, 2020.
- Dale Shulz and Jenny Zechmesiter and families on the death of his mother and her grandmother, Valdyn Schulz, on January 21, 2020.
- Diana Lee Lucker on the death of her son-in-law, Jack Schwartz, on January 29, 2020.
- Katie Dorn on the death of her father, Daniel Kelley, on

February 5, 2020.

- Larry Lutz on the death of his mother, Vi Lutz, on February 12, 2020.
- Bart Foreman and family on the death of his wife, Phyllis Foreman, on February 14, 2020.
- Kurt Schwarz on the death of his mother, Peg Schwarz, on February 17, 2020.
- Friends and family on the death of Kristi Michaelson, on February 18, 2020.
- Bette Jensen and family on the death of Ken Jensen, on February 22, 2020.
- Craig, Lavonne, Sydney, and Jillian Kipp and family on the death of his mother and their grandmother, Vera Kipp, on February 22, 2020.
- Scott Gage and family on the death of his father, Skip Gage, on February 26, 2020.
- John Estrem and family on the death of his cousin, Bill Estrem, on February 29, 2020.
- Becky Heflin and family on the death of her father, Robert Layman, on March 5, 2020.
- Marty Keenan and family on the death of his brother, Louis Keenan, on March 10, 2020.
- Friends and family on the death of Virginia "Vicki" Anderson, on March 14, 2020.
- Darlene Kimpling on the death of her mother, Marlene Kimpling, on March 17, 2020.
- Nancy Young Caswell on the death of her father, Allen Young, on March 17, 2020.
- Susanne Egli on the death of her mother, Nell Egli, on March 22, 2020.
- Friends and family on the death of Sharon Westman, on March 24, 2020.
- Friends and family on the death of Peggy Ogland, on March 26, 2020.
- Amanda Escen on the death of her grandmother, Laverna Mackenthun, on March 29, 2020.
- Alistair, Karen, Nick, and Sophie Jacques and family on the death of his mother and their grandmother, Gail Kitchen, on April 2, 2020.

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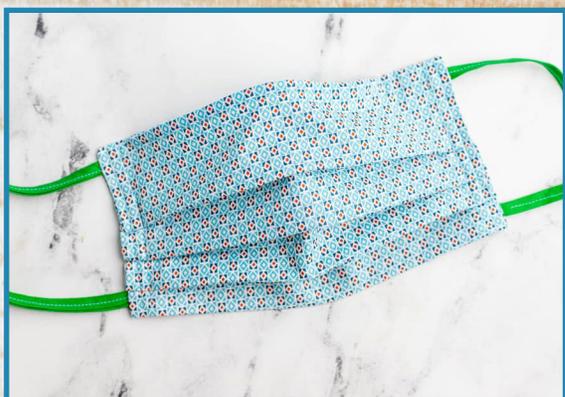
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Making Masks

BY KATHY SMITH

Thimble Bees' meetings may have been put on hold, but this has not deterred its members from continuing to create gifts that provide support, encouragement and love to our community.

When a recent request went out to the Thimble Bees to make hand sewn face masks, many members quickly took stock of their fabric stashes to see what could be used for the project and began their work. Everyone followed instructions that were provided for a CDC-compliant mask and, as one of our members described, she also added a bit of creativity matching pretty fabrics to create masks with bright and uplifting colors and patterns.

To date, the masks have been given to Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners for staff assisting with food shelf donations, to Our Lady of Peace Hospice, and to local hospitals, as well as many other locations.

If you would like to help sew these masks, please contact Kathy Smith, chair of the Thimble Bees, at ksmith3600@aol.com.