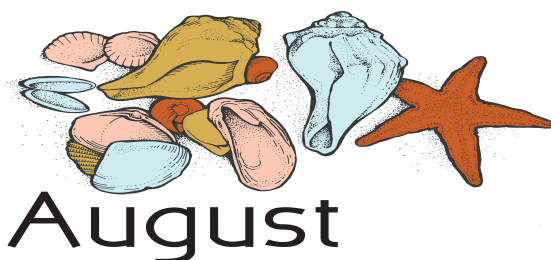




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Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings. May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19



We want to thank so many people for their thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and visits in our time of sorrow. It has been very soothing to all of us.

Thanks again,
The Corsini Family

Weekly prayer meetings are held on Tuesday at 10 A.M by Zoom and in person. If you have prayer concerns, please call the office at 304-622-6831, leave a note in the offertory plate or email Harriett Northey at wayneharriett@frontier.com



Bible study is held on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. It is available by Zoom and in person.

Sunday Worship
Church School 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45
Live on WPDX
Radio 109.4 FM or 750AM

Small Church Conference
Saturday, September 18, 2021
First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg.



August Scriptures and Sermons

August 1 10th Sunday after Pentecost (Communion)

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:a
*John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Theme: Sometimes the sayings of Jesus are meant to be taken literally. At other times he talks in metaphorical language that draws us into ever deeper understandings of who he is. When Jesus declares that he is "the Bread of Life," he is not claiming to be baked dough. He is saying that in him is found that which satisfies the spiritual hunger we have for God and that he is the way to everlasting life.



August 8, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
*Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon: "To Tell the Truth"

Theme: Paul urges the Ephesians to grow up, to mature in Christ. In order to do that they must practice telling the truth in love to one another. Christian maturity is a primary goal in the life of every true Christian. But this maturity does not happen automatically. We have to be willing to lovingly challenge each other. The truth sometimes hurts. But living a lie has far worse consequences.

August 15, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 111
*Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon title: "Wisdom or Wealth"

Theme: If you were given the choice to choose between wisdom or wealth, what would you choose? Wisdom will not get you a nicer car or a bigger paycheck, or make you the life of the party. Yet, time and again scripture reminds us of the value of wisdom. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." But the wise live in God and in the will of God. Be careful how you choose, says Paul.

August 22, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
*Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon title: "Put on the Whole Armor of God"

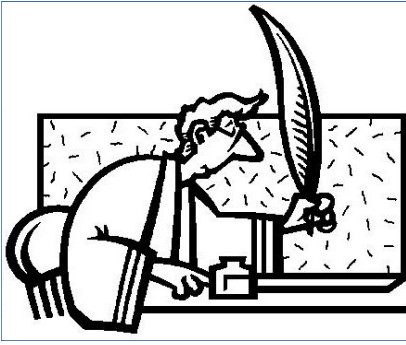
Theme: Living as a Christian does not come naturally or easily. As the world turned against Jesus and crucified him, so the world will oppose us as we follow him. If we are to stand against the wiles of the devil, we must be equipped for the fight.

August 29, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11:1-15
*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon title: "When the Hypocrite Radar Is on Us"

Theme: Jesus calls us to honor God not just with our lips but with our lives. We all roll our eyes in disgust when some prominent people act hypocritically. Yet, we are all guilty of not living up to the standards we profess. What is the cure for our own hypocrisy?



Pastor John's Jottings

While I was on vacation, Rev. Harris preached a most excellent sermon on Psalm 121. "I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." As I listened to a recording of that service, I was reminded that the sermon does not end when the preacher sits down. God continues to speak in our hearts and minds.

As I reflected on the sermon and the Psalm, I was reminded of how pilgrims would travel to Jerusalem to worship God in the temple. Jerusalem was in the mountains. So pilgrims would look up toward the city as they traveled and think of God, their help in every difficulty.

It is important to note that the Jewish pilgrims did not simply look toward the presence of God, they made the effort of traveling to be closer to God's presence. While we know that God is present everywhere, there are, nevertheless, places where it is easier for us to sense God's presence. For the ancient Jews, those places were often on the mountaintop.

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, he did so on top of Mount Sinai. If Moses had not been willing to do his part and climb to the top of the mountain, we would not have the guidance of the Ten Commandments for what is right and wrong in God's sight.

When Jesus wanted Peter, James, and John to have a stronger faith and confidence in him, he invited them to go up the Mount of Transfiguration with him. If they had not made the effort to climb the mountain with Jesus, they would not have had the faith to remain true to Jesus through his death and resurrection.

Jesus gave his life on the cross on Mount Calvary. If he had been unwilling to go up that terrible mountain, we would not know forgiveness for our sins.

Today we do not usually climb literal mountains to seek God's presence, but we do have holy places we call church. The church is both a place and a people. Jesus promised that where two or three are gathered in his name, he would be in their midst. (Matthew 18:20)

Some people say, "I don't need to go to church to be with God." There is truth in that statement because God is everywhere. However, God often calls us to "go up the mountain" to draw closer to him. For most of us that means making the effort of coming to church to worship with fellow believers. Faithfulness is more than simply "looking in God's direction occasionally." Faithfulness involves real effort. We need to climb the mountain. Otherwise we miss out on so many of the blessings that God would give us.

Thank you, friends, for making the effort to climb the mountain as we seek God's presence and will together.

Hope and Confidence and Peace,
Pastor John



August BIRTHDAYS

Andrea Myerberg August 23
 Earl Langley August 24
 Rev. Dr. Eric Faust August 26
 Dawn Woodburn August 27
 Gale Byers August 29
 Megan Graves August 29

Wayne Northey August 2
 Ellen Merriott August 6
 Hannah Burnett August 7
 Susan Clark August 7
 Bryon Delawder August 7
 Phillip Bailey August 10
 Terra Burnett August 11



WORSHIP LEADERS

August 1- Harriett Northey
 August 8- Bradley Burnett
 August 15- Bryon Delawder
 August 22- Pam Mitchell
 August 29- Loria Cavallo

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

August 1- Dawn Woodburn
 August 8- Beckie Alvaro
 August 15- Maria Morrison
 August 22- Dick Ogden
 August 29- Amy Strange



DEACON GREETERS

August 1- Sandy & Courtney Nuzum
 August 8- Loria Cavallo
 August 15- Jeanne Lynch
 August 22- Beckie Alvaro
 August 29- Amy Strange

ACOLYTES

August 1- Hannah Burnett & Noelle Woodburn
 August 8- Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
 August 15- Amelia & Kierra Harris
 August 22-
 August 29- Bradley Burnett & Anthony Corsini

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Sleep is a daily reminder from God that we are not God. Once a day, God sends us to bed like patients with a sickness. The sickness is a chronic tendency to think we are in control and that our work is indispensable. To cure us of this disease, God turns us into helpless sacks of sand once a day.

—John Piper

The miracle of summer

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed,
"I like the time when everybody **loafs** and **fishes!**"

