



**HILLCREST**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## **Announcements** **Sunday, April 5, 2020**

**Again this Sunday, everyone is invited to a virtual Fellowship Hour at 11:30am** using either your telephone, your computer, or smartphone. First, we will celebrate Holy Communion, then transition to conversation and sharing.

Here are the instructions:

- From a computer or smartphone use the “Zoom” program by going to <https://zoom.us/j/748073168>  
If you have not previously used “Zoom” on your computer or smartphone, allow an extra minute or two (so please sign on at 11:27 or so).
- From a landline telephone, call **1-669-900-9128**, when prompted enter **748073168#**.  
From a cell phone, call **669-900-9128**, when prompted enter **748073168#**.

### **Holy Week**

*This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.*

On Monday, a short “*Invitation to Holy Week*” video will be made available. This is beautifully edited footage from last year's Eucharist meal. On Friday we will post an edited version of our *Tenebrae Service of Darkness and Light* from 2019, including an introduction from Rev. Fred and an invitation to light a candle (electric or otherwise) in your home to participate in the final act of the service.

### **Easter Flowers—Contribute to Revitalizing our Azalea Garden**

Since we will not be celebrating Easter in the Sanctuary this year, we have cancelled the usual flower order. Instead, we are accepting donations to revitalize the Azalea Garden, located outside Room 16, between the two pathways leading to the upper campus. Normally we would request \$15 per order. You can contribute that \$15 (or more if you wish) to the Azalea Garden by either sending a check to the office or donating online—in both cases labeling your contribution “Easter Flower Fund.”

You can designate your donation “*in honor of*” or “*in memory of*” an individual or group by emailing this information to Cindy Durant at [cindydurant2@gmail.com](mailto:cindydurant2@gmail.com). On Easter Sunday, this list will be made available. (Due to the short notice, your designees will be honored even if your check has not yet been received by the office.)

### **From Christian Education:**

Sunday school continues to be open! Any kids that want to participate are invited to join us for weekly meetings every Sunday. Let's keep in touch. “Zoom” links are being emailed to the families. Please email Allison Kuechle for further information, [lokixoc@gmail.com](mailto:lokixoc@gmail.com).

## **Hillcrest Instagram—"How I'm Spending My Time Sheltering-in-Place"**

Did you know that Hillcrest has an Instagram account? Instagram is a photo and video-based App that lets you connect with friends to share what you're up to, or see what's new from them. The Hillcrest account is a lovely way to see the faces of your Hillcrest family.

To "follow" Hillcrest on Instagram, follow these instructions.

- First, download the free App from either 'Google Playstore' for Android phones, or the 'App Store' for Apple phones.  
Once you have downloaded the App, search for Hillcrest Church using the magnifying glass icon with the words "HillcrestChurchUCC" (all one word) and then click "Follow".
- You can also access Instagram from your computer using following link: <https://www.instagram.com/hillcrestchurchucc/>, which can be found on our website.
- To let us all know how you're spending your Shelter-In-Place time, send a picture and short description to the Hillcrest Instagram email: [hillcrest.ig@gmail.com](mailto:hillcrest.ig@gmail.com). (You don't need to have the Instagram App to send in a photo or video!)

More detailed information will be provided in the upcoming *Hillcrest News* newsletter.

### **Message from our Co-Moderator Rico Duran:**

A huge thank you and jobs well done by Everyone who keeps our physical plant together, all involved with the managing the office and finances, and all leaders and volunteers who put together the Sunday service, and Christian Ed program, the food and clothing programs, and of course our faith leader, Rev. Fred—the glue that keeps us all together!

### **From our Outreach Ministry:**

Both the Food and Clothing Rooms will be closed the month of April. With the coordination of Carolyn Mac Kenzie, Dennis Fisher, and Neal Minieta, food was delivered from our Food Room to St Vincent De Paul's who has an operating Food Pantry at Christ the King (CTK) Church. There is still enough food in our Food Room so that, when it is safe to do so, we will be stocked to reopen and distribute food.

There are signs on the campus directing food donations to CTK and saying we are not accepting clothing donations. Knowing we may get clothing donations anyway, Carolyn and Ryan will take them to a *USAgain* clothing bin.

### **Church Office Remains Closed**

In keeping with the California Shelter Order extending shelter-in-place to May 3, the Church office remains closed. Call **925-689-8260 extension 1003** to leave a message. Our Senior Minister, Rev. Fred, will respond or see that someone better able to handle the matter does. You may also email [hillcrestucc@att.net](mailto:hillcrestucc@att.net) or [revfred.hillcrest@att.net](mailto:revfred.hillcrest@att.net)