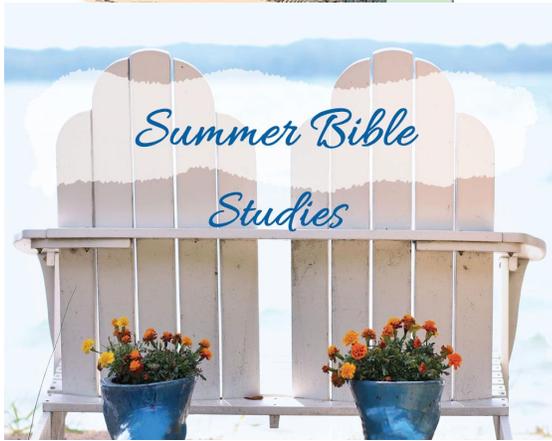


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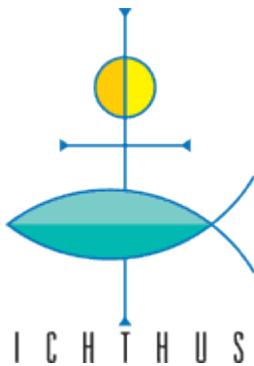
What's Coming Up?
Independence Day- July 4th
Vacations Bible School - July 10-13th



Thursdays at
5:30 PM
Zoom & in person

Tuesday Prayer Group

at 10:00 AM
Zoom & in person



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



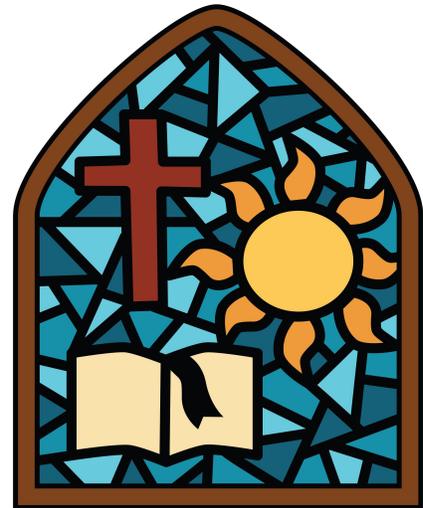
Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

FISH—The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.

July 3, 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Communion)

Scriptures Isaiah 66:10-14
*Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon Title: “The Difference Between Disciples and Apostles”
Theme: “So Jesus appointed 70 to go out to teach and heal.”
Up to this point the Twelve had been students. They followed Jesus around and learned from him. Knowing of his upcoming death, Jesus now prepared them for the next step. Now they would not just be students, they would be apostles. The word apostle means one who is sent forth, usually as an ambassador. Being a disciple in comparatively easy, but being an apostle requires a lot more of us. How many of us are so comfortable as disciples that we refuse to go to the next level for our Lord?



July Sermons & Scriptures

July 10, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures *2 Kings 5:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Title: “General Naaman Gets a Text Message”

Theme: The Assyrian General Naaman was an important man, a busy man, a powerful individual.

None of that meant anything when he suddenly fell ill with leprosy. He was told that there was a prophet in Israel who could cure him. So he went to see the prophet. But the prophet didn't even come out of the house to see this important man. All he sent was a “text message,” a lowly servant with a ridiculous order. “Go bathe seven times in the Jordan River.” The general was healed, but not before he was willing to learn humility. How often do we let our pride get in the way of what God wants to do for us and through us?

July 17, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Vacation Bible School Program



July 24, 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor John on vacation

Preacher: Rev. Ed Thompson, General Presbyter for West Virginia Presbytery.

July 31, 8th Sunday after Pentecost

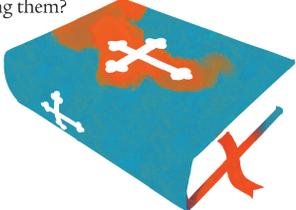
Pastor John on vacation

Preacher: Rev. James A. Harris?

Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C

“Lord, teach us to pray, . . .” (Luke 11:1)

We have so many questions about prayer. How do you start? What do you say? Why does it seem like my prayers are hitting the ceiling? What does it mean when God doesn't “answer” my prayer? If God knows everything, why do I need to spend time in prayer? All of these questions are caught up in the simple request that the disciples make, “Lord, teach us to pray, . . .”

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Jesus responds by giving the disciples, and us, a short sample prayer. This was not meant to be the only prayer that we pray. However, we can and do pray this prayer as it was given to us. Some people when introducing the Lord's prayer will say, “Let us say the Lord's prayer together.” This is not wrong, but I prefer to say, “Let us pray the Lord's prayer together.” That reminds us that we are not merely repeating memorized words, we are actually praying.

Jesus begins with, *“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”* This is a reminder that God is holy and much more than human. It is also a reminder of how God relates to us. God is better than the best human parent we could imagine. So we can come to him with confidence that God cares about us and wants to help us.

“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Heaven is the place where God's will is always perfectly obeyed. We pray that God will help us to obey his will here on earth as well. I might add that it takes a certain amount of boldness and confidence to pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Do we really want our lives to perfectly reflect the will of God in all things?

“Give us this day our daily bread.” The word “bread” here not only represents all food, but also all of the things we need on a daily basis. God has promised to supply our needs, not our wants, but our needs. And this is a reminder that all that we have is from God's gracious and generous hands.

“and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,” Some Christian denominations use the words “trespasses and those who trespass against us.” We might note that in Matthew 6, the words used in the body of the prayer are “debts and debtors.” (v. 12) Then in verse 14-15, Jesus continues, *“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* In Luke 11 a shorter version of the Lord's prayer is found. In that prayer the word “sin” is used.

There are three Greek words in the original text that are translated into English as “debts, trespasses, and sin.” All three Greek words mean “sin” with a slightly different emphasis. The words “debts and debtors” remind us that when we harm someone we are in their debt. If you cause harm to someone or their property by your actions or inactions, you owe them whatever is necessary to repair the damage. The words “trespasses and trespass against” bring to mind the idea of illegally entering or using someone else's property. The words “sin and sin against you” refer to missing the target, as when an arrow is fired at a target but falls short of the mark. We sin when we fall short of God's target for our behavior.

“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,” God never leads us into temptation or evil. But this is a reminder that we need God's help to avoid temptation and evil. It is also a reminder that God loves us and always wants what is best for us.

“For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.” This closing affirmation is not found in either the Matthew or Luke versions of the Lord’s Prayer. Scholars believe that this addition occurred in the early church as a way of adapting the prayer for use in worship. It appears as early as 60 A.D. in some manuscripts. It is loosely based on 1 Chronicles 29:11: “Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.”

The prayer thus begins and ends with the praise of God as deserving of all our praise and glory and faithfulness. The kingdom will come in fullness on the earth because God in his power and glory will make it so. Even so come quickly, Lord Jesus!



Hope and Confidence and Peace,

Pastor John



Come, my Way

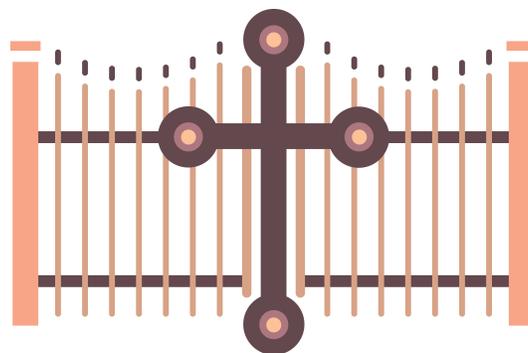
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

Issue an invitation!

When I enter that beautiful city
And the saints all around me appear,
I hope that someone will tell me:
It was you who invited me here.





Session Notes

June 22, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

-Heard a presentation from Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly, our regional representative for the Presbyterian Foundation talking to us about a legacy workshop and preaching she will be doing for us on Sunday, September 11. Naming the church in our will is a great way of continuing to support the work and ministry of the church even after we are gone. We will be sending out invitations and encouraging preaching and the workshop she

will be doing for us on September 11th. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

-Thanks to your generosity the Treasurer's report shows us in the black by 3003.69 on income versus expenses. Thank you!

-We will be hosting the singing group "The Gospel Harmony Boys" on Sunday evening, November 13th at 6 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and you will have a chance to buy their tapes and CD's in Westminster after the program. This is a well-known group with a large following. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

-Dates for VBS July 10-13, with program on July 17th.

-There will be a meal after church on September 11th to encourage people to stay for the legacy workshop that afternoon.

-We will be having a fellowship, coffee, and cookies time after church on the first Sunday of each month.

-Denver, Jeff Mitchell, and Bryon Delawder will be working on preparations and invitations for the Legacy Sunday.

-80 Hygiene Kits put together and distributed this month.

-Laundromat ministry continues to grow.

-Pastor's will be on vacation July 19 - August 1

Guest preachers July 24 - Rev. Ed Thompson, General Presbyter, Presbytery of WV

July 31 - Rev. James A. Harris

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 3 Other significant Pastoral visits: 27 most by phone

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on June 5 and served to 33 people.

Home communion was served to 3 people in May with the help of elder Connie Leuliette. Communion was celebrated at the Palace Bible Study to 3 people on June 16

Month	Requests	Completed	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Disbursed
January	14	14	\$1,485.82	\$1,485.82
February	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00
March	9	9	\$900.00	\$900.00
April	5	5	\$500.00	\$500.00
May	6	6	\$600.00	\$600.00

A balance of \$3192.65 at month's end. This was balanced per Wayne with various donations and a \$2000 donation from McClelland. So far in June, we have had no assistance requests. To date, we have disbursed \$4085.82.



Laundromat Day

The laundromat ministry is going full speed ahead. If you would like to help out with this worthwhile ministry by making a donation of soap, dryer sheets, money, or volunteering, please email me at

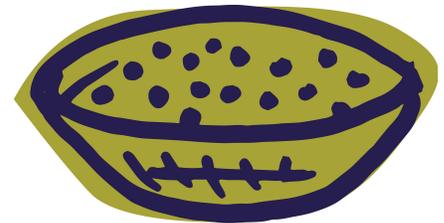
CburgFPCsecretary@yahoo.com.

We do laundry on Thursday evenings at 4:30, and we're usually done by 5:30. Every donation goes back into the ministry. We sometimes have 15 washers going at once, which means there are a lot of people being served.

A Message from Dolores

Again, thanks for helping the Mustard Seed. As always, we appreciate anyone who has a few hours to share with us. Weekend food pick up at both local Food Lion stores is a nice family project to involve teens, etc.

Call Dolores to learn more. Current needs: spaghetti and pasta sauce, tuna, cereal and baby wipes. Donations are accepted every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 11 am to 3 pm or by calling Dolores Yoke 304-624-6077 for an appointment.



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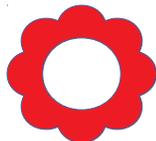


JULY BIRTHDAYS

Madison Stout	July 1
Kris Burgess	July 2
Jamie Atkinson	July 4
Anthony Paletta	July 6
Anthony Corsini	July 7
Hunter Merriott	July 7
Michael Sabatino	July 9
Kathy Lawrence	July 11
Beth Allen	July 15
Brittany Atkinson	July 15
George Clark	July 15
Dick Ogden	July 16
Morgan Caridi	July 17
Anne Davis	July 17
Robert Mitchell	July 19
Rebecca Simmerman	July 19
Landen Lafferty	July 21
Elsa Davis	July 22
Joseph Emerson	July 22
Bradley Tustin	July 24
Carole Wilburn	July 26
Amanda Garrett	July 27
Bill Williams	July 27
Larry Kennedy	July 31



I have openings for flowers for the reredos for all of July



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Children's Moments

July 3- Terra Burnett
July 10- Terra Burnett
July 17- VBS songs and recap
July 24- Heather Sigmon
July 31-Courtney Nuzum

Worship Leaders

July 3-Harriett Northey
July 10-Kandy Atkinson
July 17-Hank Lawrence
July 24-Courtney Nuzum
July 31-Suzi Heger

Deacon Greeters

July 3-Courtney & Sandi Nuzum
July 10-Loria Cavallo
July 17-Connie Leuliette
July 24-Amy Strange
July 31-Beckie Alvaro

Acolytes

July 3-Bradley & Hannah Burnett
July 10-Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
July 17-Bradley Burnett & Anthony Corsini
July 24-Amelia & Kierra Harris
July 31-Hannah & Bradley Burnett

" Always be kinder than you feel"

-Unknown

Someone 'with skin on'

My 3-year-old nephew was having a hard time falling asleep at Grandma's house, so my mom lay down beside him for a while. As she started to ease out of the room, his eyes flew open. "You're safe," she reminded him. "Jesus is always with you." "I know, Grandma," he protested, "but I want someone with skin on!"

That reminded me of a quote by theologian Frederick Buechner: "Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin." God came to us as Jesus — someone "with skin on" — so we would know he understands what it's like to live inside our skin. Now as Jesus' body in the world, we're often called on to be someone "with skin on" to others. Indeed, we're to show them such compassion that we could just as well be wearing *their* skin.

—Heidi Mann

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness



Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14-12:32.)