

## BASCOMB NEWS

**JUNE 25, 2020** 

## RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

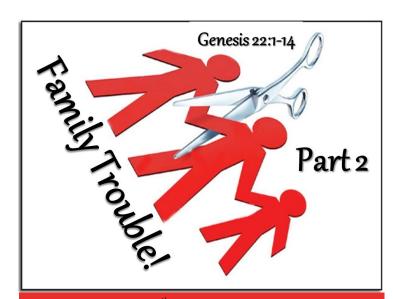


Sunday, June 28 @ 9AM

As we anticipate re-opening the church for services, we are planning on an initial deep cleaning, and then weekly cleanings until we are able to bring back our cleaning service. Our initial cleaning is currently scheduled for **Saturday**, **June 27**, **6:00 PM**. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ryan Kasper at <a href="mailto:kasperryan@gmail.com">kasperryan@gmail.com</a> or 630.956.2996.

## Online Broadcast Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on <u>facebook</u> and our <u>website</u>

Celebration of Life To Taylor Sunday, Tune 28 2:00 p.m. in Sanctuary



June 28 — 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sermon Title: "Family Trouble" Part 2 Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14

In 1969, at the peak of the Vietnam war, Leonard Cohen recorded a song about "The Story of Isaac," retelling the story from Isaac's point of view. But then the song goes on to address people building altars now for the sacrifice of children (WAR): "Have mercy on our uniform, man of peace or man of war; the peacock spreads his fan." The peacock suggests a link with a WWI poem, "Parable of the Young Man and the Old" by Wilfred Owens. It also uses the Genesis 22 story but goes darker! When the angel calls from heaven and points to "the ram" caught in a thicket, "the old man would not so, but slew his son, and half the seed of Europe, one by one." Those who lived through WWI remembered - there simply were not enough boys to go around in Britain, too many had been killed. What do WE make of this OT story? Let me first "tease" you with this statement – the story is NOT about Isaac – the story is about GOD!

Click the link below to read this week's thoughts from our District Superintendent.





Bascomb UMC COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines June 22, first Sunday Service on June 28 at 9am. Only one service will be held until August (at least) before we resume our customary two services.

The discipline of the Pastor and Congregation to be vigilant about adhering to the guidelines and how they will be implemented, plus the ability of church leadership to manage the group effectively. Please do not gather in the Narthex to allow other members to enter the building while maintaining social distancing.

<u>Masks</u>: Everyone must wear a mask. If you forget your mask, one will be provided for you. BUMC has a limited supply of masks, so please remember to bring your mask if you have one.

Please enter the sanctuary through the front doors. All doors, except the two doors on the right side of the Sanctuary, will be locked before, during, and after the service. We hope that all members understand the amount of cleaning that must be done to all areas used within the church. Please note, we will not allow access to other locations of the church due to the significant amount of additional sanitizing required. Therefore, all other accesses to the church will be locked.

The following guidelines are for the safety and protection of all members that wish to attend services at Bascomb UMC:

<u>Arrival at Church</u>: Please park with one empty parking space between you and the vehicle next to you. If this cannot be accomplished, please work with anyone in the vehicle next to you, so that only one family can exit their vehicle at a time, maintaining the requirement of six feet social distancing (with the exception of families that came together in the same vehicle).

<u>Entering the Sanctuary</u>: The only doors open will be the two doors on the front right side of the sanctuary (these doors will be propped open).

- No service programs will be provided.
- Please refrain from touching any Bibles, hymnals, or books.
- No activity kits for children will be provided. Please bring your own to keep children occupied during service.
- Meet and Greet will not be a part of the service until further notice.

The Nursery and Children's Church will temporarily be suspended until further notice.

<u>Restrooms</u>: The only restrooms available for use are the ones located at the Sanctuary. Due to the size of the restrooms, only **ONE** person at a time will be allowed to enter. We understand there may be exceptions.

**Exiting the Sanctuary after our service**: After the "Sending Forth" the ushers will direct you on how to exit the Sanctuary.

Please do not gather in the Narthex to allow other members to leave the building while maintaining social distancing.

"Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25, CEB

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