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Hello church family and friends near and far!

The concert with Tintabulations this weekend was SO much fun. We had about 50 people in attendance, mostly from around the community...Tintab performs in Fallon usually once a year or so, often at the museum, and so they have built a bit of a following of folks who look forward to their performances. I hear that everyone loved it (especially the kids!), so here's hoping you who weren't able to attend can join us next time. If you'd like to travel to see them, we have a list of their upcoming performances all over Reno/Sparks/Carson and elsewhere. Shoot me an email or give me a call, and I'd be glad to let you know where you can see them.

One of my favorite songs in their concert was a medley of Irish hymns. I recognized "Morning Has Broken," and "Be Thou My Vision," and a couple of others that sounded familiar but I couldn't name. It was really beautiful. We are singing "Be Thou My Vision" this Sunday in worship, and it has always been one of my favorite songs.

It was on Slane Hill in County Meath around 433 CE that St. Patrick lit candles on Easter Eve, defying a decree by High King Logaire of Tara that no one could light a fire before the king signaled the beginning of the pagan spring festival by lighting his own fire on Tara Hill. King Logaire was so impressed by Patrick's devotion that, despite his defiance, he was permitted to continue his work as Ireland's first Christian missionary.

150 years later or so (or maybe 300 years later, historians aren't really sure), the beautiful Christian poem that eventually became "Be Thou My Vision" was written. Traditionally, the original author has been thought to be Irish St Dallan Forgaill, who lived from around 560 CE – around 640CE and was famous both for his blindness and for his poetry. It is said that he was martyred by pirates while he visited the monastery at Iniskeep, and legend has it (these legends are great) that God reattached his head to his body after his death. For some reason.

The lovely poem was translated into English and "versified" in 1912 by Eleanor Hull, and then set to the tune called Slane – for Slane Hill and St Patrick – we know it by today. It gives me chills to think of something that old, that full of love for God and deep devotion to our shared faith, being sung so beautifully still today. It makes me think of the great cloud of witnesses of which each of us is a part, across thousands of years and over tens of thousands of miles, in millions upon millions of stories of God showing up and answering prayers and changing hearts and lives.

God is so good. May God be our vision, and Lord of our hearts,

Pastor Dawn

Worship Any and Everywhere!

Judges: Lessons from the Worst Book in the Bible Part 3: Rejected by People, Chosen by God

In our continuing adventure in the worst book in the Bible, this week we will hear about Jephthah, a wild and wonderful character whose story is full of triumph and tragedy. You can find his story in Judges 11-12. You might recognize echoes of Isaiah's description of the messiah, and the story of Abraham and Isaac. Read prayerfully, and see where you might hear God's message of grace for our world today, and especially for you.



Note that this week, because we are blessed to be hosting a couple of big community events, our **coffee and fellowship time will be in the Wolf Center dining room**. Adult Sunday School with Jeanette Strong will move to the Good News Room for this week. And then next week, we are back to normal. Praise God for our wonderful facility, that we are able to provide to all kinds of worthy community causes and ministries.

News and Fun Stuff

The Hospitality Ministry Team Needs You!

Please sign up to bring snacks for us to share after worship, and especially to help with setup and cleanup. Thank you!

Churchill Coalition Youth Leadership Summit June 19-20

We are so blessed to host this great program put on by the Churchill Community Coalition to inspire and encourage the youth in our community. The Churchill Community Coalition exists specifically to promote healthy minds, bodies, and spirits in youth and adults, as a strategy to prevent drug abuse. This event – and our HERO Club afterschool program, too, by the way – is part of that mandate. They will be in the Fireside Room from 8am – 6pm on Saturday June 19 and Sunday June 20. Offer this great group your prayers and support!

Journey of Hope: The Ability Experience Bike Tour, Dinner, and Event Saturday, June 19!

Tim Bennett has been selling raffle tickets for this great event to support folks with intellectual disabilities, and we are blessed to host them! This group travels across the country making educational and inspirational presentations, raising money to support all kinds of amazing programs. There are 3 teams of bikers, all members of Pi Alpha Society fraternities, who will put on the event, and a local group who is providing the meal and organizing the raffle. There's even a dance! Then the bike teams will stay overnight, and head toward Ely on Sunday morning. Mark your calendar and join us for supper and inspiration on Saturday, June 19 in the Wolf Center!



Celebration of Life for Our Beloved Mary Lou Grumstrup

Please join us for a celebration of life for Mary Lou Grumstrup on **Saturday June 26 at 1:30pm**. This is a private service, just for Paul and Mary Lou's church, family, and good friends, so it won't be in the newspaper. Paul would love for the church to provide some light refreshments, too, so stay tuned for a sign up sheet!

June Birthdays!

Viola Heinle, 6/7
♥Bill Deal, 6/8
Gaye Johnston, 6/8
Levia Coval, 6/9
Erica Stritenberger, 6/13
Jeanette Strong, 6/13
Margot Mills, 6/14
Pam Thornton, 6/16
♥Marge Lister, 6/17
Sharon Foster, 6/20
Ron Evans, 6/22
Suzanne
Noonkester, 6/24
Tony Albiston, 6/26
♥Dorothy Smith, 6/26
June Young, 6/28
♥Mary Lou
Grumstrup, 6/29
Steve Young, 6/29

♥*We celebrate the lives and hold in prayer the families of these beloved friends who are celebrating in heaven with our Lord Jesus. We especially miss our beloved Mary Lou, who passed just this past Christmas. Thank you, God, for these special friends.*

United Methodist Women Meets Twice Per Month and You are Invited!

The first Thursday of each month is a business meeting, and the third Thursday of each month is a "Pricilla Circle", with an educational or inspiring program and conversation. Both meetings are in the Fireside Room at 1:00pm, next month on Thursday July 1 and Thursday July 15. For more info on these meetings or what UMW does, call Judy Pritchard at 775-217-5611 or check out www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

It's Methodist Night at Fallon Daily Bread!

Join us this Monday, June 21, to cook, package, and give out fresh hot to-go meals to folks in need. We start cooking at around 3:30pm, and finish cleaning up around 6:00pm. Come for an hour, or stay the whole time! It's an especially good activity for the whole family, and a great way to model selfless service to your little ones. If you have any questions, please call Ron or Barbara Evans at 427-9542, or Kathy Fraker at 726-9207.

The Men's Group On Hiatus for the Month of July.

See you in August!

You Are Helping So Many!

Did you know that your church offers much more to folks in need than our Food Pantry? We do! Our awesome food pantry is open every Monday from 10am til 1pm, and serves hundreds of people each month. Thanks to Margaret Knox for her leadership on this, and to all of her many volunteers! Mary Nelson runs our clothing ministry, which provides new or gently used clothing and to folks of all ages, also open on Mondays from 10-1pm. On Mondays and Tuesdays, we open the Wolf Center to anyone in need to take showers and do laundry, absolutely free. You have no idea what a gift that is to folks! AND thanks to your generosity, we also maintain a fund to help folks in emergencies. This month, we have bought groceries for 3 families with young kids at home, paid for a few nights at local hotels (we do that really sparingly, just in real emergencies), helped a family catch up on overdue utility bills, and worked together with Christian Life Center to help a single mom buy a nice RV to help get her family back on their feet. She just got a job at Highland Manor, which is her passion! These are such important ways to share the Gospel, friends. Well done!

Good News and Inspiring Stories

Sometimes it is very good to remember that life is GOOD and God is everywhere. May these stories inspire you to look for the good around you, and see God's handiwork everywhere you look.

Lobster Diver Swallowed and Spit Out by Humpback Whale

On Friday, June 11th, 56-year-old Wellfleet, Massachusetts resident Michael Packard wasn't fleeing the wrath of the Lord when he dove into the waters of Provincetown's Herring Cove Beach. He was diving for lobster. But in a straight out of the Bible, like Jonah before him, in one fell swoop, Packard found himself in the belly of the beast—a humpback whale, to be exact.

"All of a sudden, I felt this huge shove and the next thing I knew it was completely black," Packard told the *Cape Cod Times*. "I could sense I was moving, and I could feel the whale squeezing with the muscles in his mouth."

As panicked as Packard was, the whale was more than a little distressed as well. A humpback's usual diet consists of fish, krill, and other small marine animals. Cumbersome humans are definitely not on their preferred menu.

Thrashing its head, the whale made for the surface in a major hurry, where it speedily spat the gobsmacked Packard back into the briny water. The entire episode took under a minute, but it was enough for Packard to see his life flash before his eyes.

Although he suffered a dislocated knee and a great deal of soft tissue damage, for a lobsterman who'd been recently ingested and disgorged by a 25-ton marine mammal, Packard survived the encounter remarkably intact—and thankful to be alive.



Nigerian Houses Being Built with Plastic Bottles

Along with being able to withstand both earthquakes and bullets, the raw materials are essentially free, and their harvesting provides a much needed relief from piled-up rubbish along roadsides.

Discarded plastic bottles can be found in almost any square mile on Earth, and in Nigeria, one of the most populated African countries, there are enough to create sustainable construction businesses.

Called bottle-brick technology, [Al Jazeera](#) reports that they are 18-times stronger than regular bricks.

In the central state of Kaduna, the brains behind the project employ out of school or jobless youth filling bottles with sand before stacking them amid a glue of traditional mud technology, and securing the outside with a net. The result looks quite striking and can cost a third less than traditional housing in the region.



Officer Stops to Help Stranded Motorist, Delivers Baby Instead

It was a Valentine's Day miracle. An officer who stopped to help who he thought was a stranded motorist near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport Sunday morning quickly discovered the vehicle's passenger was actually in labor, the Chicago Police Department said in a statement.

The officer immediately called the Chicago Fire Department for assistance. But the woman could not wait for an ambulance as the baby was already crowning, police said. "The officer was at the right place at the right time and was able to deliver a healthy baby boy," police said. The mother and her baby were transported to a nearby hospital and are both "doing great," the statement added.