

CONNECT IDEAS (while in pandemic mode) (as of July 1, 2020)

- Post short, regular digital messages and the Daily Office.
- Bring physical symbols of the church, like coffee mugs or resource lists, to parishioners.
- Clergy offer drive-by blessings for parishioners to honor celebrations like school graduations, birthdays, and anniversaries.
- Partner with other community and faith-based organizations to utilize your physical space for social services or other emergency aid.
- Develop formation opportunities using resources commonly found at home, such as The Book of Common Prayer and The BCP Online.
- During Digital Coffee Hour or other events, divide attendees into Zoom breakout rooms to discuss a conversation prompt.
- Invite members to share their at-home faith practices with others through photos or short videos.
- Maintain and develop formal and informal conversation groups around shared interests or identities (Ex: parents, LGBTQ youth, Revive, WordsWithFriends).
- Divide the congregation into smaller pastoral groups, assign each group a vestry member or another lay leader to regularly check in with each household
- As a pastoral care team, call through the directory frequently. Use these phone calls, emails, text messages to ascertain the spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of parishioners. Who needs pastoral care from a clergy person? Who needs groceries? Who is ill or grieving the loss of a loved one?
- Match members with a “parish buddy” to grow deeper in faith and support with a new person.
- Connect members with community resources via guest presenters over Zoom (Ex: A transgender man speaking to concerned parents at a support group for parents of LGBTQ+ youth).
- Collaborate with smaller and larger parishes in neighboring cities or communities. What resources could you offer? What resources do they need?
- Follow up with parishioners who miss the zoom meeting: do they need help using zoom? Is there a different way in which they want to participate?
- Send postcards or letters to reach those who are not technologically inclined.
- Increase emails to folks & include a short video and links to worship and bulletins.
- Tape musical moments and share artists' solos or duets. Release them one on social media and in weekly e-newsletters one by one.

With Children, Youth, and Family:

- Offer a virtual Happy Hour for parents.

- Offer a mid-week Children's Chapel via Zoom.
- Provide a regular time for kids to meet online to visit.
- Record the Godly Play stories ahead of time and have them available on Facebook and the church webpage for parents to access on Sunday morning.

Video Links:

How to make a Home Altar [Making Your Own Home Altar.](#)