



Second thoughts

November 2020
Second Union Church

How to Survive a Pandemic

Back in March we heard that due to Covid 19 we would have to suspend all of our church services. That was a shock as we have always offered services at 2UC, even in the terrible aftermath of Hurricane Maria. As a pastor, I worried for the welfare of our members who would be cut off from worship and fellowship. I was also concerned for the viability of so many of our ministries both in terms of carrying them out with limited personnel and the inevitable decrease in funding that would occur with suspended church gatherings.

However, God had a plan. In fact, the week before the shut down, I had a pre-marital counseling session with Gaby Cortez and Natalie Lorch. In the course of that meeting, I learned that Gaby loved to tinker with video and sound for live streaming productions and he said he would be happy to offer his equipment as well as his expertise on the following Sunday. Well, God's timing could not have been better as that was the beginning of our Sunday-morning, Live-Streaming ministry which is still thriving. We have had a few major speed bumps along the way, but we now have a very professional presentation that reaches not only across the island but to dozens and dozens of alum who are scattered all across the US.

In addition, we have changed nearly all of our meetings to Zoom format, thus we still continue to offer our weekly prayer time, our men's and women's Bible studies as well as Spanish-language instruction every week.

Our Backpack Program never missed a beat as we have continued to provide food for the hungry despite the pandemic, but we have had to rethink our Heart to Heart ministry to the homeless in Old San Juan. The reason? Our venue has been closed down due to Covid. Consequently, we have devised a new plan of outreach as we will be partnering with the Iglesia San Pablo in Barrio Obrero in one of the poorest neighborhoods in all of San Juan.

Sometimes change is forced upon us by outside circumstances (like a major pandemic), but forced change can also be a blessing in disguise. I believe these changes are just that. Every church, small business and big business alike must either adapt or perish under these stressful circumstances. We have decided to adapt and prosper.

But, of course, we could not do any of this without your continued support. Even though our Sunday attendance is a remnant of previous years, God has blessed us through the great generosity of our local members as well as many of our illustrious alums. We are so grateful for that giving, but we would urge you to continue to give to the work of our ministry either by filling out the enclosed pledge card and sending it in, or by supporting us through PayPal at our secondunion.org website, by mail, or by ATH (select: 787-501-1749).

Please don't forget us.
We need you.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Bob



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Second Union Church
secondunion.org
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Sunday Services
10:00 a.m.

Live in-person
FaceBook Livestream





what we are doing to keep you safe

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At Second Union Church, we take the pandemic very seriously, and we are doing everything to make your church a welcoming and safe environment.

In terms of the physical building, we are maintaining the highest standards in disinfecting our facilities. Our custodian, Lillian, sanitizes all surfaces throughout the week. In addition, we have implemented a church-wide virucidal fogging process on a monthly basis. On a bi-monthly basis, our a/c units are completely flushed and cleaned. We have removed the hymnals and Bibles from the pews. (Please bring your own Bible.)

We have a strict mask-wearing requirement for everyone in our building, and temperatures are taken as people enter the facilities. Masks are provided if necessary. We also have hand sanitizer throughout the church as well as signage about following the safety protocol.

We enforce social distancing both on Sundays in the sanctuary, as well as throughout the week. We rely on each of you to do your part in abiding by our guidelines. We know that not everyone agrees with the need to follow this protocol, but as the body of Christ, we are doing this to protect one another and our loved ones. If you feel any symptoms such as a headache, a fever, severe congestion or coughing, we ask you to stay home and we suggest you get a COVID test just to be on the safe side.

We want you to feel safe coming to church, whether it is to attend our Sunday worship services, to help serve throughout the week, or to stop by for a cup of coffee and conversation. For those of you who are considered to be in a high-risk category, or have family members that are; we completely understand your decision to remain at home. We certainly hope you are worshiping with us via FaceBook live if you cannot attend. Alternatively, the service can be viewed via our website and the sermon audio is also available there or as a podcast.

We are doing what we can- but of course, the most important part is lifting this whole situation up to God in prayer. Please join us in praying for the health and well-being of our congregation and all who pass through our doors.

God bless you!



Virucidal fogging



Ensuring social distancing and checking for proper use of masks



Temperature checks at front door

Second Union Church

*Worshiping the Lord in
Spirit and in Truth*

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m.

Live & FB Livestream

Weekly Meetings

Youth Gathering

Sundays at 1pm via zoom

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays via zoom 12-2

Tuesday Fellowship & Study

Tuesday 7pm via zoom

Men's Breakfast

Wednesday 7am at church
& 10am via zoom

Embrace Grace

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
7pm via zoom

Prayer Service

Thursday 6pm via zoom

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Pastor

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Youth Pastor

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Save these Dates

Holiday Desserts: Get your orders in today and don't miss out on the traditional pies for your holiday meals. In addition to pies, we are making Templeque, Cheesecake and flan - all for \$12. All proceeds go to charities helping women and children. Desserts can be picked up the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

Turkey Drive: Bring purchased turkeys or make a donation. Our goal is 50 turkey dinners. Deadline: November 20, 2020

Advent Devotional: See the article on page 5 in this newsletter and help us encourage one another during the upcoming advent season. Deadline: November 20, 2020.

Cantata: The Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December and rehearsals are underway. The choir is meeting each Thursday at 7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is not too late to join.

Outreach Service Saturday: November 21

Christmas Bazaar: This year's Christmas Bazaar will be virtual. We need all hands on deck to help us organize the items, photograph the items to be sold, upload them to the virtual website and prepare them to be distributed on the day of the Bazaar. Please see Dely Seda or Mabel Varela!

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Serving the NEXTGEN in Times of COVID

*"...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:24-25*

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The verses above are found in the context of a call to persevere in our faith. The author of this letter points out what we already have thanks to Jesus' sacrifice and tells his readers that there are things that will keep us from having a "full assurance" of that fact, and what to do to cement our faith. One of those things is to think about how we can motivate one another towards the mission that Jesus left for us and to NOT stop meeting together with other believers.

Enter Corona Virus...

The biggest thing weighing in my heart in these months of lockdown, restrictions, and anxiety over getting sick is the thought of how much "exposure" to the Bible and Christian fellowship are our students having. So you can imagine how grateful I am for the technology that allows us to meet, albeit virtually. At first, it was awkward, but we have to figure out ways to have some fun and study the Bible together . . . still, they need your prayers!

There are some students that we don't see in our meetings for weeks at a time, and even when we can communicate through text, as Hebrews 10:25 point out, it is important to keep meeting to encourage each other. I praise God for the parents that sit with their child on Sunday morning and watch the church's live stream, because these days that help to keep the spiritual aspect in their lives.

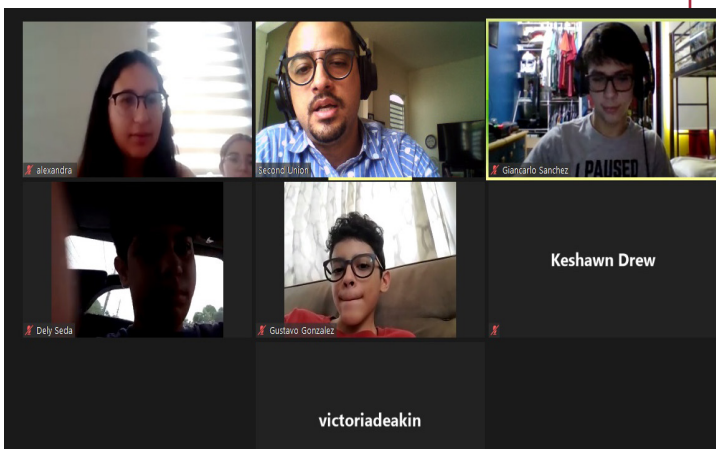


Please help me pray for:

- Students to overcome the virtual burnout so they may be able to meet as a group.
- God to increase their desire and appetite to know Him.
- The parent to keep focus and not neglect their child's need for Christian fellowship.
- The strengthening of families in this season.
- Jesus to be the center of their lives and conversations at home.
- Anything else that the Holy Spirit puts in your heart when you think about our students.

God bless!

Youth Leader, Gustavo Gonzalez





2020 Advent Devotional Writers Needed

In this season full of gift giving, it's good to pause and remember the gifts that God has given us. His most amazing gift, His grace, comes to us through Jesus Christ, in the gift of our salvation, along with every good gift we receive from His hand. James tells us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

Our gracious and loving Heavenly Father does not change. He loves to shower us, His undeserving children, with goodness. We see His good and perfect gifts in our lives in so many ways. In the people He surrounds us with, in the wisdom He provides, in His daily provision for our needs, in His loving-kindness to us. So, as we shop and wrap gifts to give others at Christmas, pause and think on the wondrous gifts you have received from God, the Father of heavenly lights.

Please consider submitting a reflection for this year's devotion. This is a wonderful way to share your love of the Lord with your church family. We encourage you to contact Mabel in the church office as soon as possible. You may select a day from the list below, or she will be happy to assign a day to you.

- We ask you to have your reflection flow from, or be connected to, the Bible text, and hopefully, the theme of the day based on the theme of the week.
- Be original. We want you to tap that inner resource which spiritually strengthens you from within (and we don't want to get into legal trouble over copyright infringements).
- Keep your reflection to 200 words. We need to keep this standard so that each reflection will fit on one page. If you use more than 200 words, we will edit your offering. We will not make any major changes unless we discuss it with you first, but there may be occasion to make slight alterations.
- Please avoid preaching ("you should ...," "you need to ...," "we must ...," etc.)
- Make only one point. Think snapshot, not movie.
- Focus on how you can deepen the Christian commitment of readers and nurture their spiritual growth.
- The author's name will appear with the devotion/meditation each has written. It will be distributed to 2UC members & friends at Second Union, so it will be a blessing to the spiritual enrichment of many people during this Advent season.

The deadline for your devotion/meditation is November 20, 2020 To submit your devotional : incorporate in the body of an email (not an attachment) to: secondunion@gmail.com or hand deliver to Administration Office.

Week One: The Gift of Hope

Sunday : (Nov. 29) Romans 8:18-25 - Unseen hope

Monday : (Nov. 30) Psalm 130 - Waiting in hope

Tuesday : (Dec. 1) Matthew 12:15-21 - Hope In Christ 's name

Wednesday : (Dec. 2) 1 Cor. 15:16-22 - Hope of eternal life

Thursday : (Dec. 3) Titus 2:11-14 - Our blessed hope

Friday : (Dec. 4) 1 Peter 1:3-9 - Born anew to a living hope

Saturday : (Dec. 5) Psalm 146 - Our hope is in our God and Lord

Week Two: The Gift of Love

Sunday : (Dec. 6) Isaiah 54:7-10 - God's Steadfast love

Monday : (Dec. 7) 1 John 4:7-11 - God loved us and sent his son

Tuesday : (Dec. 8) 1 John 3:13-17 - God so loved the world

Wednesday : (Dec. 9) 1 John 3:1-3 - The Father's love

Thursday : (Dec. 10) 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 - Love never ends

Friday : (Dec. 11) Romans 12:9-13 - Lets love be genuine

Saturday : (Dec. 12) Eph. 2: 1-10 - God's rich mercy and great love

Week Three: The Gift of Peace

Sunday : (Dec. 13) Isaiah 52:7-10 - Publish the good news of peace

Monday : (Dec. 14) Col. 1:15-20 - Peace by the blood of His cross

Tuesday : (Dec. 15) John 14:25-27 - My Peace I give to you

Wednesday : (Dec. 16) Romans 5:1-5 - We have peace with God

Thursday : (Dec. 17) Isaiah 9: 6-7 3: 1-10 - The Prince of Peace

Friday : (Dec. 18) - Phil. 4: 4-7 Peace that surpasses understanding

Saturday : (Dec. 19) - Luke 2:8-14 On Earth Peace

Week Four: The Gift of Life

Sunday : (Dec. 20) Isaiah 38:17-20 - You have delivered my life

Monday : (Dec. 21) Romans 6:20-23 - The free gift of eternal life

Tuesday : (Dec. 22) John 1: 1-5 - In Him was life

Wednesday : (Dec. 23) - John 10:7-15 - Abundant Life

Thursday : (Dec. 24) 1 Cor. 15:50-58 - Eternal life in Christ

Friday : (Dec. 25) John 20: 30 -31 - Life in Jesus Name Saturday

Did you know ?

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David & Laurie Yost have been working on a Hopi Indian Reservation in AZ helping with the Covid crisis. They had to go without Internet for a week. Earlier in the summer, they had the opportunity to drive all the way from Pinetop to Indiana (with a quarantine stop in Missouri) to visit their newborn

baby granddaughter, Winnie. Congrats to the proud parents, Aaron and Joni!

The 2nd **Union Christmas Bazaar** is going virtual this year. Read all about it on page 8. Volunteers and bakers needed!

Our first **Outreach Service Saturday** was a great success as over 25 people showed up to prepare and deliver 140 lunches for the hungry and the homeless in Barrio Obrero, over 40 Love Bags for those at the traffic lights, and to help clean out one of our storage closets. What a great first start for this ministry which will be once a month.

Irma & Michele Torres have been faithfully caring for Irma's mom who had a severe stroke several months ago. But, due to the heaps of TLC from Irma and Michele, she is making lots of progress.

Ramon China has been the official catering service of Men's Breakfast as he has provided freshly made sandwiches from the *panaderia* each Wednesday morning. (Thx Ramon!)

Jesse Sargent has waxed poetic in his senior years. See some samples of his verse in this issue of the newsletter.

Maylie's wonderful husband, Sam, was back at church recently as he is here for some medical check ups.

Alfonso "Fonsi" Román is directing our Cantata Choir this year and he is doing a great job. And if you would like to join us, it is not too late. Rehearsals are every Thursday at 7:15pm.

After many months of preparation, our new Council VP, **Fred Ross** has finally opened a retail store for his company that specializes in health supplements and green, cleaning products. The company name is **Melaleuca** and it is located in Plaza Guaynabo.

David Roman is hoping that his Georgia Bulldogs will face Christopher Strong's Alabama Tide in the NCAA championship, but Pastor Bob and Christie are hoping that Ohio State will be in the mix as well.

Richard & Diane Rhatigan are busy refurbishing their sail boat in the DR, but they hope to be back in PR before Christmas...and we do too!

Pastor Joe & Elilda Ramos are doing great as they serve the Palmas Community Church in Palmas del Mar. In fact, they hope to break ground for a new church building in the Spring.

Sherry Davis' wonderful mom, **Mary**, recently celebrated a milestone birthday. She remains as the official, emeritus, 2UC "Amener".

John & Evelyn Alberts now have new digs in Isla Verde and have a marvellous bird's eye view of God's wonderful creation.

Edwin and Conchi Perez recently spent time with Edwin's wonderful mom, Doña Lydia. She is now 96 yrs. old and going strong. They paid a visit to Hershey, PA where the famous candy bar is made.



Did you know ?

Jeff & Tamara Penn are adjusting well in Prague after a little bit of a rocky start since their furniture shipment was greatly delayed. However, we all got to “see” Jeff perform at church recently, via the Internet, and we receive a greeting from Tamara.



It's great to see **Annie Moraza and Derry Kingsberry** back at 2nd Union.

Nicolas Rodriguez is serving as our new keyboardist and he is doing a wonderful job of spearheading our worship team which is comprised of Mabel Varela, Fonsi Roman, Nailah Gonzalez, and Natalie Lorch. Dylan Gonzalez is often our projectionist and Gaby Cortes is our videographer par excellence!

Justin Mohler has been back and forth to the family farm to bring in the harvest this fall and Chelsea is teaching a two-month series for our Sunday School kids. What a blessing!



Christopher Strong recently celebrated his birthday and his one-year anniversary of his open-heart surgery. Praise the Lord! Here Christopher is with Dexter serving the workers on the docks.

Steven & Linette Johnson have been retooling our library with the help of our newest and youngest librarian, **Nailah Gonzalez**.

Jose Guzman is the proud grandfather of not one, but two new granddaughters. Congrats Jose!!!

Dennis & Linda Glenn have been approved as chaplains to first responders with the Samaritan's Purse. This will take them to all parts of the US and all around the world.

Brian & Patti Giese are spending time in the home in Annapolis MD, but hope to be back this fall.

Stephen & Stephanie Fuller are celebrating the victory of their LA Dodgers.

Brenda Ferrer is every where! That's a saying that has a bit of a ring to it. But we are glad that Brenda seems to be ready to pitch in whenever the doors of 2nd Union are open or the zoom meetings are in session and there is service and outreach to be done. Thx Brenda.

Eze and Gladys Ebube have moved their Optician's office and store to a new location? They are just across the parking area from their previous store, in a newly renovated and impressive spot in Canovanas right off Route 66.



Our thanks to **Christie, Dely, Ana, and Mabel** for all that they do as well to help 2UC maintain its institutional DNA of service to others.

Dennis Gonzalez has been helping **Connie Estades** at the San Juan Community Library (right next door to the church) with some structural engineering issues and is saving them mucho dinero!

Dylan Gonzalez and **Consuelo Rampolla** have been faithfully serving the church by operating the powerpoint during our services. They do a great job behind the scenes.

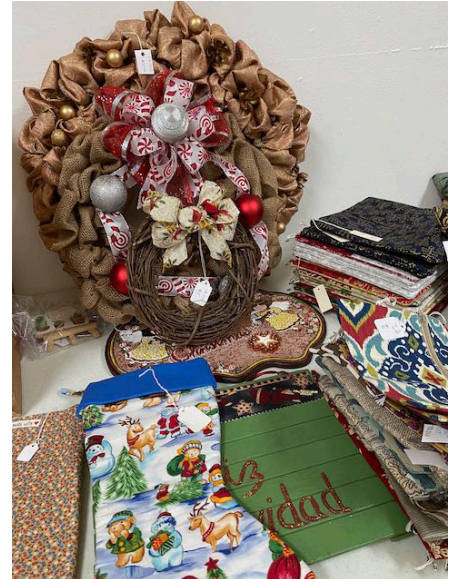
And, behind the screens, we are blessed to have **Gabriel Cortes**, who has served so professionally and with such a great heart as our IT livestream guru. He was truly sent to us by God.

Jaime Irizarry has a role in season 2 of the series “Chosen” a Christian. He is filming now in Utah and playing the role of a Pharisee!



Pastor Bob tried (unsuccessfully) to scare a few of our 2UC trick-or-treaters!!

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Christmas is right the corner, and so is our annual Christmas Bazaar. The challenging situation we are facing with COVID-19 calls for creative responses! We aren't letting anything, even a pandemic, stop us from bringing holiday cheer to 2020. In a desire to keep everyone safe, the "God is Hope' Christmas Bazaar will be virtual this year.

A virtual Christmas Bazaar? Yes! We will be using a special platform with pictures of all of the products that will be for sale, and people will have the opportunity to purchase the goods beginning in November, and then we will distribute them on the day of the Bazaar.

If you are an artisan or if you know of one who would like to offer items for sale, please contact Christie Curie, Dely Seda or Mabel Varela. All proceeds go to organizations supporting women and children! We need the artisans to bring or send photos of each of the items they would like to sell, so we can present them on our retail platform. Please contact Christie Zoba at 787-717-4001 or the church office. There is no up-front cost to participate; however, we do ask for a 20% donation from each sale which goes to provide valuable support to charitable organizations which help women and children in our community and beyond.

Shopping will commence on the 5th of November. Items will be picked up at the church 'drive-thru' style on Bazaar Day: Saturday, December 5th. In addition to homemade crafts and specialty items, we will also have a virtual Bake Table, a thrift shop and on the day of the Bazaar, you can also order carry out Bazaar Bistro delicacies!

Stay tuned, we will be posting information about the virtual platform so you can start shopping soon!

If you have household items, decor or clothing in like-new shape, then we would be delighted to offer it at our 'Thrift Shop'. You are welcome to bring items to the church this week, but please make sure everything is spotless and in excellent condition.

We need lots of help. All items needs to be photographed, priced and prepared to pack. We need help decorating our church, sorting items, working with the web retail platform and more. Please contact Dely or Mabel for more information. All workers at the church are required to wear masks and maintain social distance. Please do you part!!



The Christmas Cantata must Go On

Thanks to the masterful direction of our very own Choir Director, Fonsi Román, and giving glory to God, the 2UC Cantata will take place this year. We are grateful for Fonsi's dedication and for all who are coming to our socially-distanced choir practices on Thursdays at 7:15pm. It's not too late to join our choir, as your voices will be joyously welcomed.

The Cantata this year is a bit simpler with primarily two parts; however, the music is beautiful and it promises to be a wonderful event.

The Cantata will take place on Sunday, December 20 during our morning worship service.



Muriel, Mabel, Lynette, Pastor Bob, Anthony, Ana, Christie & Fonsi.
Missing from the picture: Wanda, Angel & Nicolas



ZOOM ... ZOOM ... ZOOM

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

Zooming is a bit of a mix between Hollywood Squares and the Brady Bunch. Combine that with unstable internet, slow bandwidth and crazy audio and you get a feeling for what it is like to participate in a virtual meeting. "Can you hear me?" "I think she's frozen." "You have to unmute yourself." "You sound like a guitar!"

Frustrating at times for sure, but these virtual meetings are incredibly rewarding as it gives us the opportunity to connect with our church family in prayer, Bible study and conversation. And that is something we all need in these times: a sense of connection. We urge you to join in to one of our zoom weekly meetings - we are here to help you if you need it!

Youth Group: 1pm on Sundays

Women's Bible Study: Noon-2pm on Tuesdays

Virtual Fellowship Hall & Study: 7pm on Tuesdays

Men's Breakfast: 10am on Wednesdays (in-person at 7am in the Fellowship Hall)

Embrace Grace: 7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Prayer Group: 6pm on Thursdays

Behind the Masks: the Hands and feet of Christ

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Going strong in the midst of trying times.

I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. Revelation 3

We are all concerned about Covid. It has affected everyone. We know this is a scheme of the evil one. But while he may throw his fiery darts our way, we will endure and we will not be hindered from the work of the kingdom of God. In this issue, we acknowledge and thank those who have remained steadfast in service. It's not possible to include every name, but pictures tell a thousand words, and we are grateful to all who have offered their hands and feet in the midst of this very trying time. Mabel, in particular, has been a tremendous example of the patient endurance mentioned in Revelation 3. She is facing many trials of her own, yet she has been an example to all of us in terms of service. She has kept the church open, sanitized, disinfected and she has encouraged all who want to offer their hands and feet!

We also thank God for Brenda Ferrer, our Outreach chair, who has demonstrated a "Here I am Lord" attitude from the moment we re-opened the church. In Brenda's words, "If I can go to Costco, I can go to church." And has she ever. Then there is Wanda Montalvo, our Christian Ed chair - way back in March, when most were afraid to leave their homes, Wanda showed up at church with her trusty shredder to help in the office! Dely Seda, our Membership Chair, and the leader of our Embrace Grace ministry has been more active than you can imagine - just ask anyone in this ministry how many baby showers have taken place in the last six months! On top of that she is the driving force behind this year's virtual Christmas Bazaar. Ana Almódovar has also been a constant servant. Loraine, Brenda and Nina have kept the Backpack Program going - as a matter of fact, we haven't missed a week of deliveries of much needed food to these families. Steve and Lynette Walker have dedicated many hours to organizing the church library. Rob Grosek, Brenda Ferrer, Humbelina Treviño and Grecia Rodriguez went beyond the confines of our church to the Food Bank for an arduous half-day of service! There are many more who have been helping, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Behind the Masks: the Hands and feet of Christ



Outreach Service Saturday

The church is coming together once a month on Saturday to serve! All are welcome to join us. This idea was proposed by property chair, Christopher Strong, and strongly supported by our Outreach chair, Brenda Ferrer as an opportunity to bring the church family together (socially-distanced and with masks) to continue to serve the needs of the church and the community.

Our first 'Outreach Service Saturday' was held in October. The men of the church helped with maintenance and cleaning of the facilities, the youth spent hours organizing the Backpack Room, Over 120 sack lunches were prepared and delivered to the Iglesia San Pablo in the Barrio Obrero neighborhood in Santurce. Love Bags, filled with snacks and water and a Bible message, were prepared to hand out to those who are begging on the street corners.

Our next 'Outreach Service Sunday' is November 20, just in time to decorate the church for Christmas!



Behind the masks: The Backpack Program



In October, we welcomed our new backpack families for the 2020-2021 year for an orientation and their first pick-up. This year we will be working with two schools: La Escuela Elemental Urbana in 'downtown' Guaynabo and La Escuela Santa Rosa III, also in Guaynabo. We will have a total of 30 students.

The Backpack Program, which has been operating since 2013 at Second Union Church, provides backpacks of food every Friday afternoon to children who have been deemed 'food insecure.' This program is under the umbrella of Feeding American and el Banco de Alimentos de P.R. This year to minimize contact, we are distributing food in plastic bags and we are distributing a double 'backpack' once every two weeks.

We need prayer partners for our new students, so if you are interested please see Loraine or Christie! We can always use your plastic grocery bags!

Thanks to Brenda, Nina, Angel, Mabel, Grecia & friends from Rosa-Bel and so many others!!



In Christ's love,
Christie & Loraine





FOR I WILL RESTORE
HEALTH TO YOU, AND
YOUR WOUNDS I WILL
HEAL, DECLARES
THE LORD.

JEREMIAH 30:17

Poetry from our very own Jesse Sargent

Love flows from Jesus to us
like sweet nectar from a flower to a bee.
I see the face of Jesus every place, in the morning sun-rise, in the evening
sun-set,
in the clouds in the sky
as the wind blows them by.
Jesus the Son of God loves you and me so much He let the Romans nail
him to a tree,
on a hill called Calvary.
Jesus rose from the dead on the third day
and spoke to Mary as she arrived at His tomb to pray.
Jesus gave His body and shed His precious blood so all people would never
again be a slave to sin.
Jesus I pray we will meet one day soon
in your mansion in the sky
and our journey will finally be complete
as we worship at your feet, Amen.

Editor's note: For those of you who don't know Jesse, he was a member at Second Union Church and a very faithful Chaplain to the Mariners on the docks in San Juan. Though he left Puerto Rico over 6 years ago, thanks to Zoom, he is an active participant in the Wednesday Men's Breakfast. He now lives in New Mexico and he enjoys writing poetry. We are happy to share this poem, which seems particularly appropriate as we remember another one of our Men's Breakfast participants: Troy Field. To God be the glory.

In memoriam Troy fields



We are sad to note the passing of PR legend, **Troy Fields**. Troy served in so many ways and with so many organizations including Rotary, UC & 2UC Church, the SJ Public Library, WOSO, AND youth football to name a few. He will be greatly missed. Our thanks to Connie Estades who has helped put together his memorial service on November 14 at 4pm. Pastor Bob will be giving Troy's eulogy at the Union Church. Seating is limited. Please R.V.S.P. by November 10, 2020 by calling 787-726-0280.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The San Juan Community Library P.O. Box 3758, Guaynabo, PR 00970-3758

