# **JULY 2020**





Enjoy the native plants blooming around Countryside, page 4.

# **WEEKLY WORSHIP TO REMAIN ONLINE**



#### COUNTRYSIDE RE-START TASKFORCE RELEASES IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Countryside Re-start Task force members Bob Buckland, Mitzi Cardona, Laurel Preheim, John Windle, Mary Windle, Pat Gomez, Rick MacInnes, Ed Schwartz, Aubrey Fitzke and Dan Loven-Crum have been working hard to put together guidelines for coming back to the building to start in-person worship services. They have consulted with area physicians and health experts to decide the best way to approach opening Countryside back up for in-person services.

Emerging research shows that the most dangerous settings are large gatherings of mixed social groups, where people who do not know each other are close, singing, chatting and commingling.

"With friends, when we are chatting, we just naturally drift toward each other, but then remember to keep our distance," said Dan Love-Crum, Countryside Director or Communication and Administration. "With a large group of people, it gets exponentially harder to distance. We want people to feel comfortable when they come back and when we open, we want to be as safe as possible, to protect our entire congregation."

A detailed look at the latest plan the Re-start Task force has put together is available on page 6.

### **HEARING FROM COUNTRYSIDE**



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#### **CYNDI AND JOHN KUGLER 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

This is not necessarily a project or hobby but it's a story! Somewhat of a wild adventure perhaps that involved our daughter Sara, her husband Michael and their two children, Saviane, seven, and Sinclair 20, months. A few weeks ago, Sara wrote an email to us that we could hardly believe.

She asked what we thought of them coming to Omaha for an extended time - maybe four weeks or so. They would drive to Omaha from their home in Brooklyn using a rental car since they don't own a car, rent an AirBnB for two weeks of isolation and if all were healthy, move in with us for a couple of more weeks. Michael works remotely, Saviane uses Zoom for her schooling and Sara's editing work can be done anywhere as well. Well, we didn't hesitate so they arrived Mother's Day night after two 10-hour days of driving from Brooklyn. They had found an AirBnB fairly close by. We saw them briefly with masks on arrival night as we delivered take out sushi for Mother's Day to their driveway.

Needless to say, we are thrilled! So, for a few more days we need to continue our already vigilant home-in stays, venturing out only for essential trips which virtually is all related to food or gas, etc. We hope to welcome their healthy family to our home this Sunday - May 24 which is exactly our 50th Wedding Anniversary. What a coincidence! Below, our 50th Anniversary AND the day that our daughter Sara, Michael, Saviane and Sinclair completed their 14 day isolation. We are all standing together but six feet apart (note the two yardsticks on the grass) from our son Lance's and daughter-in-law Traci's family of five children (Lauren 17, Alex 15, Evan 13, Ryan 13, Megan 10). - Cyndi and John Kugler



#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO COUNTRYSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH!

Countryside would like to warmly welcome this June class of new members who learned all about Countryside and its offerings via Zoom. Welcome! We are glad you are here! We cannot wait to welcome you all in person!



Tyler Brown



John Erickson



Anna Hardy



Daron Kruse & Judy Hartlieb



Pattie & Kyle Larson



Mary & Mark Mailliard



Amy Stoddard



Ardith Stultz



Judy Waible



Roger Waible

# **WORSHIP AND GROUP CLASSES IN JULY**

#### **WORSHIP ONLINE AT 11 AM AND KMTV CHANNEL 3 AT 11 AM**

During the month of July there are two ways to catch Countryside Community Church on Sunday mornings. The first is online through Youtube live which you can connect with at countrysideucc.org or on KMTV channel 3. Both will begin at 11 AM and during the month of July will only be running 30 minutes. We encourage you to take your extra 30 minutes and try one of Countryside's additional Sunday offerings advertised in this newsletter.



#### PRAYING FOR REVOLUTION - A LORD'S PRAYER - JULY 5 - AUGUST 2

Worship Series: The Lord's Prayer has been called the greatest prayer. It has also been called the strangest prayer. For a Pentecostal it does not mention the Holy Spirit. If you're a fundamentalist it doesn't mention the Virgin Birth or Jesus's Atoning Blood. For an Evangelical there is no message of going and spreading the gospel throughout the world. For a Roman Catholic it does not mention bishops or Popes. It is strange because it brings together all Christians throughout the world and yet it does not contain the very items that the denominations and different forms of Christianity have decided were so important to split over. Two billion Christians likely pray The Lord's Prayer, some on a weekly and even daily basis. How many of them actually know what they are praying when they pray this prayer? This prayer is really about revolution.

Over the course of this series, we will work on drawing closer to God using this prayer, as Jesus intended. If we succeed in praying it with understanding, then the world turns upside down. At least we, and our world, will have started to live the revolution.

#### **ZOOM OFFERINGS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

We're also going to try a new Zoom three-part lineup running July 5 and through August:

- 10:00, Meditations with Eric
- 10:30, coffee hour with Diane Scott and Bill Bolte
- 11:00, worship only for 30 minutes. This is via KMTV or online.
- 11:35 to 12:00, various staff members will have "office hours" to see people via Zoom. For example, please Zoom in to talk with Jan Brown on these days: July 5, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 16 and Aug. 30. Although this won't be a confidential experience, we can listen to one another and also meet some of the new Stephen Ministers.

July 5 - How has "listening" changed for you the past three months?

July 19 and 26 - Meet the new Stephen Ministers!

We think this 30-30-30 lineup will help to meet our congregation's needs to gather and literally see one another. Of course, it's not quite the same as it was in March, but we're trying to discover creative ways for the Spirit to bless us.

#### **NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:00 PM -VIA ZOOM**

Please join Diane Scott on Thursday evenings starting in mid-July for a group discussion of the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. From a description of the book: "White fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, the author examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively." This discussion group will begin Thursday July 16, at 6:00 PM via Zoom. For more information please contact Diane Scott at twang56@aol.com. You can join the discussion by connecting to the Zoom link listed on the Church Calendar at www.countrysideucc. org/calendar.

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE JOURNEY GROUP BEGINS SUNDAY JULY 12, 10-10:45 AM**

We have a new group starting July 12 at 10:00AM via Zoom. We will be reading and discussing the book *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Here is an excerpt from the introduction of the book: "After taking this grueling journey to the dirt road of antiracism, humanity can come upon the clearing of a potential future: an antiracist world in all its imperfect beauty. It can become real if we focus on power instead of people, if we focus on changing policy instead of groups of people. It's possible if we overcome our cynicism about the permanence of racism. We know how to be racist. We know how to pretend to be not racist. Now let's know how to be antiracist." If interested in participating, please email Sharon Royers: srroyers@centurylink.net.

# ORGAN BUILDERS HEADED BACK TO FINISH IN JULY

After a three month hiatus due to Covid-19, Buzard Organ Builders will be coming back to Omaha to finish our new organ. The work starts on July 7 with a goal of finishing the actual install by July 18. After that, the pipes will be tuned. Completing the



whole project by the end of August is the goal for the builders. Stay tuned for more details and pictures as the pipes go in!

# QUARANTINE COOKBOOK TO SUPPORT PANTRY

We are putting together a cookbook, inspired by the creativity of meal planning during these challenging times. Please share any new, odd (especially odd) interesting (like eyebrow-raising interesting) recipes by the end of July to Diane Scott at <a href="mailto:Twang56@agol.com">Twang56@agol.com</a>

# ADULT EDUCATION AND SMALL GROUPS

Adult Education and small groups are still available to everyone through ZOOM teleconferencing via our church calendar. If your group would like to meet but is not sure how to set it up or how to connect via the calendar, please reach out to Chris Alexander at chrisa@countrysideucc.org and she will set you up!

# TRI-FAITH INITIATIVE



# COME TAKE A WALK AND ENOY THE VIEW

Most everyone knows about Abraham's Bridge but did you know about the biodiverse plains ecosystem that surrounds the property of Countryside and along Hell's Creek? Countryside Community Church was awarded a grant from the Nebraska **Environmental Trust and** has been working to install plants and landscaping native to the area as well as improve the habitat and soil health. It may not sound that interesting but come take a look for yourself, it is beautiful! Many of the flowers are in full bloom and everything is green from the latest rains. You are always welcome to park vour car in the Countryside parking lot and come walk around our grounds. There are many paved paths you can follow and there is a path you can pick up from our parking lot over to AMI where there is an easy spot to get to Abraham's Bridge. So try a change of view and come see what is in bloom around the church and the Tri-Faith Commons!

#### Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Conversation (ZOOM)

Grab your lunch and join Executive Director Wendy Goldberg and the rest of the Tri-Faith Initiative staff for online Zoom discussions. Events are on Thursdays from Noon - 1 PM

(Registration required - go to the Tri-Faith web page at trifaith.org/events or find the link on Tri-Faith Facebook page, facebook.com/TriFaithInitiative.)

- **July 2 Topic: Tri-Faith Founders Stories:** Join Rabbi Aryeh Azriel, The Rev. Canon Tim Anderson, and Shakil Ahmed as they tell us their Tri-Faith stories and answer your questions live.
- **July 16 Topic: Tri-Faith Founders Stories: Freeman, Waldbaum, and Herzog-** Join Tri-Faith Site Committee Planners as they tell us their Tri-Faith stories and answer your questions live.
- **July 23 Topic: Tri-Faith Founders Stories: Mahmood, Khayti, and Imam Daoudi** Join AMI's leadership to share their Tri-Faith stories and answer your questions live.
- July 30 Topic: Tri-Faith Founders Stories: Wendy Goldberg Talks with Mike Kelly Join Wendy Goldberg as she
  tells us about her journey from Founding Board Member to Executive Director and answers your questions live.

#### **Interfaith Learning: Sikhism**

Interfaith Learning is a monthly class on religious groups, regions, and concepts led by Jeremy Fricke, Tri-Faith Initiative's Education Director. Past topics have included the Baha'i Faith, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and Chinese Religious Culture. In this class, we will introduce Buddhism and some of the ways it is practiced around the world.

#### Thursday, July 2

6:30 PM- 8:00 PM

(Registration required - go to Tri-Faith web page at trifaith.org/events or find the link on Tri-Faith Facebook page, facebook.com/TriFaithInitiative.)

#### Making the Familiar Strange: Rising Conflict - Cain and Abel, Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 12 PM - 1 PM

Making the Familiar Strange is an opportunity for interfaith dialogue that inspires people of different religious and nonreligious backgrounds to read the same text together. Rather than providing answers, creating arguments, or shutting down conversation, Making the Familiar Strange gives attendees an opportunity to investigate and share different perspectives on the same texts.

While not required, the program is best if you have access to the texts in question, which can be a physical copy or online copy of a Bible, Tanakh, or other text that includes the biblical book of Genesis.

(Registration required - go to Tri-Faith web page at trifaith.org/events or find the link on Tri-Faith Facebook page, facebook.com/TriFaithInitiative.)

#### STAND IN SOLIDARITY BLACK LIVES MATTER - TRI-FAITH COMMONS

On June 7, Tri-Faith organized a socially distanced #standinsolidarity on the Tri-Faith Commons. Here are some pictures from that day.



# **CARING TOGETHER**

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Long-time Countrysider **Betty Salistean** passed away on June 20, and a Countryside memorial service is being planned for a later date.

#### **BIRTHS**

**Jeri** and **Dave Lundblad** are grandparents! Their daughter Laura and her husband Alex are the happy parents of Veronica, born April 27, in Omaha.

#### **MARRIAGES**

**Jennifer Hamann** and Mario Boschi were married in Colorado on May 23, 2020; their family attended. **Bobbie and Ed Escolas's** daughter Lauren was recently married at the family's Yutan home.

#### **PASTORAL CARE "OFFICE HOURS"**

Zoom in and join Jan Brown on Sunday mornings after worship! We'll be meeting at 11:30 AM a few times in July and August to see what's on your mind and to enjoy one another. There will sometimes be a suggested topic, but that will be up to those who participate.

#### **CIRCLE OF SONG: MAKING MUSIC THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS**

The Board of Pastoral Care invites you to consider a new opportunity: "Circle of Song: Making Music Through Grief and Loss." This group will be led by Countryside's own Emily Wadhams, MT-BC. Emily is a board certified music therapist with almost 20 years experience and owner of Omaha Music Therapy LLC.

Circle of Song will use the power of making music combined with sharing our experiences of grief and loss to help us minister to one other. Research indicates that singing together through our grief shows remarkable physical and emotional benefits for participants. There is no musical ability or experience required.

During COVID-19 restrictions, this group will take place over Zoom, but when we are able to meet in person again, we will gather at Countryside. Meetings will be held on four Mondays from 6:30-7:30 PM, beginning August 3. Cost is \$70/month. Please contact Emily at info@omahamusictherapy.com to register. Space is limited. To learn more about Emily and Music Therapy, please visit www.OmahaMusicTherapy.com

#### **BOARD OF PASTORAL CARE'S SUMMER WISDOM OF THE AGES - INDEPENDENCE**

Rebecca Kucera, a 2020 graduate of Millard North High School, feels ready for college – not only the studies but also the independence. Headed to Northwest Missouri State in the fall, Rebecca plans to study education. In fact, she's already had a taste of independence in the classroom. Last year she developed a six-lesson curriculum on random acts of kindness and taught it to second graders at Loveland Elementary. "After I finished my first lesson and was walking out of the school, I had the biggest smile on my face. It was in that moment that I realized I wanted to pursue teaching. Every lesson that I taught after that was pure enjoyment." Rebecca credits her parents, Tina and Howard, for teaching her life skills and, more importantly, imbuing her with a growth mindset. "You know you're going to mess up, so don't be afraid of it. Have fun. Be prepared for anything and bring an open heart."



Rebecca Kucera

#### **WISDOM OF THE AGES - INDEPENDENCE**



Bob Buckland

Independence is a value that has shaped Bob Buckland's life. He grew up with a much older brother, so he was kind of an only child. His parents encouraged his independence by helping Bob make his own decisions – and letting him fail. "You learn a lot more from your failures than from your victories," he said. So, it was only natural that Bob, who wanted to be a doctor, majored not in pre-med but in psychology. "It required the fewest credits, so I could take lots of other classes and get a broad liberal arts education. I wanted to be able to relate well to my future patients." Bob, who did become a doctor, and his wife, Bonnie, who has a PhD, saw education as the clearest path for fostering independence in their twin daughters. Bob's and Bonnie's goal was always to help the twins find their own way. "For them to feel self-actualized, that's what we wanted."



#### THE BOX FOR JULY

The July Box is again going to be Books for The Pantry. recommendations but you are quite welcome to make your own choices. The books need to be new and appropriate for a variety of ages. Thank you for encouraging children/ youth to read. This will be especially appreciated with students not being able to take advantage of their school library or the city libraries at this time. After you have seen the list of recommended choices, if you still have questions; Sheila Hargreaves is the lady to ask. Thank you in advance. There will be a wish list of reading materials available on the Countryside Community Church Book Wish List for

WISH LIST:

Board books for toddlers

Easy readers for K- 4th grade

Sth grade through High School:
Harry Potter books
The Hate U Give
The Fault in Our Stars or any
John Green novel
Divergent series by Veronica Roth
Twilight series by Stephanie
Meyer
Graphic Novels
Hunger Games by Suzanne
Collins
Miss Peregrine's Home for
Peculiar Children
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja

\*\*\*Lots of the classics are out in graphic novels---it is a good way to get kids interested. Of particular interest is the Amulet series and also books by Raina Telgemeier

# **COUNTRYSIDE RE-START TASK FORCE**

# COVID-19

**Countryside Worship Guidelines** 

Monthly review by the Church Council/Subject to change

JUNE 7-13 769 \*CASES JUNE 14-20 693 \*CASES

#### **Until Trigger Rates Hit Green Level**

- Congregants aged 65+ Strongly encouraged to NOT attend in person and participate ONLINE/TV.
- Congregants with underlying health conditions strongly encouraged to NOT attend in person and participate ONLINE/TV.

### RED

200+ cases per week\*

### **ORANGE**

150-200 cases per week\*

### YELLOW

50-150 cases per week\*

### GREEN

<50 cases per week\*

Data for two weeks is needed before moving between levels.
\*Douglas/Sarpy/Cass County Health Departments

#### Red

Online/TV Services Only

#### Orange

One In-Person Service by Reservation Only Physical distancing of 6'+ No Children's Activities No Choir or Congregational Singing Communion - Prepackaged/Individual Servings No Fellowship Gathering Mask Required

#### Yellow

Two In-Person Services on Sunday Physical distancing of 6'+ Strongly Advised No Children's Activities No Choir or Congregational Singing Communion - Prepackaged/Individual Servings No Fellowship Gathering Mask Required

#### **GREEN**

Two In-Person Services on Sunday Social distancing of 3'+ in Sanctuary Children's Activities Allowed Small Vocal Groups and Musicians Allowed No Congregational Singing Fellowship Allowed Mask Optional

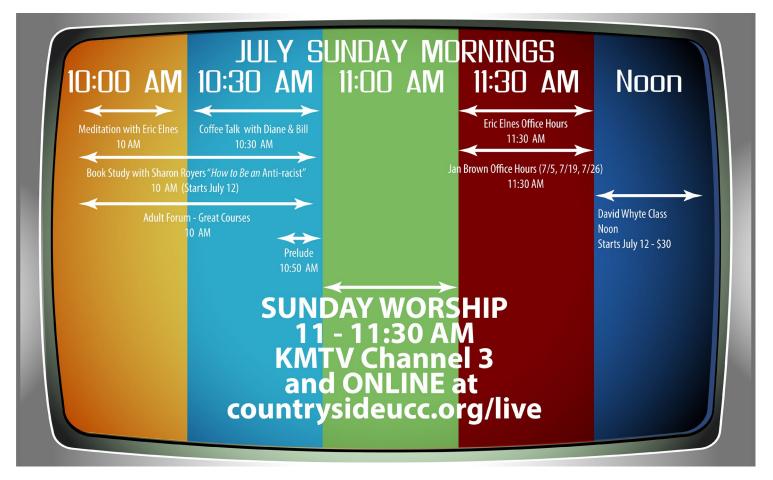
Countryside is utilizing a four-phase approach to determine when the church is ready to re-open and to begin easing some restrictions on the settings and social interactions as they begin. This is a guideline to determine when Countryside will start in-person worship services. The guidelines will be reviewed on a monthly basis at Church Council meetings.

The data Countryside is using is data compiled from both the Douglas County Health Department and Sarpy/Cass County Health Departments combined. These three counties together make up close to one million people, a number easy to compare against averages across the country. For example, the number for June 14 - 20 is 693 cases for all three counties. For now, Countryside will not consider in-person services until that number is below 200 cases per week for 14 consecutive days (two weeks). Even then – and this is the longer section of the guidelines – procedures at the church will be different from pre-COVID days. Aspects of worship that likely present the highest risk for promoting transmission have been identified and plans to mitigate these concerns have been addressed. You will see the changes reflected in each of the color categories as community infections decrease. Also, this matrix is fluid, we could be in yellow one week and if a particularly bad week in Omaha occurs we could move back into red for a few weeks. It all depends on the number of infections reported by the local health departments.

Coming back to church is important to all of us but keeping our members safe and healthy is decidedly the number one priority of the Re-Start task force, the Church Council and the Countryside staff. We have taken the approach that we are going to keep the most vulnerable members of our church and our community in our minds as we make decisions about opening. There are no clear answers, but with a really smart and very cautious approach we can make plans for the future. In the present we can consider the new ways we are called to be Countryside Church in this changing time.

In addition to creating a plan for re-starting public worship, the Task Force has approved allowing limited usage of the of the building and the grounds for smaller groups to meet on site with appropriate saftey measures (masks, social distancing, one group at a time, etc.). If your group is interested, feel free to contact the church office after July 1 for a copy of the COVID usage policy and procedures. office@countrysideucc.org.

### **SUNDAYS IN JULY**



#### **SUNDAYS IN JULY SCHEDULE**

July worship will be 30 minutes all month long. We invite you to take your extra time and try one of our Sunday morning offerings. Everything except the David Whyte class can be found via Zoom links on the church calendar at countrysideucc.org/calendar.

- 10 AM Meditation with Eric Elnes Join Eric for a 25 minute meditation.
- 10 AM Book Study with Sharon Royers, "How to Be an Antiracist". More information on this group can be found on page 3.
- **10 AM** Adult Forum continues, anyone is welcome to attend.
- **10:30 AM** Coffee Talk with Diane and Bill Zoom in with Diane Scott and Bill Bolte, two of Countryside's fabulous Sunday braistas, for a bit of fellowship before you head off to watch worship service. Unforunately you will have to bring your own coffee!
- 10:50 AM Pop into worship service 10 minutes early and enjoy prelude music before worship begins. Online worship only.
- 11:00 AM Sunday Worship on KMTV Channel 3 and Online at countrysideucc.org/live
- **11:30 AM** Staff Office Hours Eric Elnes and Jan Brown will be having office hours and you can zoom in to chat with them. Jan has more information about her office hours on page 3. Keep an eye on your C-10 as other staff members may join during the month.
- 12:00 PM Davd Whyte Onlne Class Starts July 12, more information about this offering is in the article below.

#### "A ROAD ALWAYS BECKONING" IN JULY! - A DAVID WHYTE SERIES

How does my life look now, and where do I want to go? (an online sermon series)

We are all emerging into this new, post-viral world together. But whatever world we reemerge into will have many radically different forms into which we will need to carry equally radical, ancient inner resources: powers of attention and attentiveness, combined with courageous speech, which are poetry's special provenance.

Though our societies around the world are all opening at various paces, and we are doing the same as individuals, the impetus is toward reemergence and, in a way, rededication and reformulation of unspoken promises and spoken ambitions.

In these three Sunday sessions we will look at the phenomenon of courage combined with movement - the need to stay grounded in new qualities we might have discovered through the suspension of our ordinary lives; qualities that may, as we move back out into the world, transform our previous understanding of our destination.

The code you can use for the special discounted rate of \$30 is FAITH2020 and link the to register is live.davidwhyte.com. You will also find an introductory video and an overview of what he plans to talk about during the series. Countryside has scholarships available for anyone who wants to participate but cannot make the financial commitment at this time. Email Robyn Hubbard at robynh@countrysideucc.org for information about scholarships.



# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES VIA LIVESTREAM AND YOUTUBE

Stages across the world remain dark, but we are turning the lights on here at Countryside for you!

While in-person performing arts may not be back for a few more months, we hope that we can fill a valuable gap for Countrysiders as well as the broader community with these offerings. It is a chance for us to support local musicians. These concerts will cover a wide range of genres - from jazz and classical to Broadway, folk music, and ethnic music.

For the month of July, we will continue to hear from our extremely talented musicians at Countryside in ways we don't often get to hear them.

- **Friday, July 10, 7 PM**: *Jules and Joe* Our own Julia and Joe Olynyk will serenade you as you kick back and relax from the week that was.
- Friday July 17, 7 PM: A Flute Extravaganza This concert will feature our Artist in Residence Christie Beard, along with students from her flute studio at UNO. COVID-19 has taken away many performance opportunities for college students, so we are going to provide a performance space for them to delight us with classics and new works from the flute repertoire and add a bit of spice with some tango!
- **Friday July 24, 7 PM**: **A Mister Rogers Sing-Along** It will be a beautiful day to sing along to some favorites from the PBS series!
- **Friday July 31, 7 PM**: *Jazz on the Stream* -Countryside Jazz returns to the livestream stage to play some more favorites.

In August, we will again be bringing the Broadway stage to your doorstep, and will explore a wide variety of music: from the Andes to Africa, with a side of soul! Concert links can be found on the Countryside calendar at countrysideucc.org/calendar.

We would love to see pictures of you and your family/friends enjoying the concerts! Send them to office@countrysideucc.org and you might just see yourself in the next newsletter!

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#### **YOUTH CORNER**

 $\textbf{COYO Jr. High, Sr. High and Faith Singers} \ \text{are on break for } \ \text{for the Summer}.$ 

CORE 56 will still continue to meet during July. Contact Rebecca Morello at rmorello@countrysideucc.org for ZOOM information.

#### COUNTRYSIDE MEMBERS SHARE THEIR FAVORITE SCRIPTURE STORIES

What's your favorite scripture story? Mine? Jonah, all the way. The fish part is cool, sure, but what excites me about this story is Jonah's conversations with God and the decisions he makes because of those conversations—even (and especially) when Jonah doesn't think it's fair. I'm tickled when I read this story and hear echoes of my own conversations with God and see my own grumpiness coming back at me in Jonah's replies. Ultimately, Jonah really does his best to follow God and comes through in the clutch to save the sailors in the storm and then again to extend love to his enemies without minimizing or negating how they had hurt him and his family. A message delivery that was disruptive to the pre-conceived beliefs of both Jonah and the Ninevites.

So, what is your favorite scripture story? A number of us have recorded ours to share with Countryside children and you are invited to do the same! Already, Jeremy Wadhams has shared Big Mama Makes the World, which is a version of the Creation story, Stacey Carnazzo has shared the story of the Good Shepherd, Peggy Bonacci read The Last Supper, Megan Thom read a version of the Loaves and Fishes, Aly Amstutz read Daniel in the Lion's Den and also taught a song based on it, and Morgan Lenigan read the Creation story and shared a song written and performed by her mother. Traci Lenigan!

We're not going too fancy, just use your phone or computer camera and record yourself reading the story and telling us a little about why you like it. You can read the story from the Bible, you can tell the story from your memory, or read a children's book that tells your story in a new way Then, send your videos to me at rebeccam@countrysideucc.org. A link of your story will be sent with the weekly Children's Ministry email for our families to access. Hit me up with any questions!