

TRUE VINE TIMES JUNE 4, 2020

OUR NEWSLETTER:

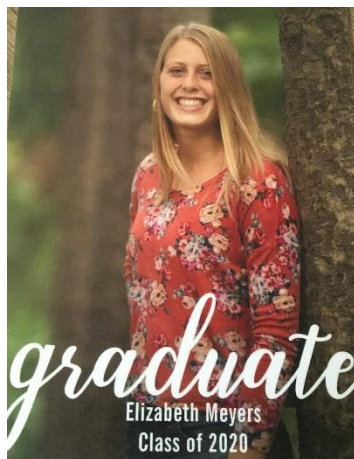
Feel free to print copies off for yourselves, family, and friends. All previous newsletters can be found on CCAM's website at www.ccamchurch.org and our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome to submit something. Submissions can be emailed to Ann Meyers-annmeyers2003@gmail.com or Jack Keough-jackkeough@rochester.rr.com. Submissions received *before Tuesdays* will be considered for that week's publication.

GRADUATION PARTY

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

June 20, 2020 at 11:30-2pm
Zoom Ceremony begins at
11:30am

Take out or dine in lunch served 12-1pm. Clarence Center Akron Mennonite Church 11500 Clarence Center Rd Akron, NY 14001. RSVP by June 12 RSVP to Rachel at 716-949-4048 or congratstoliz2020@gmail.com with your phone number or email so we can get the Zoom information to you and know how many lunches we can prepare for you. More detailed information will be made available to those once we've received your response.



PAINTING WITH KRISTY YOUNG

I started painting the rocks for my little nieces and nephews. There is not a lot for them to do. They enjoy going for walks and looking for painted rocks. They also enjoy hiding them. After a while they started requesting certain pictures (dinosaurs, unicorn, and Ollie). I have done butterflies, spiders, alligators, frogs, worms, and several others. They really challenged me. I enjoyed it and started trying some other pictures. People started requesting pictures. It's one good part of this whole crazy pandemic thing. It has gotten me back doing things I had forgotten I enjoyed. Here are a few other pictures.



VERSE FOR VICTORY:

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation.
my God will hear me.
Micah 7:7

SONG SUGGESTIONS:

- ♪ *Calling Me Home* by Emily Brimlow
- ♪ *Hold Me Jesus* by Big Daddy Weave
- ♪ *Who We Are* by Courtnie Ramirez
- ♪ *More* by Holly Starr

QUARANTINE QUEST:

On your next walk or outside activity, be on the look out for litter and garbage you can help by cleaning up.

A JOKEY JOKE:

What do worms use to leave messages?
Answer: compost-it notes

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Even-numbered roads tend to run east to west while odd-numbered roads run north to south.

A VIDEO TO SHARE BY ANN MEYERS

There is a video made by Passion Conference that has really impacted my life recently. Every time I watch and listen to the words, I get goosebumps. This video focuses around Good Friday, but I think it can be watched anytime of the year because it is a good reminder of what Jesus did for us on the cross. The video is called *My Name Is*. If you would like to check it out the link is here below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nGILc3d2WE&t=227s>

SOME WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MARK AND CINDY SCHAEFER

It is easy, and tempting, for us to complain about our circumstances; the lost opportunities of foiled plans, and the disappointments of activities we cannot do. We do mourn with those who mourn. We have helplessly watched as holidays, vacations, funeral services, weddings, and all types of festivities pass by as dust in the wind. Our lives are measured in 14-day increments from the last virus exposure and the clock resets again, again, and again. But we need to rise above these grumbling attitudes and embrace our unfamiliar circumstances. Everywhere around us we see the fruits of selfless acts of kindness and compassion as people we love recover from COVID-19 or are spared from infection because of somebody else's sacrifice. We have seen love in action. We have tried to live out that love in service to our neighbor, taking calculated risks that keep us separated, out of love, from others whom we love. We are to be grateful for our health, and the health of our families and loved ones; for safety, food to eat, clean water and sturdy homes to live in; for the moments of modified togetherness using whatever means are available to us, with gratitude for technology that lets us keep connected; and peace that our loved ones far and near are well and cared for, and peace that others are now together with the Lord eternally. Gratitude. We need to practice it; embrace it. Feel it in our hearts, voice it to our loving Father. We have been put in this situation for reasons that may not be clear to us now but are nonetheless for us to experience with grace and patience. Love is patient. We brothers and sisters in Christ are together and must stay together. We must be on guard against dissention, division, and strife. It is tempting to throw up our hands and say "enough!" But instead, we must practice the discipline of gratitude. We must practice the discipline of patience. "For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." Philippians 4:11-12. These times also connect us with our brothers and sisters around the globe who daily suffer with hardships and deprivations that are usually not our experience. We can pray for our Christian family everywhere that they will enjoy grace and express gratitude in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in. We need patience and endurance to live in these times. This is what we are called to.

PANDEMIC POSITIVES:

- ✓ The world's largest all-electric plane took flight toward cleaner aviation industry.
- ✓ A grandmother used an inflatable unicorn suit to be able to hug her grandchildren.
- ✓ A baby and its mom both survived the coronavirus and were discharged to go home.
- ✓ A Texas principal traveled 1,500 miles to honor each of his graduating students.
- ✓ A 7-year-old boy hosted a personal prom for his babysitter.
- ✓ A 13-year-old graduated from Fullerton College in California with four college degrees.
- ✓ A Cedarburg woman refused to let the pandemic stop her from completing her challenge to do 45 acts of kindness in 45 weeks to celebrate her 45th birthday.
- ✓ A pastor at a Franklin church delivered Easter baskets to children with special needs to make up for the annual egg hunt being canceled.
- ✓ More than 60 residents of the apartments at The Corners of Brookfield went out on their balconies or opened their windows to sing and dance together. Their appropriate song selection? *Lean on Me* and *Livin' on a Prayer*.
- ✓ 2 missing New Zealand hikers were found alive after 19 days in the wilderness.
- ✓ A bagpipe player played *Amazing Grace* on the beach of California to honor virus victims.
- ✓ A nurse reunited with a NYC firefighter who rescued her from a burning building 37 years before.
- ✓ Local Akron youth beautify Russell Park with chalk art drawings, honoring the graduating class of 2020.
- ✓ A Minneapolis food bank was flooded by generous donations.
- ✓ Cavaliers' Andre Drummond surprised a worker with a \$1,000 tip at FL restaurant.
- ✓ NY State entered phase 2 of reopening.
- ✓ A man who grew up without a dad created a YouTube channel called *Dad how do I do?* for men to learn how to fix and repair everyday tools or appliances.
- ✓ A 9-year-old Kenyan boy invented a handwashing device to fight against COVID-19.