

# The Weekly Tidings

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Come Together, Grow in Faith, Serve the LORD

## In-Person Worship resumes Sunday, March 7

We are ready to resume in-person Worship beginning Sunday, March 7. We are only allowing up to 40 people for the 8:30 service, so sign up with the Church Office if you would like to come. For more information, please read Pastor Tim's article on page 5 of this issue of The Tidings.

We are continuing to worship over Zoom at 9:30, and you can find the Zoom Link at the top of our webpage at [www.htelc.com](http://www.htelc.com). Our 8:30 Worship service is now being live streamed over YouTube. Scroll down on [www.htelc.com](http://www.htelc.com) every Sunday at 8:30 to find the YouTube video.



## Graduating Seniors in 2021

If you have or know of a child who is graduating from High School or College, we want to recognize them in a few months! Please contact Mark at the Church Office with their name(s), and we'll make sure to celebrate them in June.



## Isimani Scholarships

During the season of Lent, we will collect donations for the Isimani scholarships. You may donate via the various ways they donate to HTELC, but please make a notation that the donation is for the scholarships in Tanzania. Donate by sending a check to the Church, or online.



## Pastor Tim's Article: February 22, 2021

Martin Luther talked about remembering out baptism on a daily basis. While it was something that occurred in the past, it had lasting effects. It wasn't a "one and done" type thing.

During Lent, this is what I ask. Every morning when you wake up, and every night when you lie down, make the first and last words you say to yourself the following.

"I am baptized."

When you say that, make the cross on yourself. This could be a cross on your forehead, or it could be more of a full body cross where you touch your forehead, chest and shoulders.

It doesn't matter how you do it as there isn't a wrong way or a right way. God's sacraments don't "work" because of how they are done or who is doing them, they "work" because simply because they are done. Any power or efficacy they have comes from God and nowhere else. (If you want to learn the fancy latin way of saying this you would say, "ex opere operato." What this means it that the sacraments are not dependent on the person doing it that would be "ex opere operantis", but rather, they "work" because of the grace of God.)

Try working either of those phrases into a conversation!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Tim

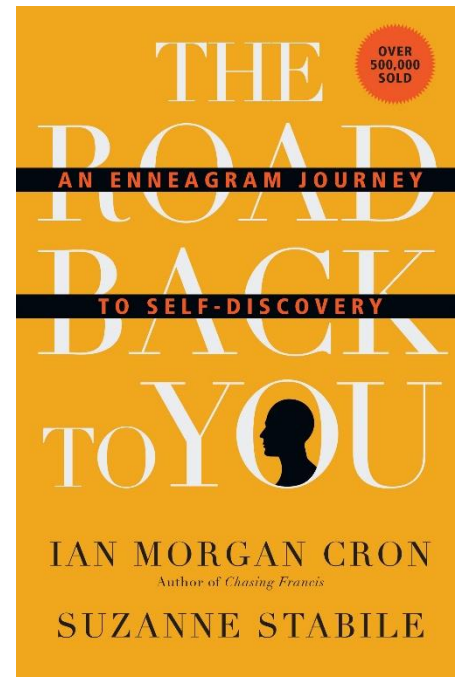


## Pastor Tim's Article: February 25, 2021

You have heard a lot about this over the past few weeks, and you will hear about it one more time. Last night was our first session of learning about the Enneagram using the book, "The Road Back to You." A friend of mine, David Ronka, and myself are hosting this every Wednesday, during Lent, from 7-8pm on Zoom. The reason why I am sharing it with you again, is that last night exceeded our expectations. We were planning on having approximately 20 people join us and if it was really anticipated, we might have 30. As it turned out, 35 people were on Zoom! David and I felt great energy from people as they were ready and motivated to learn more about who they are and their motivations behind their actions and personality.

If you were hoping to join and weren't able to, for whatever reason, it is not too late. If you decided this wasn't for you, but now you are having second thoughts, it is not too late. You can join us next week. In order to get caught up, do the following.

1. Buy the book "The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self Discovery" on Amazon or another bookseller. <https://www.amazon.com/Lead-When-Where-Youre-Going/dp/1538127679>
2. Watch the "Introduction to the Enneagram" video that David and I put together. It is 20 minutes long. <https://youtu.be/Vrz2fgtZZrl>
3. Read Ch. 1 and 2 in the book and take an online test.
4. Go to <https://www.eclecticenergies.com/enneagram/test-2> **Remember to click on "test 2"**. If the link does not work for you, try this one instead. <https://www.truity.com/test/enneagram-personality-test>
5. Answer the questions as best you can without overthinking (should take about 10-15 minutes)
6. The results will be ranked from highest to lowest in terms of your number -- make a note of your top 3 numbers.



7. Read the chapter for your top number (and if you want to go further, you can also read the chapters with your second and third number). Or if you are doing this with someone, ask about their results and read their number.
8. Join us next week on Zoom!

Each week, we will utilize the breakout rooms on Zoom to talk about what we are learning, David and I will create another video introducing new information and then we will go to breakout rooms again to begin to process it. It is that simple. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask.

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### **Social Ministry**

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for their assistance on the committee's projects during the past calendar year. There were Thanksgiving and Christmas meals in cooperation with the Pop-up Pantry, Toys for Tots and most recently, the Mitten Tree. In case you hadn't already heard, the items from the tree were given to Cross Roads House and Operation Blessing to distribute.

Dover Friendly Kitchen continues with the take-out meals. Someday, hopefully, the communion of in-person dining will be able to safely resume. The pandemic has changed so much in our lives and especially those who are in even greater risk due to their economic circumstances.



The Social Ministry committee will be holding a virtual meeting in the near future. During that time we will discuss spending funds from the Ministry Allocation Plan. If anyone would like to join this committee, you are most welcome! My email address is [j.g.feeley@gmail.com](mailto:j.g.feeley@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact me.

## Pastor Tim's Article: March 1, 2021

After our last council meeting, I let you all know, in the following Tidings, that we would potentially resume an "in-person" worship, when the website, [www.covidactnow.org](http://www.covidactnow.org), designated Rockingham County "orange." Late last week, this occurred. Through email conversation, council has determined that we are safe to offer the opportunity for people to worship "in-person." Here are the details.

- Worship will be 8:30 am service
- Strict safety protocols enforced
- Wear masks, no congregational signing, physically distanced, no Fellowship afterwards
- Please sign-up using the Sign Up Genius link on htelc.com, or call/email the Church Office.
- In order to make this happen, we will need volunteers for "Greeters," "Counters," and "Cleaners."



This will obviously raise some questions around Holy Week and our Easter schedule. We are still working on putting this together. Hopefully, if we continue to move in the right direction, we will be offering some type of in-person worship. But, because there is still so much unknown, we can't offer specifics at this time. What I can say is, plan for, at least, an outdoor gathering (possible sunrise?), an indoor gathering (assuming numbers stay in the right direction) and either a pre-recorded worship or a Zoom worship (TBD). It is unbelievable that we are approaching 1 year of not being in the sanctuary, except for 3 Sundays in October. When this all started, council made the decision to suspend indoor worship for 2 weeks! No one thought we would still be doing this. Yet, through it all, we have faithfully gathered each week, even if it hasn't been in our building. We have still done baptisms. We have still done weddings. We have still done funerals. We have still received communion. We have kept the faith and worshipped together.

Thank you all for the ways in which you stuck with it and are sticking with it. It hasn't been easy. We are not done. But a new day is coming. That is the promise of Easter that we are moving towards.

## Stations of the Cross

We are putting together Stations of the Cross and we have ordered 8 large posters to be colored in. These posters are a biblical account of the time leading up to the resurrection from Jesus' point of view. If you and/or your family would love to sit in the Sanctuary for an hour and color these posters, please sign up by calling or emailing the Church Office. These posters will be displayed throughout our building when completed.



## Calumet Catch-Up

Pastors and congregation leaders are invited to participate in a Zoom "Calumet Catch-Up" session. These sessions will be at 9:30 AM on MARCH 8, 9, 10, & 11. There are four opportunities and we hope as many leaders as possible will choose to participate in the one that makes the most sense for them. During the one hour time together, we'll share what's been going on, how we're doing, what we are expecting will come next, and ways we can work together in ministry partnership so that congregations and individuals can grow in relationship with each other and with God. Email [knute@calumet.org](mailto:knute@calumet.org) if you'd like to join.

