

Good morning,

I keep a paper copy of these Updates. I just counted them. They have come out every Wednesday, except when I have been away for holidays, or at a conference. I began sending them early in the pandemic. I scrambled to try and think of a way that I would be able to stay in touch with you when we were so separated and the church was empty.

This Update is number **236**. That is a lot of Wednesdays...



At the very least, I felt like I was trying to keep in touch with you. After the pressure of the pandemic lessened, it was becoming a fun thing to do and I started including upcoming events and other announcements. Like today, I have never really planned what to say until I sat down at the computer and started to type. Each Wednesday I ended up with an Update. A lot of these were about me, and my journey with you from week to week. Maybe they have helped you get to know me and what I think a little better. Being in a community is about sharing the journey.

Maybe *Hymn #808 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"* gets at why I have kept writing to you on Wednesdays. I hope you have heard that over these many weeks, months, and years. The first verse echoes in my heart:

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:

you alone are our life and our peace and our love.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Next week, number 237 will be my concluding Update.

Thank you for reading them.

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Coming up at Hope:

May 15 @ 10:00 am *Hymn Sing on Zoom*

May 16 @ 8:30 am *Men's Breakfast meeting*

May 16 @ 9:00 am - noon *Hope Quilters*

May 17 @ 9:30 am *Church Council* meeting

May 18 @ 10:00 am *Sunday Worship Service*

May 21 Final *Wednesday Update*

The *Sunday service* and *Invitation to Zoom* will appear in your email on Saturday morning.

Christ is risen!

Pastor Terry