



Monday Musings from Pastor Brooke, June 29, 2020

How do we have fun in the midst of a pandemic? If you read Friday's Reflection, you know I have needed to do some thinking on this. So here is what I have come up with:

- **Go to the zoo** It's open and even free on Mondays for Cuyahoga County residents. You will want to make a reservation, however.
- **Visit one of the Metro Parks** If you're adventurous, you can rent a kayak at Hinkley Reservation or just take a walk in the Rocky River Metro Park.
- **Visit the art museum** Again, you will need a reservation, but it is free and air conditioned.
- **Meet a friend in the park for a picnic** I did this on Friday and it was amazing what it did for my day! It gave me something to which I could look forward. Also, if you have any outdoor space — a porch, a patio — order some takeout (or each bring your own food) and share a meal together. This should include social distancing, and masks for while you are not eating.
- **Read a good book** Some might refer to it as a “beach read”; nothing that takes a lot of brain power, but something in which you can escape.
- **Find a live production of something on TV and watch it** — “Hamilton” will begin streaming on Disney+ beginning on Friday, July 3. Not subscribed to Disney+? You can usually subscribe for a week for free and then cancel it — just long enough to watch what you want.
- **Journal** This is a once-in-a-lifetime event we are living through. Write about what it has been like so that you can share it with generations to come.

Each of these activities allows us to find God: through nature and animals, through creativity, through fellowship, through rest. How do we find God in these things? Because God is in everything, if we are willing to find God.

So while “fun” and “pandemic” may seem like an oxymoron, it is possible. I look forward to hearing about some of the fun things you are doing this summer.

Blessings,