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The Anchor



Pastor's Letter

It is hard to believe that we are about to begin our second year using the narrative lectionary. For me, because of circumstances it seems hard to believe because it did not feel as if we finished last year's cycle. From my standpoint it was a great experience to see how the stories of faith tie into the greater theme of history and faith. We began in the beginning and went quickly through the Old Testament, then we went through the New testament and this summer we looked at some of the early Christian churches. I know that what I gained from being part of the narrative lectionary was because I was part of it every week. Thankfully, my job pushes me to be engaged each week with the stories. For most of you that is not the case. It is a choice and it is an option. It might have been difficult to connect the stories and look at the bigger picture of the stories of faith we find in the Bible and what it tells us about God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

My encouragement for you, even if you are not able listen to the stories each week, is to do daily readings of the Bible. Some passages are given each week in the faith at home sheets. Some of you have asked about a daily reading schedule. There are many options available for those that would like to read the Bible in a year. It sounds like a big task, but it really is not. It just takes commitment and perseverance. If you would like some help in picking out a program for you that will help you in reading the Bible in a year let me know.

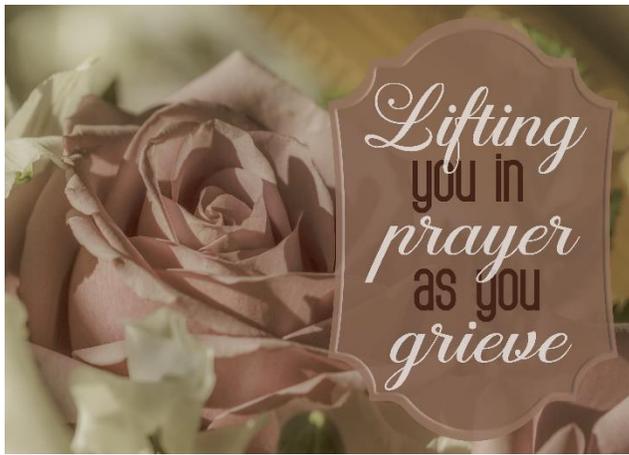
Here are a few benefits for you when you read the Bible through in one year.

1. Reading through the whole Bible will give you a bigger perspective of God's salvation plan for God's people.
2. Reading through the Bible in a year will enrich your worship experience and listening to God's word through the sermon.
3. Reading through the Bible in a year will help you see God more clearly in your daily life.
4. Create a new habit you can feel good about.

There are many more benefits. I pray that the few that I mentioned will be enough to encourage you.

God's richest blessings during this time

Pastor Black



Jayne Tuner would like to thank our Church family for making my Mom's birthday special.

She loved all of the cards and greetings she received.

Our Deepest sympathies to Floyd and Sherry Anderson in the death of Floyd's brother Warren Anderson. Warren passed from death to eternal life on July 14th.



Our deepest sympathies to the family of Theresa Bagg, her sister Cozette (Wayne) Jones, her uncle Larry Weeks, and cousins; Aaron Weeks and Jerri Lynn (Keith) Baker. Theresa passed from death to eternal life on August 18th.

- 2 Glenn Olson
- 6 Staci Smith, Sara Nicoletti & Louis Wilson
- 8 Vicki Kern
- 9 Mya Thrall
- 12 Nan Grommes, Corey Johnson & Heather Schindlbeck
- 13 Jahni Thrall
- 20 Reid Vahl & Eamon Porter
- 22 Brooke Johnson
- 23 Ben Johnson
- 24 Lyndee Anderson, Wyatt Gillman & Sarah Johnson
- 27 Autumn Thompson
- 29 Kathy Benoit & Pam Szczeniak

- 2 Kevin & Lisa Tierney
- 9 Kathy & Darrell Meyer & Brian & Melissa Corrado
- 17 Norm & Diane Schlesinger
- 19 Ben & Deborah Goldsmith
- 21 Laura & Andy Nicoletti
- 24 Steve & Kathy Benoit

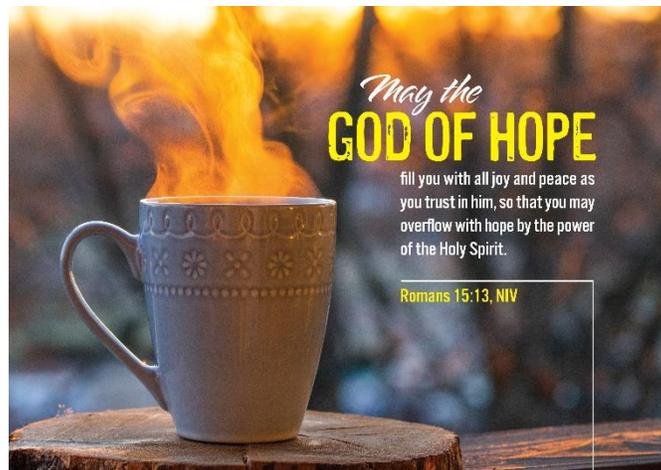
A Prayer as I Put on My Mask:

Creator,
 As I prepare to go into the world,
 Help me to see the sacrament
 In the wearing of this cloth –
 Let it be “an outward sign
 Of an inward grace” –
 A tangible and visible way of living
 Love for my neighbours,
 As I love myself.

Christ,
 Since my lips will be covered,
 Uncover my heart,
 That people would see my smile
 In the crinkles around my eyes.
 Since my voice may be muffled,
 Help me to speak clearly,
 Not only with my words,
 But with my actions.

Holy Spirit,
 As the elastic touches my ears,
 Remind me to listen carefully –
 And full of care –
 To all those I meet.
 May this simple piece of cloth be
 Shield and banner,
 And each breath that it holds,
 Be filled with your love.
 In your Name and in that love,
 I pray
 May it be so.
 May it be so.

(Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, moderator of the United Church. All of the prayers I post here can be shared under a Creative Commons -Attribution/Non-Commercial license.)



OFFERING REPORT

Year to Date Offerings as of 8/23/20

General Fund Income received: 105,936.07
 Budget Amount Needed: 130,454.26
 Short: (24,518.19)

Checking Account

Year to Date Income: 126,777.22 (11,000 from savings)
 Year to Date Expenses: \$121,0005.43
 Balance as of 8/23/20: 8,998.25

SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

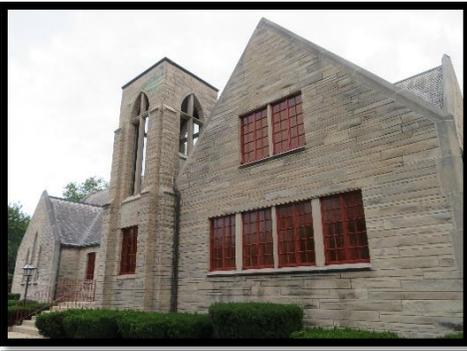


school	--○----
paper	--○--
wisdom	---○--
read	---○
play	-----
learn	○-----
grow	--○-----
pencils	-----
pray	--○--
art	-----
student	---○---
kids	---○---
apple	---○---

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, student, wisdom, prosperous



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LOVING CHRIST

LOVING ALL
FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD



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God's work. Our hands.

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Worship services:

5PM Saturday & 9AM Sunday
Masks MUST be worn.

Radio Ministries

Every Sunday at 10:00AM – a
partial broadcast of the weekend
Worship service airs on WSPY
107.1 FM

Recorded weekly services can also
currently be found on our website.
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