



AVENUE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *The Midweek*

*Wednesday, May 27, 2020*

If you are looking for a good movie to watch while you are staying in and maintaining your social distancing, let me recommend it NOT be “The Core” currently on Netflix. I like action/adventure movies and this flick seemed to have great potential considering it starred Hilary Swank, a two-time Academy Award winner, and Stanley Tucci, who was nominated for one.

The premise was the world was going to come to an end if a group of scientists and NASA astronauts didn’t take an experimental ship and drill to the core of the earth to set it spinning again. Normally I like movies about astronauts. I loved “Hidden Figures” and “Apollo 11” for example. For those of you wondering why I would ever watch something with such a weak storyline, just know that my list of potential movies is getting shorter as the pandemic gets longer.

And quite honestly, I am getting tired of movies where the world is under attack by alien invasion, ghost-like spirits, asteroids, terrorists with nuclear capabilities, and my personal favorite...rebel mutant superheroes. And of course, there are the movies where a strain of bacteria or chemical warfare puts the world at risk. That was just too much for me to watch considering the circumstances. This film just seemed different enough to be entertaining. I was wrong. Gone are the good old days when our films had us under attack by “the bad guys” and we were saved by the “good guys.”

On the other hand, as Christians, we know that is exactly how our real lives are. The Savior, who is not just a good guy, but the very best guy saved us from death and the sin caused by the enemy. Romans 6:23 reminds us that, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

There is not a movie being made every week about the resurrection of Jesus, although there should be. However, we don't need the entertainment value of a movie to know the truth – that Jesus is the way and the light. We just need to remember that He is there for all who believe and proclaim Him as Savior. And to God be the glory forever and ever.



Pastor Henry

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THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, meals, and other expressions of concern and sympathy.

They have upheld us all as we have traveled through the past 7 months- as Ginny recovered from foot surgery and as we experienced the sudden death of our daughter Lynne's fiancée Bill Johnson on December 8<sup>th</sup> (massive coronary). We are now one month past their planned wedding date (May 3<sup>rd</sup>). Her grief is still very much with her. She has found a wonderful grief support group on line and we pray that her 'Grief Share' will be able to meet in the fall.

Praise God for His goodness, comfort, and strength!

With love and gratitude,

*Ginny, John, Lynne, and Peter Van Tine*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY:** Join us on **Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** on Facebook Live as we gather to worship and pray together. If you cannot watch at 10:00 a.m., the video will remain up on our Facebook page. Join us at [www.facebook.com/avenueumc](http://www.facebook.com/avenueumc)

You can also share the live stream on your page, inviting others to worship with us.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT:** We want to thank everyone who has continued to give as an act of worship and support over the last several weeks. We know that many of our financial futures are up-in-the-air as jobs are shut-down and routines are disrupted. Your support means that Avenue Church can continue to serve the Milford community through this crisis. If you are able, you can send your gift through the mail to our church office (20 N. Church St. Milford, DE 19963) or by giving online at [www.avenueumc.com/give](http://www.avenueumc.com/give), or by texting 'avenueumc' to 77977. Thank you, again, for your continued support.

**AVENUE CHURCH APP NOW AVAILABLE:** You can now download the Avenue Church App on your smartphone and stay up-to-date with the latest news, videos, and events happening at Avenue. The app is updated regularly and you will have the ability to give to Avenue directly from the app. The app is available for iPhone (IOS) and Android (Google Play) devices.

To download the app, click this link from your phone:

[iPhone \(IOS\)](#)

[Android \(Google Play Store\)](#)

You can also search "Avenue Church DE" in your App Store.

**CAN YOU HELP LIVESTREAM?** We are looking for those who are interested in exploring digital ministry by providing some leadership in our Livestream worship services. We are looking for members to learn the recording and editing process, to manage our Youtube uploads, and to help with Social Media. As we are learning, this kind of ministry will be essential moving forward. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steve at [srlamotte@avenueumc.com](mailto:srlamotte@avenueumc.com).

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you know someone who is in need of prayer or a phone call, please call the church office at 422-8111 or contact one of the pastors directly. We are doing limited face-to-face pastoral care visits during this time, but want to make contact any way we can.

**PRAYER CONCERNS PAST WEEK:** Those infected by Covid-19 and the medical teams who are seeking to contain and treat it, the family and friends of Jack Heinbach, Chris Schultz, Racheal Simesak, Barbara Dietrich, Jennifer and Chris Miller, Larry Hughes, Janie Martin, Bob Chalmers, Jack Simon, Bob Cage, Lee Tyrrell, Joe, Donna and Keith Coverdale, Julie Dally, Rhoda and Greg Kurz, Dottie and Jerry Jackson, Ellie Lauckner, Jean Layton, Jan Perkins, Bill and Marty Brereton, Ed Bailey, Joe and Mary Jo Lear, Bob Voshell, Craig, Sammy, Bella, Linda Breedlove, Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood, Esther LaMotte, Chris, Laurel Pastor, Tori Nelson, Betty and Ramie Ziesel, Dean Johnson, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Luisa and Billy Combs, Joan Wadman, our nation and its leaders, everyone dealing with financial issues, all who are feeling lonely and isolated as a result of the virus.

**Rejoice with:** Everyone who has been blessed by God (and that is all of us)

**PRAYER CONCERNS CURRENT WEEK:** All those infected by coronavirus and the medical teams who are seeking to contain and heal it, the family and friends of Helen Sharp, the family and friends of Virginia Jarrell, Chris Schultz, Bonnie Carmine, Nancy Lee, Josiah, Tita Lewis, Racheal Simesak, Barbara Dietrich Jennifer and Chris Miller, Larry Hughes, Janie Martin, Bob Chalmers, Jack Simon, Bob Cage, Joe, Donna and Keith Coverdale, Julie Dally, Rhoda and Greg Kurz, Dottie and Jerry Jackson, Ellie Lauckner, Jean Layton, Jan Perkins, Bill and Marty Brereton, Ed Bailey, Joe and Mary Jo Lear, Bob Voshell, Craig, Sammy, Bella, Linda Breedlove, Charlie and Barbara Fleetwood, Esther LaMotte, Chris, Laurel Pastor, Betty and Ramie Ziesel, Dean Johnson, Jack and Zelda McDuff, Luisa and Billy Combs, Joan Wadman, our nation and its leaders, everyone dealing with financial issues, and all who are feeling isolated and lonely.

**Rejoice with:** All those whom God has blessed, Lee Tyrrell, and Yvonne Nelson.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

**Walt Peters** who will be celebrating his **89<sup>th</sup>** birthday on **June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Jeff and Bonnie Carmine** will celebrate their **55<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **May 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**Dave and Linda Sockrider** will celebrate their **51<sup>st</sup>** anniversary on **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Ted and Edna Newhouse** will celebrate their **59<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Larry and Elaine Price** will celebrate their **50<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**Gene and Alva Hemshrot** will celebrate their **64<sup>th</sup>** anniversary on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Congratulations:** Rev. John Van Tine is celebrating 50 years of his commissioning (called Deacon's Orders in 1970) on May 28<sup>th</sup>. On May 31, 1970, he started his ministry at the Worton: St. James Charge in Worton, Maryland. He had three churches: Worton United Methodist Church, Salem UMC and St. James UMC.

**2020 YARD SALE:** Due to all the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 virus, it has been decided that the **Yard Sale will NOT be held this year.** We feel this is in the best interest of the church, community, and volunteers. Please keep our mission program in your prayers as we search for ways to help others in our area, country, and world. Thank you to all!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME:** Since we are unable to meet for Sunday School each week, we are providing a home Sunday School lesson for you to do with your children (or grandchildren!). You can click on the link below for a video lesson. Then use the pages at the end of the MidWeek to lead your children through the lesson. This week's lesson about Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

1. [Watch the lesson here](#)

2. Read the Parent Page with Kids
3. Have children fill out their questions
4. Do the coloring page.
5. Pray together

We will send out another lesson each week for you to disciple your children at home. Thanks to Sparkhouse for making this curriculum available.

**2020 GRADUATES:** If you have a family member that is graduating (high school/college), please send an email to Kelly at [churchoffice@avenueumc.com](mailto:churchoffice@avenueumc.com) with the information and a picture. We will be listing the 2020 graduates in June.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES DURING CORONA OUTBREAK:** There are several opportunities to share the light of Christ during the next several weeks of our new reality.

- Volunteer to help prepare meals at Banneker Elementary School. Contact the church office at 422-8111.
- Donate Money to the schools or two one of the restaurants who are providing meals. They providing out of their bottom line and this is an opportunity to rally around them.
- Check-in on your neighbors who may be lonely, shut-in, or at-risk. Be safe about it, but don't give up on the community.
- Do a grocery run for someone who may have trouble getting out.

**LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** If anyone would like to send letters of encouragement to Milford Genesis it would be appreciated. The staff and residents are struggling. Health ministry has collected masks and caps for the staff along with some food. The Chief of Police has jumped in with me to organize groups to support the staff and residents with food.

**Please bring your letters to the church, we have a basket in the Fellowship Foyer.**

**HEALTH MINISTRY:** This week we have information on masks how to make them, etc. Click link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

## *Witness to Our Faith*

Each week in the Avenue Midweek, members and friends of Avenue UMC will be sharing their own personal witness of faith. This column will be coordinated by Janice Abbott who will be seeking volunteers and writers who are willing to share their stories. Each article is due one week in advance and should be sent to Kelly at the Church office so there will be time to add it to the newsletter. It will appear the following week. It will be inspirational to read each week how God has blessed each person/family today and through the years. If you would like to contact Janice to volunteer, please call her at (302) 943-7278.

*from Ann Andrews*

Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ears and heart to listen. Isaiah 50:4. God also reminds us that our prayers are a two-way communication and that we are to keep our hearts and mind open to what our Heavenly Father has to say to us. Our ears are connected to our hearts and when God awakens one, the other is opened also. Let us remember to keep in mind that with open ears and hearts, we can always hear and feel God beside us and that our ears and hearts will always be filled with the wisdom and goodness of our Heavenly Father.

I go to God in prayer daily and through the years I have found my life has become so much richer and wiser by listening to what God is saying to me. There is a healing in the power of prayer. Now let me back up for a moment and fill you into where all this began.

I was born in Dover, Delaware in 1946. I was baptized when I was an infant. I attended Delaware schools until 7<sup>th</sup> grade, at which time family moved to West Chester, PA. I was confirmed at age 12 and joined our Walther League Christian group, until I graduated from High School and left for college. My parents and family were always strong believers in our faith, and I continued to remain strong even during my college years.

One Mother's Day, I called home to wish my Mother, Happy Mother's Day and she broke down in tears. I knew after the conversation we had, I needed to return home. I could put my college on hold until a further date. My Father had been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer and we knew our time was precious at this point. I lost my Dad in 1983 at the age of 61, Needless to say, the healing power of prayer comforted both my Mother and myself in the months ahead. As Jesus has promised us, "That He will never leave us or forsake us." It is believed that all healing is divine and that having a good attitude and spirit are essential for good health. Prayer heals because it links us with God who created us, and this also helped us through the death of my Mother and Brother in 1997.

In 1989 I met my husband Terry at a private dinner party just a couple of blocks over from where my Mother's beach house was and began dating. Terry and I seem to hit it off right away, and were married May 4, 1991, and have been richly blessed ever since. Now for one of the highlights of our lives is when Terry and I were asked by his sister if we

were interested in doing the Emmaus Walk down in the Shenandoah Valley at Camp Overlook, Virginia. Talk about a mountain top experience. There are no words to describe it. I will never forget the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after prayer in the chapel when I was walking up the hill to come in for the night, I looked up in the sky and saw the moon shining so brightly it was breathtaking and I have never seen it shine like that since. I could not hold back all the tears that began to flow down my cheeks, just thinking about our Lord and Savior who died on the Cross, shed his blood for you and me for us to have eternal life and live with Him forever. I was in awe for the remaining time there. So for anyone who wants to enjoy a mountain moving experience, please see me, I promise you will not be disappointed for sure.

And now if you will allow me, a few moments on prayer, the healing power of prayer. By putting God 1<sup>st</sup> in our lives we begin having a loving relationship like none other. Prayer helps us achieve health and wholeness spiritually, physically and mentally. Meditation is often self-centered. But prayer is God centered. Prayer originates in a relationship with God. The more we pray, the deeper that relationship grows. Prayer is an innate human experience. Prayer is conversation, open your heart to God and you will be amazed at what He has to say to you. Always remember that through God, “all things are possible”, and “just ask and ye shall receive”. To God be the Glory.





## I wonder...

- If you can feel the Spirit being poured out on you.
- What it was like to suddenly speak a new language.
- What the people said about God's deeds of power.

## You're Not In Kansas Anymore

Take Your Daughter to Work Day. It's the first year Mariah gets to go to this. She's isn't quite sure about all the specifics of what her dad does, but he often comes home with powdered sugar on his tie, so she knows there are donuts involved. Even if shadowing him gets boring, she gets to skip school for an entire day with no homework.

After a meeting at his office (where she immediately spied the powdered donuts), Mariah, her dad, and one of his coworkers Alejandra drove to a part of the city Mariah had never seen. It was like being in a foreign country: store signs were in different languages and the scents blowing out of restaurants didn't smell like the fast-food chains where she lived. On the crowded sidewalks, it was confusing to hear so many voices speaking words she didn't recognize.

Over the next few hours, they went to several homes and met many nice people. Mariah was surprised at how comfortable her dad seemed, greeting people in phrases she didn't understand. Her dad could speak other languages? She didn't know this! The woman with them was translating longer conversations. Her dad wrote things down on official-looking files. She guessed it was important for people to hear things in their own language, whatever her dad was saying.





# Where'd You Say You're From?

Whoosh! The Holy Spirit is blowing through! Acts 2:9-11 tells who saw and heard the disciples speaking in their own language. Who were these people, and where were they from? Unscramble the words to find out. Then see if you can find some of these places on the map.

**These groups of people were known as...**



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**And others came from these places...**

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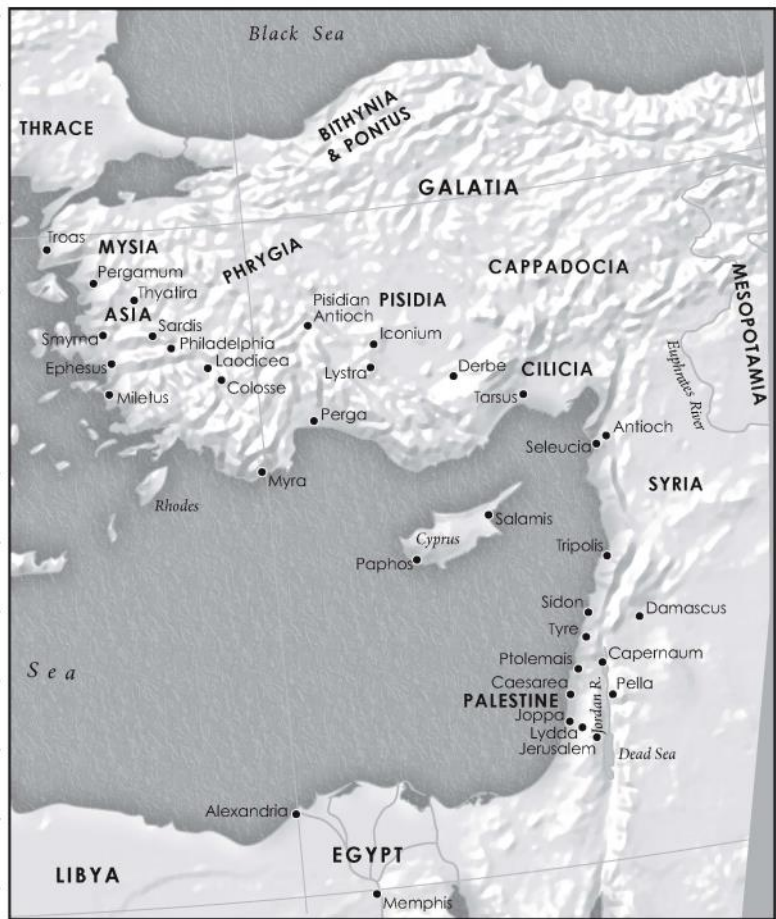
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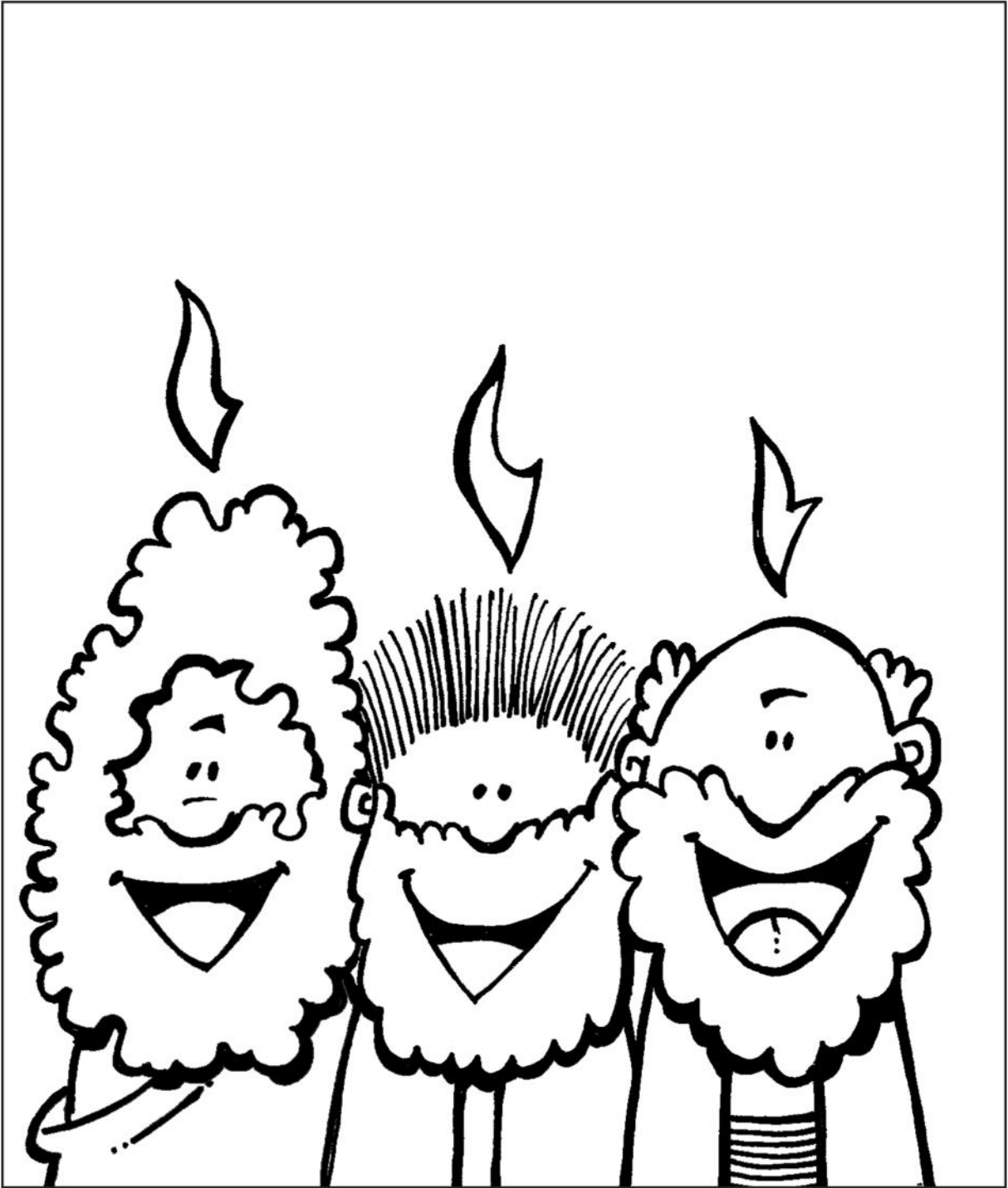
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# The Holy Spirit



The Holy Spirit had come, just as Jesus promised!

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The Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost. With the help of God's Spirit, the disciples formed the first Christian church. Today, there are more than 300,000 Christian churches in North America alone!

**Here is a picture of my church:**



The name of my church is

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My church is

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years old.



Since my church began, we  
have had \_\_\_\_\_ pastors  
serve here.

**My church is sharing God's Spirit today!**



## **Tips for social distancing**

- Follow guidance from authorities
- If you need to shop for food or medicine at the grocery store or pharmacy, stay at least 6 feet away from others. Also consider other options:
  - Use mail-order for medications, if possible.
  - Consider a grocery delivery service.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a [cloth face covering](#) when around others, including when you have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store.
  - Cloth face coverings should NOT be placed on children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/images/face-covering-checklist.jpg>
  - Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others, even when you wear a face covering.
- Avoid gatherings of any size outside your household, such as a friend's house, parks, restaurants, shops, or any other place. This advice applies to people of any age, including teens and younger adults. Children should not have in-person playdates while school is out. To help maintain social connections while social distancing, learn [tips to keep children healthy while school's out](#).
- Work from home when possible.
- Avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis, if possible.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention-H.pdf>

## **Stay connected while staying away**

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations and having to socially distance from those you love can be difficult. It is very important to stay in touch with friends and family that do not live in your home. Call, video chat, or stay connected using social media. Call someone from the church you do not know. Get to know him or her. You may find a blessing in your call.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”**

**Joshua 1:9**