



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. (when school is in session)  
 Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M. 700 Poyntz Avenue  
 Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Manhattan, Kansas 66502  
 Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M. telephone 785-537-7006  
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## One Day at a Time

I've long-said that those who have been in recovery programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, are some of the wisest humans I have known. They have internalized hard-earned truths that many of the rest of us haven't even had to ponder. One of those truths is: one day at a time.

Twelve-steppers didn't invent this truth, of course. We say a version of it aloud each Sunday when we pray together "give us THIS DAY our DAILY bread." One day at a time. Our sacred texts contain another story that illustrates the point in Exodus 16. When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness, afraid, God sent manna for them: food from heaven. But God only sent enough for one day a time. Each day, those who gathered more than they needed for the day found they had to start anew the next day. On the eve of the Sabbath day, they were told to gather two days' worth. And so even in this time of extreme crisis, the commandment to keep Sabbath remained.. *[continued pg. 2]*



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We find ourselves in the wilderness now. And not a metaphorical one, either. We are, all of us, in a place we've never been before. The paths in front of us sometimes seem murky at best. Many of us are having trouble sleeping or wonder what the next day will bring.

"One day at a time" has become a mantra for me these past few weeks.

If I think about what might be coming next year, next month, even next week, I often find myself overwhelmed and anxious. So I am learning to gather my manna one day at a time (or, on particularly hard days, one hour at a time!). At the end of each day, I look back over the day and notice all of the incredible ways I've seen people being kind, wise, innovative, and brave. And I say to myself, "There's the manna. And I trust and believe God will continue to provide that manna each and every day." If we all can look for the goodness in God and other humans each and every day...and if humans keep making kind, wise, innovative, and brave choices each day, we will get through this wilderness together.

One day at a time.

There is manna in this wilderness. And please don't forget that God also gives us the gift and command of Sabbath. At least one day per week, we are told to rest from our labors. We gather enough hope, courage, strength on day six to take us through day seven. And then we begin again - together, with God right alongside us - on day one. And we "one-day-a-time-it" through another week, month, year together.

God goes with us, loving us into a future that we hope and pray will be filled with more justice, more peace, a world more closely aligned with God's vision for reaction. One day at a time.

*Pastor Caela*

P.S. My other favorite mantra right now is "and all shall be well..." from Julian of Norwich. If you missed the sermon on the 23rd Psalm from March 22, I invite you to check it out. All of the text, video, and audio from recent worship services can be found on our website at <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates/category/worship>.

## Sharing and Caring

### *Prayers and Concerns*

- For more information, please contact the church office

### **Need Help?**

Please reach out to the church office or Pastor Caela if you are in need. We have volunteers to help pick up groceries and mediation or help you learn how to order online for delivery/pick up. If you are being adversely affected by loss of income, please let us know. If you are ill or need prayer, please let us know. Sandy and Caela continue to check e-mail on their days in the office and can also be reached by phone (please use Caela's cell phone).

***E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN*** – If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org). It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



# An Update on COVID-19 and Our Church

I would like to update all of you on a few more actions that our Congregation is taking in light of the current pandemic. I feel very fortunate to have a Cabinet that is proactive and compassionate. One of the measures taken by the Cabinet is the creation of a temporary committee to provide an efficient means of enacting policies to stay ahead of rapidly changing situations. The committee consists of the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, and Immediate Past Moderator. This group, in consultation with Pastor Caela and any parties deemed appropriate (e.g., health care professionals) is temporarily granted the authority to make decisions regarding staff, facilities, and meetings when immediate response is necessary. Rest assured that Pastor Caela and your lay church leadership are working hard to stay informed, as you all are, and to try to anticipate ways that we can all remain safe and in community.

Another area where the Cabinet has acted, in keeping with the mission and sense of caring for each other, is to continue to pay our staff members even if they are unable to work while in-person services are suspended. The money has already been included in the budget, and providing continued pay is the right thing to do.

I am very thankful for the Ministry of Second Helping, continuing to do its critical mission. There are ways that you can help, as you have seen in other communications. Please feel free to reach out during these extraordinary times. If you need to talk to Pastor Caela, go ahead and contact her. Reach out to each other either to check in or just to stay in touch. We are a Beloved Community, and I feel so fortunate to be part of this exceptionally beautiful Family.

Yours in Faith,  
Sue Gerth, Moderator



# Here's How You Can Help

In this moment of crisis, we know you are wondering how you can still "Be the Church" with us. We have a page on our website dedicated to this very question: <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates/heres-how-you-can-help>. Check it regularly for updates and contact the office if you have additions.

## **Things you can do today to make a difference (as of 3/23/20)**

- gather accurate information and make wise choices to help stop the spread of COVID-19 (WHO, CDC, KDHE, Riley County Health Department)
- Second Helping (our carry out meal on Sunday evenings) is seeking new volunteers so that our volunteers in the high-risk category do not have to come in (read the message from our volunteer coordinator, Di, elsewhere in this newsletter)
- if you're already going to the store, offer to pick up items for a neighbor or friend (please contact the office if you need items picked up and we'll make arrangements)
- if you're already going to the store or ordering items online, pick up items for the Blessing Box
- bake cookies for Second Helping (contact Linda Thurston for details)
- continue to support our ministries (Second Helping costs have gone up with costs for carry out materials and no food recovery)
- the Ministry of the Decorative Scissors invites you to join them in making fabric face masks (contact Sue Gerth to learn more)
- purchase gift cards to local businesses and the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation will match your purchase with a grocery gift card for a local person in need (visit [MHKtogether.org](http://MHKtogether.org) to purchase and learn more)
- we have been told that a local, coordinated relief effort for those adversely affected is in the works. Our partners at Shepherd's Crossing recommend making monetary donations to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, the United Way, or Shepherd's Crossing
- advocate for those on the margins (our Justice & Witness Board invites you to support the work of Renters' Together MHK, [renterstogether.org](http://renterstogether.org))
- PRAY and CHECK IN on other people on the phone, via e-mail, or text - we're all in this together and God goes with us each and every day!

# Worship with Us Online Through at least May 10

Things continue to change each day, so be sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information, but as of 3/25/20, this is our current schedule of weekly events:

## Sundays

- **Adult Sunday School** from 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom | (<https://zoom.us/j/152486671>) or call 1-669-900-6833 and dial meeting ID 152-486-671# at the prompt
- **Worship at 10:45 a.m.** via Facebook Live or call 1-669-900-6833 and dial meeting ID 921-954-012# at the prompt for audio only
- **Fellowship Hour** immediately following worship via Zoom | (<https://zoom.us/j/606107240>) or call 1-669-900-6833 and dial meeting ID 606-107-240# at the prompt
- **Sunday School** and other children's activities available! E-mail Brandy to get on the list.
- **Note:** the text, video, and audio of the sermon are also posted on our website by Monday. Visit <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates/category/worship> to find those archives any time.

## Tuesdays

- **Tuesday Book Group** from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom | (<https://zoom.us/j/948980791>) or call 1-669-900-6833 and dial meeting ID 948-980-791# at the prompt.

## Thursdays

- **Prayers & Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | (<https://zoom.us/j/590240441>) or call 1-669-900-6833 and dial meeting ID 590-240-441# at the prompt.

# Holy Week and Easter

As we work together to "flatten the curve" and protect the most vulnerable among us by staying home, one of the really difficult things about suspending our in-person worship gatherings is knowing we won't be together for Holy Week and Easter. The great news is: we don't have the ability to cancel Easter. God is way too big for that! We will be finding new ways to observe these important parts of the Church year together, don't worry. Please be sure you're on our e-mail list or contact Sandy in the office if you don't have e-mail so we can share our Holy Week and Easter plans with you as they develop.

# Gratitude Journal

As we look for our daily manna from heaven, many of us are noticing lots of things to be grateful for in the midst of the wilderness. We are keeping a communal First Congregational Gratitude Journal.

You can read it any time, by going to <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/covid>. We hope you will ADD items to it. E-mail your items to [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org) and we'll get them added for you.



# Virtual Offering Plate

**While we may not be together on Sunday, the work and mission of First Congregational UCC continues.** Please continue to financially support the church as we offer sanctuary and support to each other and the wider community.

## Options for giving:

- 1) Mail your contribution to 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.
- 2) No stamps? Call the church office to arrange a contract-free, front door pick up.
- 2) Donate online via PayPal (no login required). Go to [uccmanhattan.org](http://uccmanhattan.org) and scroll down to the DONATE button.
- 3) Setting up a recurring online gift is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church. Your bank may be able to do this for you OR you may contact the church office for a copy of our authorization form and we can set it up for you.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact the office if you have questions.



## Stay in Touch

To reach Sandy: call the church office or e-mail [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org)

To reach Pastor Caela: As before, her typical "days in the office" are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (with Thursday reserved for sermon and worship preparation). If you need to find Caela you can call/e-mail/text her during those hours, just as before. The only difference is, you'll need to contact her via her cell phone, not the office phone. After hours, you can expect that you may not hear back from her until she is back "in the office" (except in urgent situations, of course). Caela says "I hope you'll feel free to 'drop in' during my office hours! You'll just need to give me a call instead of sitting down on my couch."

To reach all other staff: please continue to use their regular e-mail addresses or personal phone numbers

## Rock and Wood

Over and over again, in every city I visit, I find myself looking at churches; all prove to be as unique and as individual as the people who congregate inside. I will admire the tall ceilings, stained glass windows and architectural features that seem like they have been formed by Christ him/her self. Recently I realized I've been looking at them all wrong. It has taken time away from our church building that has made me adjust my sights to look for the real church, the one within, behind the glass, rock and wood, the Church that exists whether or not a building is there to shelter it.

Our building is great, but it's just rock and wood. I think Rev. Blood knew that when he started out in 1855 with only a tent, a trunk and some kegs to sit on. He wasn't much concerned with a building yet as he knew to have a church he also had to have nails to hold it together. Those nails, he found, were in the love and spirit of the people who graced it with their presence. Without them he would have only had rock and wood. As the love grew and that spirit persisted, the evolution of our church began. Only then did he have the makings of a solid structure: the rock and the wood along with the "nails" held it together.



I say this now because it seems God has laid our congregation bare, stripping away that rock and wood exposing us and testing our strength. We have been forced away from our church, away from the safety and sanctity of our rock and wood, and yet the love (we “nails”) remain. This love is evident in our church leadership who scrambled to put together worship alternatives, their personal fears running simultaneous with the worry for their church family. They went to work immediately, made plans to shelter in place, to meet online, to regroup and take a head count and reassure us that we are all still here, safe. The nails, independent of the rock and wood remain, maybe a bit scattered for the time being but we remain, strong and steadfast with our love for one another.

The pews may very well be our couches now, and our computers stand in lieu of a pulpit. It would be easy to feel disconnected from one another but take a look outside – the sun that shines down and warms my soul is the same sun that is shining down warming yours, warming us all. The spring breeze I feel on my face is the same breeze you will feel. All of our grass is greening, our trees beginning to bud, and our early spring flowers have begun making their escape from winters grasp, all under that same sun. Nature is moving forward regardless of whether it's in my yard or yours and our church is doing the same. We all ache with uncertainty right now, perhaps just as the congregation did in our church's beginning. Rev. Blood knew that even though a tornado tore the roof of the building off in 1859, it would not spoil the spirit of the people, they would hold together to weather many, many storms. Pastor Caela knows this too, her nails are strewn, but remain. We find us weathering this new storm, but we will do it together; through the good, the bad, the happy, and the sad, we are the nails that connect us to one another and to the Church.

We will reunite with each other soon, once again at work holding together our rock and wood. Perhaps we will sing just a bit louder and spend a bit longer passing the peace and just maybe our conversations will outlast the cookies and coffee at fellowship hour, doing what we do best: holding each other together, inside our rock and wood.

Steve Bishop  
Board of Facilities

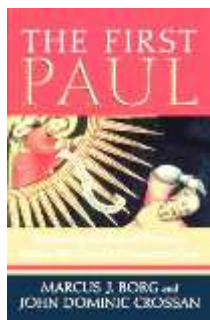
## Christian Education

*Please contact Brandy McDonald ([brandy@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:brandy@uccmanhattan.org)) or Brittani Frost-Shank ([brittani@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:brittani@uccmanhattan.org)) for more information about options for children and youth.*

### Tuesday Bible Book Club

The mid-week “Bible Book Club” is continuing via Zoom! Unfortunately, we cannot share our chocolate in person, but our lively conversations are still available!

For more information about how to access the class, please contact Pastor Sue. Her email address: [sue@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:sue@uccmanhattan.org), or, her cell number: 508-364-9636.



### Justice and Witness

**As opportunities like these crop up we will post them to Facebook and share them in future newsletters.**

- Renters Together posted some resources to help us encourage legislators to keep Manhattan residents housed through this hardship. They continue to find creative ways to support low income and marginalized people here: [www.renterstogether.org](http://www.renterstogether.org)
- A couple weeks ago the Justice and Witness Board was planning an event at Rooted, the fair trade store (formerly Connected) on Poyntz. We love what they have to offer our community and were planning on celebrating that love in their store this spring. Now we are staying home to support our healthcare system and protect our neighbors, families, and selves from illness. We wondered how we might continue to support them and the artisans they support around the globe. On March 20, a local marketing agency (502) and the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) launched MHKtogether.org. Through this initiative GMCF has matched over \$60,000 of gift certificates bought by local individuals to support their favorite businesses. This will continue up to \$100,000 which will help Manhattan residents most economically impacted by social

distancing. Buy a gift certificate today and MHKTogether will give groceries to someone in need. Then you can buy gifts when you pick up the gift certificate several days later or save it for our party when it happens (or both)! Rooted has also taken beautiful photos of their merchandise here: <https://facebook.com/ROOTEDfairtrade/>.

- Update from K-State's food pantry: last week Cats Cupboard served over 100 individuals and families in three days. They are avoiding contact by taking online orders and preparing them for pick-up every Thursday. These donations welcome:

- Condensed soup (things that are small and can expand) -- tomato chicken noodle, chicken gumbo and rice, veggie, veggie and beef, etc.
- Black beans, pinto beans, chili beans, chick peas
- Mixed vegetables and peas
- Peaches and fruit cocktail
- Tuna and chicken in a can or bag
- Hamburger helper, tuna helper
- Jelly (plastic container preferred)
- Spaghetti sauce (canned preferred)

This service will likely end when there is local community spread, please check this status with [catscupboard@ksu.edu](mailto:catscupboard@ksu.edu). For now Wednesday is the day to donate food by the East entrance to Fairchild (top of the McCain drop off loop). Then email [catscupboard@ksu.edu](mailto:catscupboard@ksu.edu) to let them know.

## Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission.

## Cobb Corner — Going Green

“Humility is born in wilderness. We aren’t protecting grizzlies from extinction....; they are protecting us as we engage in a world beyond ourselves.” – *The Hour of Land*, by Terri Tempest Williams, 2016, p.41.

I am indebted to David Sauer for introducing me to the wonderful books by this author. I also recommend her book, *Erosion: Essays in Undoing*. This is both a time to catch up on our reading and to spend more time outside. Enjoy the fresh air, natural “social distancing” and reaffirming our connections to the land. For most, outside is the safest place to be.

Got kids? Take them on a worm hunt after a spring rain. Check the gutters and add these little critters to your compost pile. No pile? Make one as you clean up your yard and rake your elderly neighbor’s yard....Please won’t you be my neighbor? Seriously, this old lady is still ok, but we just watched the movie “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” and it is very inspiring.

Visit the zoo if it is open, take a sack and clean up a park, your street, a trail. Manhattan’s linear trail is a great place to bicycle or walk.

Leo Schell has lots of good news to share about our environment. Many nations have already banned the sale of gas, diesel and hybrid cars with more to follow over the next decade. *Time*, Feb. 17, 2020. Unfortunately, the Trump administration has ordered mileage standards weakened to help oil and gas interests. Still, some manufacturers refuse to abandon standards, figuring they won’t be able to sell less efficient vehicles.

Investment in sustainable industries is accelerating. Repurposing plastic is growing. (*Time*, Dec. 2, 2019). More countries are refusing to be plastic dumping grounds. China is banning plastic bags in big cities THIS year and everywhere by 2025. (*Time* Feb.3, 2020). Contrast this with the Kansas Legislature and those of some other states banning a ban on plastic bags! Time to write or call your legislator?

The Bezos Earth Fund gave \$10 billion to fight climate change (*Time*, Feb.3, 2020). Unfortunately, Frontline reported in February, Amazon’s carbon emissions are the equivalent of a large industrialized country!

No toilet paper? As comedian Trevor Noah noted, in many other countries that’s a constant. It re-minded me that my paternal

grandmother raised 8 kids in a house without running water and just an outhouse. Newspapers and the Montgomery Ward catalog sufficed in place of Charmin!

Finally, thanks to my eco-vigilant daughter-in-law, Natasha you can shop from home for unbleached wax paper from If You Care. It's parafin, chlorine and petroleum-free, made from soybeans and comes in a recyclable cardboard box.

The Chinese expression ,“May you live in interesting times” is reputed to be a curse. But the Chinese also have two symbols for “crisis.” One is “disaster” and the other is “opportunity”. It's up to all of us how we deal with our current challenge.

– *Linda Richter*

*Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.*



# Update on Second Helping

Second Helping served dinner and a sack lunch to 292 guests in January and February. We also provided 80 hot meals to the Pawnee Crisis Stabilization Unit. About 95 volunteers (repeated numbers) were part of this endeavor since the first of the year.

Second Helping and the other providers of community meals are delivering our meals To Go only. 2H will continue to offer a hot meal and sack lunch as long as we have volunteers. We have established protocols based on health regulations and on the To Go experience of last Sunday's supper. Meals will be simplified and we will set up work stations so volunteers will not all be in the kitchen. We do not yet know if there will be more or fewer who come by for the meals, but we are guessing there will be more.

We have instituted ramped-up food safety and health practices and have put new signs in the kitchen area. For example, all 2H volunteers will be required to wear gloves ALL the time and to change gloves with every task. The kitchen will be sanitized thoroughly every Saturday. 2H will be the only group using the kitchen.

How can you help?

- Volunteer (if you are not in a vulnerable group) to crew on Sunday evening.
- Donate oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, store-bought cookies, individual servings such as fruit, jello, peanut butter, pudding, etc.
- Bring a dessert that is easily portable, such as large homemade cookies or unfrosted cupcakes or muffins. Please bag these (using disposable gloves, of course) if you can.
- Check the church FaceBook page for updates and requests for help.

To volunteer to crew on Sundays, check with Di Hinrichs-Toburen. Drop donations at the church during office hours (call first). For questions, contact Linda Thurston. Together, we will continue to Be the Church.

# The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 30-40 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



## New Volunteers Needed

I am seeking to find volunteers for the Sunday evening 2nd Helping dinners. Traditionally, many of our volunteers are more mature congregants or college students from K-State. Given the physical closure of the University and the high-risk factors associated with the Coronavirus, we are finding ourselves short on volunteers, therefore I am reaching out to ask each of you to consider your willingness to volunteer at 2nd Helping.

Currently, the meals are prepared in the church, but are distributed outside of the church in to-go containers to help minimize the risk to our outside volunteers and neighbors. There are also a number of other protocols being put into place for the purpose of safeguarding all involved with 2nd Helping.

Further, while we value anyone who is willing to volunteer, for the safety of all we ask you not to volunteer if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID meet any of the quarantine criteria below. We also strongly recommend that those in the high-risk category not volunteer as well.

**If you are unable to volunteer at Second Helping, we still welcome your support.** Monetary donations can be made via PayPal on the website or mailed to the church (First Congregational UCC, 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502). Thank you for your support of this important ministry,

Di Hinrichs-Toburen, Ph.D.  
Second Helping Volunteer Coordinator

The criteria for the two categories mentioned above are as follows:  
**Please do NOT volunteer if you meet any of the recommendations for self-quarantine from KDHE as of 3/15 ([source](#)) – may be superseded by updates at [kdheks.gov](http://kdheks.gov) or [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)**

- Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (currently California, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15.
- Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado within the past week.
- Traveled on a cruise ship on or after March 15.  
(People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their cruise ship travel should finish out their quarantine.)
- Traveled internationally on or after March 15.  
(People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their international travel should finish out their quarantine.)
- Received notification from public health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19. You should quarantine at home for 14 days since your last contact with the case. (A close contact is defined as someone who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes while the patient is symptomatic.)

**We strongly recommend that you do NOT volunteer if you meet any of the high-risk criteria defined by the CDC ([source](#))**

- Older adults
- People who have serious chronic medical conditions such as: Heart Disease, Diabetes, Lung disease

**Volunteer for Sunday Services by going to  
[uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups](http://uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups)**



## Community News



For the safety of visitors and staff, WMC is closed to all events, activities, rentals, and camp tours until May 22 due to COVID-19. So please, no visitors at this time as we are cleaning, resting, and staying available to assist the community with emergency services, if needed. The 2020 Work Hard, Play Hard will not take place this year.

- **There are currently no 2020 WMC Camps cancelled.**

We are monitoring the situation daily. Should this change, WMC will notify patrons.

- WMC is **prepared** - we know the importance of taking preventative precautions, have plans in place, and are no strangers to working with the local health departments.
- We will **refund camp deposits and registration payments** if camp cancels due to COVID-19, or if you cancel due to the virus. Please continue to take advantage of the early bird discount!

The health, safety, and well being of our camp family is always our main priority. We know fresh air, relaxation, and fun go a long way in personal health. That being said, the science of the coronavirus takes precedence and we will continue to monitor the situation, wash and sanitize facilities, and prepare Camp for YOU!!! Stay tuned @ExperienceWMC on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can also check our website for updated information.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp!

Sincerely,

Justin Whittaker | Director

[director@WhiteMemorialCamp.com](mailto:director@WhiteMemorialCamp.com)

# Grow Green Match Day

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

12 am - 11:59 pm

NO LIVE EVENT –  
Due to COVID-19 Online Gifts  
only or Mailed Checks



<https://www.growgreenmanhattan.com>

Grow Green Match Day is a community fundraising event. Donations made through the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to 60+ participating nonprofit endowed funds will receive a 50% match that can be used for their most crucial needs. Individual contributions ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 per organization will receive a local match at \$.50 per \$1, so a \$1,000 gift can receive a \$500 local match. Please note that your gift is considered over and above any pledged giving.

Gifts can be made online from 12:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. on April 22. Simply visit the above website.

If you prefer to give by check:

- Download the 2020 Grow Green Giving Form, print, and complete.
- Write ONE check for the entire donation made out to GMCF
- Mail the check and donation form (postmarked on or before 4/22/20) to GMCF, P.O. Box 1127, Manhattan, KS 66505-1127

## MHK Together

MHK Together enables people to purchase a gift card from their favorite local businesses while providing a grocery gift card of the same value to someone in need. This program has been generously funded with a \$100,000 grant made available from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Please encourage those who need assistance, or business owners wishing to participate, to go to the website to see if they qualify: [www.mhktogether.org](http://www.mhktogether.org).

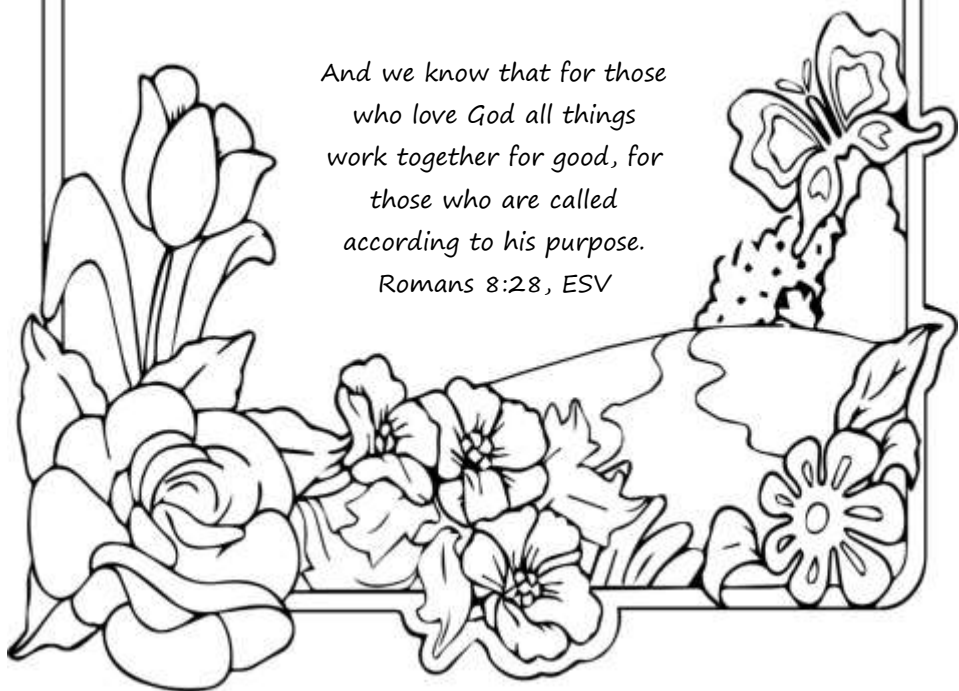
## Coloring Page →

To stay connected, here's a coloring page to send a note to those who might feel isolated.

*Just a little note  
to say hello!*

*And we know that for those  
who love God all things  
work together for good, for  
those who are called  
according to his purpose.*

*Romans 8:28, ESV*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2020</h1>			<b>1</b> 5:15 Deacons 7:00 AA meeting	<b>2</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>3</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship and Communion online 6:00 Second Helping	<b>6</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>7</b> 11:30 Book Study	<b>8</b> 5:30 Mission, CE 6:30 Justice & Witness 7:00 Facilities 7:00 AA meeting	<b>9 Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 Taizé 7:30 NA mtg	<b>10 Good Friday</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>11 Holy Saturday</b>
<b>12 Easter</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship online 6:00 Second Helping	<b>13</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>14</b> 11:30 Book Study	<b>15</b> 7:00 Cabinet mtg 7:00 AA meeting	<b>16</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>17</b> 5:00 Newsletter Deadline 7:30 NA mtg	<b>18</b>
<b>12</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship online 6:00 Second Helping	<b>20</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>21</b> 11:30 Book Study	<b>22</b> Grow Green 7:00 AA meeting	<b>23</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>24</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>25</b>
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