

Living as People of Hope During COVID-19

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An Empty Murphy Field

From our dining room window we have an unobstructed view of Murphy Field with a basketball court across the street. Most days, school hours over, we used to hear the not so steady thump of basketballs. Things have changed a lot since last year when the pandemic began. We are less likely to see teenage players and more likely to see an empty field or young parents giving their children a daily dose of fresh air, walking, or riding tricycles. It is just one of the many visible reminders of the pandemic. We have grieved with those who have lost dear family and friends and pray for an end to this pandemic which has wrought such havoc on our earth.

While the struggles and problems wrought by the pandemic color our lives, fill our TV screens, and worry our hearts, we have to keep reminding ourselves that God is with us through it all. Even in the midst of so much sadness, we can still see the glimmer of hope that scientists, doctors, nurses, hospital personnel, first responders, and our own neighbors bring as they do their best to serve. The ordinary people who become extraordinary by their generosity, through their sharing of food, shelter, and funds

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