

Thoughts From Pastor Brooke

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This is the first of weekly end-of-the-week communication you will receive from me. You can look for something from me at the beginning of the week, mid week, and end-of-the-week, and then worship on Sunday. In addition, look for brief Facebook live posts on the church Facebook page at other times. Also be sure to catch Margaret's "At the Home Altar" on the church Facebook page on Thursdays from 12:15 to 12:25 p.m.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ~ John 15:12

We only have to go to the grocery stores to see that some of us have forgotten that we are all connected; perhaps not physically, but we are all children of God. When you see the shelves empty because people are hoarding food, it seems that society has resorted to looking out only for ourselves. But we worship a God that reminds us to love each other because we were first loved by God. While we should all be practicing physical distancing of 6 ft. or more and no more than 10 people gathered together, it does not mean that we cannot express love. Remember this:

Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise. ~ Rav Yosef

As we come to the end of this first week of physical distancing, let us remember to love as we were first loved and rest in the assurance that I am praying for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Brooke