

# FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

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## Upper Room

Many of our friends are devoted Upper Room readers. During these times, the Upper Room can be hard to find. Are you interested in reading? Please let us know by phone or mail, and we will drop an edition to your home, as supplies last!

## Digital Choir!?!?

- One of our greatest challenges during this time of social distancing has been supporting our Northminster Choristers. Miriam Anderson, our intrepid Music Director has initiated Zoom Choir Meetings! While this doesn't allow for the full experience of singing together, it does help keep voices warmed up and moving!

## In Memoriam

We remember and celebrate the life of: Lucie Richards

Lucie's family had a private graveside service in late April. A public memorial service will follow, TBA.



## The Garden of Peace

One of the highlights of the Friendship Luncheon is the creativity of the floral centerpieces. Both Nancy Ingle and Sheila Streigl put their heart and soul into making the tables sing! We've been dazzled by their holiday imaginations, including a trip to Trader Joes to collect long stemmed red roses. But most of the materials for the arrangements come from the church garden.

The church garden has been a cooperative effort of folks like Fred Kern, Signa Treat, and Kim Wagoner. Each effort to keep the plants watered, the trees trimmed, and the tubers managed keeps this garden alive and thriving. But we would be remiss to not notice that the garden is anchored in the imagination and weekly efforts of Sheila Streigl.

Recently a neighbor commented to the church, "I wanted to remark how awesome the woman is who weeds and waters around the church. The curb appeal of your church hasn't diminished at all!" This remark is one of many that we continue



## The Church Library is Going on the Road!

Jan Olson, caretaker and curator of the Northminster Library, has offered to organize a drive-by library.

Some of the newest offerings are:

Becoming/Obama

Educated/Westover

Just Mercy/ Stevenson

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life/ Armstrong

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End

Joy: lasting happiness in a changing world

Forgotten books of the Bible/ Williamson

Pilgrimage to Eternity/ Egan.

Please call Jan directly if you would like a drive-by library experience. Her phone number is: 206-629-4482.

to receive about the garden. It remains a strong witness to the larger neighborhood of how important beauty and respite in light of our challenging times.

The garden is one of the simple ways that the church engages in outward mission while supporting the worshipping community. Flowers can be cut for worship, or for local community members to help bring a lift to the spirit. We continue to be thankful for this strong and vivid ministry of the congregation.



## Reminiscing on the Friendship Luncheon

Some volunteers organized a Zoom Call on May 5th as a way of honoring the tradition of the Friendship Luncheon. Enchilada recipes were discussed briefly, and soon plans began stewing for the next luncheon. We hope that there will come a day soon when it is safe to meet and share this wonderful meal together. Until then, we give thanks for the meals and conversations shared over time.