

Macalester Plymouth

UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Announcements

May 10, 2020

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We invite you to join Corinne on Wednesday, May 13 from 8 to 9 am for Bible study. The focus will be 1 Peter 3:13-22. Grab a cup of coffee, and start the day in community. The Zoom link can be found in the Here & Now.

Volunteer Opportunity: American Red Cross

The Red Cross need for volunteers is constant and continues to evolve as we all navigate this health crisis. If you would like to get involved, volunteer opportunities include supporting blood donations and delivering much-needed services to your community. There also a variety of remote (work-from-home) opportunities available. The Red Cross is working with public health officials to help keep local communities and our volunteers safe. For more information or to apply: redcross.org/volunteer or (612) 391-1923 or email MNRecruit@redcross.org.

Mission Trip 2020 Cancellation

From the Mission Trip co-chairs: It was a difficult decision to make after a long discussion but we have decided it is the safest and best choice to cancel the 2020 mission trip this June. The co-chairs discussed in length the options available such as pushing the trip out to August, but unfortunately the final nail in the coffin was when Camp Courageous of Iowa officially halted their summer programming. We also have adult leaders and family members of youth who are in high-risk categories. With so many factors at play, and with the situation in Minnesota getting worse and not better, we felt this was the responsible thing to do. Although we feel nothing can replace the Mission Trip, we are planning into the summer and are hopeful that we can still have alternative volunteer opportunities and other activities for the youth. Looking to the 2021 mission trip we can save up the resources from the scone bakes and silent auction this year to provide opportunities to learn and serve next summer. Thank you for your support, congregation!

From Corinne & Lauren: Our senior highers have approached this cancellation in such a mature, well-reasoned, and faithful way. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with such fabulous young people and invite anyone who knows about remote service opportunities to send them our way.

Prayer Tree

If you live in the neighborhood of church and are out for a walk, bring a ribbon and stop by the church's prayer tree. Or stroll over to Fairmount UMC and add a ribbon to theirs if it is closer. Or now you can add a ribbon to the railing at Pilgrim Lutheran Church or to a tree at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The neighborhood prayer pilgrimage stretches between four churches! [#MacGrovePrays](https://twitter.com/MacGrovePrays)

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