



HILLCREST
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

News of the Community May 3, 2020

11:30AM Virtual Fellowship Hour—With Communion

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and, therefore, is Communion Sunday. As we did on April 5, we will celebrate Communion as part of our Fellowship gathering on ZOOM at 11:30 a.m. Please prepare a small piece of bread and a small cup of juice (or other beverage) to have handy as we celebrate together.

Instructions to join in the conversation using either your telephone, computer, or smartphone were emailed by Rev. Fred on Saturday, May 2.

Adult Education on Wednesday Afternoons

Adult Ed began with bang this past Wednesday, and we look forward to this coming Wednesday, May 6 (and every Wednesday) at 4 p.m. All are invited! Our overall topic is "The Universal Christ" and we will continue our exploration of cosmic and down-to-earth questions through video, which we watch together, and discussion.

Information about how to join through ZOOM will come early next week from Rev. Fred.

If you have not been receiving Hillcrest eBlasts or have any particular questions about Adult Ed, please contact [Rev. Fred](#).

Sunday School

Sunday school will take place again on Sunday afternoon. If your kid hasn't yet participated, contact [Allison Kuechle-Silva](#) for further information. ZOOM links are emailed weekly to the families.

Food Room News

Last Wednesday the remaining food in the Food Room was donated to the Monument Crisis Center, which has an active food distribution program for the community. Thanks to Carolyn Smith for organizing this donation, and to Neal, Dennis and their truck, Carolyn McKenzie and Ryan who helped make the delivery.

Hillcrest Handbells Sold

After it became clear that, sadly, the Hillcrest Bell Choir would not resume, Betty Wyrick was on a mission to sell the bell inventory. Selling two sets of handbells doesn't sound like much, but the full inventory included 14 cases of handbells, two sets of chimes, 10 folding tables with foam pads and table cloths, two file cabinets of handbell music, plus associated costumes, tools, risers, mallets and cloth bags called the bells' "pink pajamas."

Be sure to read the upcoming Hillcrest News to hear Carolyn MacKenzie's story about how she sold the full inventory to grateful bell choirs in nine states. Thanks to Betty for initiating this work and to Carolyn for doing the heavy lifting required to get it done.

Church Office Remains Closed

Contra Costa County has extended its shelter-in-place order to May 31; consequently, the Church office will remain closed. You can call the office at **925-689-8260, Extension 1002**, or leave a message at **925-689-8260 extension 1003** for our Senior Minister, Rev. Fred Weidmann, who will respond or see that someone better able to handle the matter does. You may also email [Office Manager Carolyn Mueller-Ries](#) or [Rev. Fred Weidmann](#)