

Havana Church of the Nazarene

“A New Day is Dawning”

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Welcome Back!

From the Pastor We are very happy that the restrictions on churches gathering to worship in Illinois have been lifted! Because of that this Sunday, June 7th, for the first time in nearly three months, we will be able to worship together in real time and in person. We are praising the Lord for this answer to prayer and we look forward to having those who are able getting together with the family this Sunday.

As we prepare to get together this Sunday please understand that things will look different and feel different for some weeks. We will need to practice social distancing for some time. We will have to routinely clean and sanitize our meeting places. If you want to wear a face mask to the services you are free to do that.

We want to get all of our ministries up and running as soon as possible but we will proceed slowly and just take things a step at a time. The church board will continue to monitor and evaluate our ministries. Please feel free to speak to myself (Pastor Jim) or any of the board members if you have any questions or concerns. Your physical and spiritual well being is our highest priority at all times.

We want everyone to come back to the services as soon as they are able. However, out of an abundance of caution, and for the safety of yourself and others....

***If you feel sick do not come. If you are running a fever, have shortness of breath, frequent coughing or been exposed to anyone testing positive for COVID 19 do not come.**

***If you are not feeling comfortable about coming please stay at home.**

***Please don't feel obligated to gather for worship and please don't feel guilty if you can't come.**

***We will still love you and pray for you even if you cannot come.**

***If there are alternate ways we can minister to you in lieu of live worship please let us know.**

future but we don't know what our world will look like one year from today or even six months from now. What I can tell you without a doubt is that your pastor and the church board are committed to continuing with ministry whatever that looks like in the future.

God is in control. He is Lord... we are not. God is good all the time. We can trust Him to help us whatever comes our way. He has promised to be with us until the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

Joyfully serving,
-Pastor Jim

Ministry summary

As we begin this new chapter in the life of our church here is a snapshot of how things will look until further notice:

*Mike Roat will continue with Sunday School at 8:30 on Facebook live.

*No other Sunday School classes will be offered at this time.

*Morning worship will be in the fellowship hall on Sundays at 9:30 am.

*Social distancing will be continued and the fellowship hall will be sanitized before each service.

*Morning worship will continue on Facebook live for those who are unable to attend in person.

*The rebroadcast of previous worship services will continue on WDUK Radio, 99.3 FM, at 10:45 am.

*The teens will meet on Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the fellowship hall.

*School age children will meet on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00 in the fellowship hall starting June 17.

*Discipleship groups are free to meet as arranged with the leaders.

Our world has drastically changed because of this pandemic. I hope we can return to "normal" in the near

--Pastor Jim

Am Service Schedule – June 2020

June 7 – A Church Worth Being – Phil. 4:10-20 - Communion
June 14 – My Pleasure – Gal. 5:6-12
June 21 - Fathers Day – Daddy Dooes – 2 Chron. 7:12-18
June 28 – Fishing With Jesus – Luke 5:1-11

PM Service Schedule – June 2020

There will be no pm services during the month of June.
Please continue to pray for our church and for our nation.

COMPASSION CORNER

Summer isn't officially here until June 20, but Americans count summer beginning with Memorial Day. Don't we all look forward to summer and warmer weather? Our church usually has much planned for the summer months but due to the COVID-19 virus we are going day by day!
So right now, let's concentrate on June and Father's Day.

I had an honest, hard-working Dad. He came to Jesus a year after I did and that decision totally changed his life. He began a new life in Christ. I'm so glad for our relationship. I learned many things from him.

My Dad never told me he loved me when I was growing up, but I knew by his actions that he did. Actually, I didn't find out until after he passed on just how proud he was of me. People told me as they gave their condolences. But as I said before, I'm so glad for our relationship. I was honored to be able to have him in my home for the last 6 months of his life.

We honor all of you who are fathers and men that take the time to be a father to the fatherless. It isn't an easy job! Following are some quotes I found to encourage you along the way:

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.”---Billy Graham, Christian Evangelist

“My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it”---Clarence Budington Kellard, U.S. Writer

“How true Daddy's words were when he said, 'All children must look after their own upbringing.' Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.”---Anne Frank, German Jew and Holocaust Victim

“It is much easier to become a father than to be one.”
---Kent Nerburn, U.S. Author and Educator

If your father is still alive, honor him. If he has passed on, honor him.

As always I want to remind you that when you give to the JESUS Film project every Associate Pastor Sue Roat-Hall



Thank you all for the kind gift for graduation. I love the devotional and the gift cards are very thoughtful. I wanted to thank you all for the prayers and encouragement during this tough time. It definitely wasn't how I or the class of 2020 planned to finish our senior year. Thank you all for everything you've done over the years and support you have given me. I was originally planning to attend MacMurray College in Jacksonville but right around the time this all started they announced their closure. I will now be attending Illinois College in Jacksonville in the fall and will be majoring in Nursing!
Love, Sierra Lasswell

Operation Christmas Child



Since we can't do our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party, I will be collecting donations of items to put in the shoeboxes. Please see the PDF attached for the list of items.

www.samatitanpurse.org.

If you would rather make a monetary donation just send in with your offering or tithes and mark for Operation Christmas child. Please leave any items for donation in the fellowship hall or call me and I will pick them up.

Thank you,
Teresa Kline, Compassionate Ministries

KIDS CORNER



Dezemen Shoolt



Ava Fry



Angela Painter



Trinity Britton

Arla Jeanne Buchanan & Terri Mapes - Children's Directors

Guatemala youth celebrates quinceñera by providing food for those in need - Church of the Nazarene



Elisa Quej Cho was looking forward to her quinceñera, a traditional celebration in many Latin American countries for young women on their 15th birthday. When the party plans were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, she decided to celebrate in a different way.

Elisa and her family used the money they had saved for her quince to buy food for people in need. The family put the food in bags that they later distributed to the neediest in their community.

“We saw so much need in our most vulnerable people,” Elisa said. “That is why we decided to invest in buying groceries to give to those most in need. It was a blessing for me to see the smiles and joy of the people when receiving their food bag. It was worth spending what was saved for my quince.”

Elisa’s parents are Maria Cho Quej and Nestor Quej. They pastor a church and lead Nazarene Compassionate Ministries for Guatemala’s Northern District. She credits her parents for giving her the idea by setting an example of helping others.

“It is the example that my parents have given me,” Elisa said. “They help those in need a lot. I like that about them, and I want to follow this example.”

Thank you for all you have done while we have been in this lockdown. God Bless you as you continue to serve the Lord how ever we can during this time.

Arla Jeanne Buchanan NMI President




June

- 1 Frankie Zheng
- 1 *Jim & Stephanie Kreiling
- 3 Anna Pierson, Kiefer Roat, Evan Abl
- 4 John Aurand
- 5 *Brian & Shannon Roat
- 6 Koye Zheng
- 7 Gracelyn Roat, *Keith & Donna Roat
- 8 Luke Roat
- 10 Marissa & Carlee Smith, Tony Sanguedolce
- 12 Clayton Felles, Joel Horne,
- 14 Shannon Roat, *Lyle & Pam Burgard
- 17 Renee Richardson
- 20 Ben Beck
- 22 Tim Davis
- 23 *Wes & Zeld Burns, Rick Burgard
- 24 Sue Roat-Hall, Glen Smith
- 25 Lyle Burgard
- 26 Kaitlyn Kirkpatrick
- 27 Chris Holt, *Clay & Crystal Felles
- 30 Kari Roat, Vacaya Dollins



As of today, Illinois is in phase 3 of the 5 phase plan of opening up our state again! So nice to see

businesses opening again and to be able to meet, face to face with our teens again. So glad that the church has been recognized as an essential organization because God is essential to the true fulfillment of our purpose and so we can experience true joy and love in our lives.

Up until a few days ago the recommendations had been to meet in groups of 10 or less and the teens have been following this, along with social distancing but masks were optional. We have a Courageous Teens group chat line on Facebook messenger and I sent out the date and time for the weekly meeting and the first 10 that responded got to come. If you didn’t get to come the week before, you were then given priority for the next meeting. Thankfully now all teens can meet. Always remember, our chat line is informational only. If any of the parents or teens have any concerns, issues and something upsetting them, they will private message me. If anything inappropriate is sent out on the chat line, I will have to remove that individual. Obviously, the same goes for posting on our Courageous Teens group on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please let us know about any answers to prayer you have received, positive changes in your life from your devotional/spiritual readings and/or any spiritual motivation you have heard that has helped you cope through this time. Please post any blessings you have received or how you have blessed others using the Fruits of the Spirit. Also continue to work on memorizing the Lord’s Prayer and the meaning of each verse. Prizes will be given if you can recite by memory.

Sometime in July or early August, we plan to do some sort of overnight get away with our teen group since camp was canceled. We will keep everyone posted.

In conclusion, we are praying for a hedge of protection around Mason County from an influx of COVID-19 and healing for all those who have been affected.

Love in Christ,

Teresa, Mike, and Melissa

Teri Ray has a new land line phone number.
It is 309-640-0087.

One thing more.... Thank you for all the cards and gifts and well wishes for my birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and friendship. God bless you each one.
-Pastor Jim