THE COMMUNITY CHURCH of MOUNTAIN LAKES

More than Sunday Mornings

Open and Affirming to All

Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Love that Disrupts

This Sunday, we are offering **two Worship options.** Join us at **8:30 am** for our first **socially-distanced Outside Worship** service! See the box below for more details!

Worship will also be **live streamed** from the Sanctuary at **10:00 am,** via our CCML YouTube channel. One of the blessings of online Worship is whether you are home or away, you can join us for Worship. In this time in which the normalcy of our lives has been disrupted, join us as we contemplate God's love, a **love that disrupts**. Watch for the **bulletin** which will be sent out **separately Friday.**

Personal Reflection - We can all identify with family tension and differences. Jacob and Esau have been battling from the beginning, even in the womb. Their competition continues as they grow older and Jacob tricks Esau into giving away his birthright. **Think** about the differences or disagreements that exist among your siblings or your extended family. Reflect on how these have affected your family dynamics and interactions. What can they teach you about the relationships you have with members of your congregation, friends, co-workers?

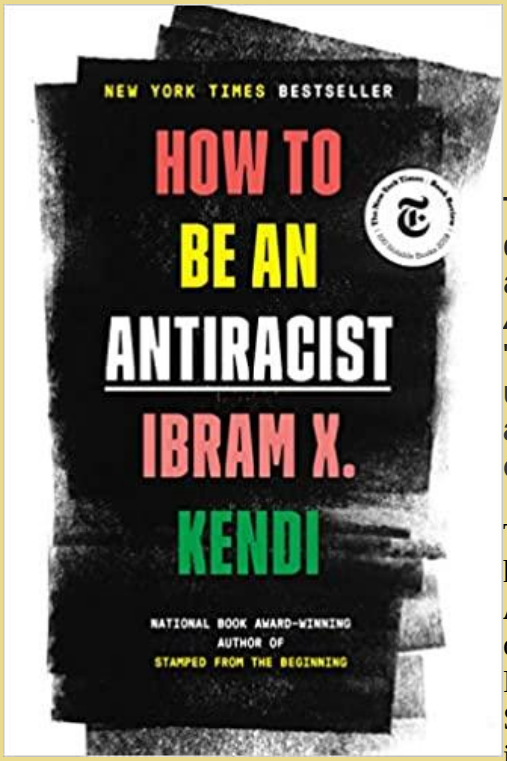
Outside Summer Worship

As was discussed at the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting, we will **continue to stream worship every Sunday** from our Sanctuary so that everyone can participate. For those who feel comfortable coming out and being together, we will offer a **socially-distanced Outside Worship** experience on second and fourth Sundays as well. We will offer a slightly pared down version of the streamed worship out back on the pavement at **8:30 am** on second Sundays, **12 July**, **9 August** and probably **13 September**. For those who prefer a later worship time, we will offer an **11:15 am** worship experience on fourth Sundays, **26 July** and **23 August. Masks** will be required and there will be no corporate singing to keep everyone safe, but we will "gather" (just not too close together) to worship together outside on those Sundays. There will also be an optional **socially-distanced Social Time** on the driveway following worship.

The **building remains closed** except to staff, so please plan your stay accordingly. Please wear a mask and respect the distancing. In following the guidelines, no bulletins will be provided. You may print the bulletin from the blast and bring it with you, follow along on your phone or other device, or just sit back and be led in worshipping.

As the virus continues to rage all around our country, protecting the health and well-being of each of our members and participants is of the utmost importance to us as a faith community. It is hard to be apart for so long, but being together inside is still not safe. We also recognize that different people need different things. We've drawn up this plan with all of these thoughts in mind. We would love to hear your **questions or feedback** , especially whether you will participate in these worships, so drop us a line

at **comchurch@optimum.net** or revdrduke@optimum.net to let us know.



Online Summer Book Group

There's still time to join us to read and discuss **Dr. Ibram Kendi's** much acclaimed book, ***How to Be an Antiracist.*** The New York Times called it **" a 'groundbreaking' (*Time*) approach to understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society— and in ourselves."**

The group is co-facilitated by Dr. Duke and her eldest daughter, **Hannah-Abigail**. Hannah-Abigail is a 2017 graduate of Syracuse University where she majored in Public Relations and Women and Genders Studies. As a Chinese-American, she identifies as a person of color and has a strong interest in issues related to race, identity and justice.

The group is meeting on **Zoom Wednesday evenings** from **7:30 - 8:30.** We project to meet 8, 15 and 22 July and 12 and 19 August. For this week's discussion, we are reading **chapters 4-6**. The online format allows participation whether you are in town or away relaxing somewhere. Contact

Dr. Duke at revdrduke@optimum.net to join.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Get Your Tickets to View *John Lewis: Good Trouble*

The United Church of Christ invites you to an on demand showing of a new film on the life and work of congressman and civil rights activist John Lewis. Buy a $12 ticket to stream *John Lewis: Good Trouble* and $5 goes to support UCC justice ministries.

Learn more about the film at johnlewisgoodtrouble.com.

We know you'll enjoy this compelling film on such an important figure in the civil rights movement.

Justice and Local Church Ministries
The United Church of Christ

This Week

In this unusual time, we invite you to think of those who may experience food insecurity. When you venture out, stop by and drop off some shelf stable food. There's a tub on the porch by the glass office doors to receive what you can share.

In this time when we can't all gather together to worship in the sanctuary, **we depend on your continued support** of the church and its ministries. If you haven't already, please look into setting yourself up with Tithe.ly either on the Tithely app or by using this link on your computer or phone. You might also set up automatic giving payments through your bank's Bill Pay option. You can also mail a weekly check to the Church Office. It's important that we keep our programs running to support our community in this difficult time and to do that, we need your support. **Be part of caring for our community. Send your offering today!**

Virtual Vacation Bible School registration is open! All children entering **Kindergarten** through those entering **5th grade** are welcome to participate. We will gather on **Zoom** from **9-9:45 am July 20th-24th** for songs, Bible stories, and fun! Kids will then work on a mission project of their choosing offline each day. **Register** your kids today! **Older youth** are invited to be virtual **"mission mentors"** for the VBS participants helping them choose their mission project and cheering them on throughout the week. This is a fun way to give back and earn service hours at the same time. Email Pastor Peggy (ccml-peggy@optimum.net) with any questions or to be a mission mentor.

The **Board of Outreach** is asking for our congregation's help in supporting North Porch Women and Infant's Center and Interfaith Food Pantry during COVID-19. While we are unable to carry out our usual drives for baby items and non-perishable food this spring due to COVID-19, we are committed to financially supporting both organizations as more families in Morris County are requesting emergency help during the pandemic. If you are able to help by donating to a special collection, please send your check to the church office or give via Tithe.ly and indicate on the memo line which organization you are supporting.

Interfaith Food Pantry
and Resource Center

Future Dates

16 July - **Chancel Choir BYO Social**, 5:30 pm
20-24 July - **Virtual Vacation Bible School** , 9:00 am
26 July - **Outdoor Summer Worship**, 11:15 am
30 July - **Chancel Choir BYO Social**, 5:30 pm
9 August - **Outdoor Summer Worship**, 8:30 am
23 August - **Outdoor Summer Worship**, 11:15 am
6 September - **Blessing of the Backpacks,** in 10:00 am Worship
13 September - **Homecoming Sunday**,10:00 am
4 October - **World Communion Sunday,** 10:00 am
22 November - **Thanksgiving Sunday**, 10:00 am
29 November - **First Sunday in Advent,**10:00 am