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Hello church family and friends near and far!

I hope and pray that you are enjoying the sunshine and the growing things all around us. It brings a lot of work in yard maintenance and weed control, so I hope you have good help around you for that. Even though it's work God gave us from the beginning, that some of us enjoy, not all of us are up to the physical work of it. Personally, I have a new appreciation of how much work it is just to bend down, and then to get back up again! And an associated new appreciation for letting the growing things go wild as God intended. Only sort of kidding.

I had my very last (praise the Lord) chemo treatment last week, and I want to tell you that I absolutely felt your prayers! Though it has been no fun at all, it has also not been nearly as difficult as I feared, or as others endure. That is all because of your care and faithfulness. Prayers work, friends. The next six months will be radiation and immunotherapy, and then it's DONE. Halleluia. Already starting to feel my energy coming back, and though I know I won't be 100% for a long time yet, I fully expect to be better. Thanks, too, for your leadership and teamwork in keeping our ministries strong and healthy. Epworth is SUCH an important part of our community, and you are a source of light and hope.

This month is a special one, for a whole bunch of reasons. A bunch of different historical events mark June as a time of welcoming the outcast, of healing divisions, of moving toward perfection in love. The first Memorial Day was in June, held by a group of newly-freed slaves who wanted to honor those who had given their lives to save them. June 19, also known as "Juneteeth," is the day slaves were officially freed in the last holdout state of Texas. June 12 is National Loving Day, which marks the day in 1967 when interracial marriage was finally made legal. And though it started with something ugly and violent, June has become a celebration of love, acceptance, and diversity in Pride celebrations all over the world. In worship we will be singing and praising God for loving us all, with good old hymns and gospel songs, many of the best of which come from the Black gospel tradition. Like Standing in the Need of Prayer, which we will sing this week.

Like many African American spirituals, God only knows when Standing in the Need of Prayer was written, and by whom. As far as I can tell, it was first published in 1925, but it had been sung for decades before that. Here is a quote from an anonymous enslaved person, about this song:

I pray now and just tell God to take me and do his will, for he knows every secret of my heart. He knows what we stand most in need of before we ask for it, and if we trust him, he will give us what we ought to have in good season (Johnson, 1969, p. 58; cited in Guenther, 2016, p. 124).

We all need it, don't we? Every one of us, standing in the need of prayer, trusting God to help us in trouble and grow our hearts to love God and one another truer and better. May our prayers this week (and always) bring us ever closer to the Lord our God, and to perfection in love.

Pastor Dawn

Worship Any and Everywhere!

Judges: Lessons from the Worst Book in the Bible Part 2: A Smashing Salvation

This week, we continue our worship series through the strange, strange book of Judges. There are some of the most well-known stories in scripture there (like Sampson and Delilah), and also some very, very weird stuff. Some violent and hard to understand stuff. Some wild and wonderful characters. It will be good to study, and good to talk about as we look for the wisdom and the grace of God in it. This week, we will hear the story of Deborah and Barak and Jael in Judges 4-5. See you there!

After worship, stay for coffee and fellowship, and then adult Sunday School. Stay tuned for info about kids Sunday School and new Bible studies beginning!

News and Fun Stuff

Tintabulations Free Concert THIS SUNDAY!



Join us on **Sunday, June 13 at 1:00pm** for a concert by an AMAZING traveling bell choir. They are based out of Reno, and several members belong to Methodist and other churches in Reno. They are fun, funny, and extraordinarily talented, and have participated in bell choir competitions all over the country, and even internationally. You will love it! Tell your friends! If you'd like to get a sense of who they are, look for them on Facebook or YouTube, and check out their website at tintabulations.com

Oh, and! We hope to have this concert out on our front lawn, with lots of shade and water for everyone. If it's too hot we will move into the Fireside Room, with masks. In order to do it outside, your church would love to borrow your easy-up shade providers, and your assistance in setting them up after worship! We need as many as possible, so that everyone can be as comfortable as can be. Please let Pastor Dawn know if you have one we can use, so that we know where we are. Thank you in advance!

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!

Churchill Coalition Youth Leadership Summit June 19-20

We are so blessed to host this great program put on by the Churchill Coalition to inspire and encourage the youth in our community. 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, Pot Luck, 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, and 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!



Green Goddess Farmers' Market Every First Saturday

Come out and support a whole bunch of local farmers, local businesses, and local artists at our monthly farmers market! It's lots of fun, the first Saturday of every month at Oats Park Arts Center. Probably this doesn't necessarily seem like a churchy thing in a church newsletter, but fun family activities, healthy food, and supporting local businesses are always good things to do.

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!

Fallon Daily Bread and Fallon Community Soup Kitchen

Our twice-weekly hot suppers continue to be an important source of nutrition and friendship for our community. Yay team!! We always need more volunteers to participate, especially on the 3rd Monday of each month.

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.*

Please consider giving it a try! And in the meantime, our good friend Chuck Doucette of Top Gun Restaurant has started offering free soup and bread out of his restaurant Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at lunch time! So now, between the two of us, folks can get at least one nutritious meal every weekday. Fallon is amazing!

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, this month on Thursday June 3 and Thursday June 17. For more info on these meetings, call Judy Pritchard at 775-217-5611 or check out www.unitedmethodistwomen.org.

A BLESSING

The world is now too dangerous
And too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in
everyone.

Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.

Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with
love.

May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.