

TMUC – Worship

Story for All – June 28, 2020

A Dancing Grocer

Some stories just make you smile. This week I saw an Instagram posting about a grocery store manager named Aaron Karpinka. Aaron manages a store in Saskatoon. The store has implemented all of the proper COVID-19 policies of physical distancing, and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces regularly...but Aaron says that being front-line grocery workers during the pandemic has been nerve-wracking...so he decided to add something to his management syle...dancing! He doesn't consider himself a particularly great dancer, but he wanted to do something to cheer up both himself and others...so he dances up to employees when they arrive, he starts at one end of a grocery aisle and dances the length of the aisle while people are shopping. He didn't want to show off his dance moves...he wanted to bring a smile to people's faces. Sometimes it takes someone to say or do something that seems different and out of the ordinary, to remind us how special life can be. Jesus was often doing things that seemed odd to others – trying to feed thousands of people with a few loaves and fishes, stopping what he was doing to talk to people who were begging along the side of the road, saying that giving a cup of cold water to someone who is really, really thirsty is a really big deal to God.

We still live in a time of COVID-19, still unable to go everyplace we'd like to go, see everyone we'd like to see – but maybe we can still come up with different ways that we can still bring smiles to people's faces, we can still dance, we can still let people know that we are thinking of them and loving them, we can still be companions of Jesus in helping others.