

INTO THE FOLD

June 2020

visit our website at www.umcrp.org

What's happening?

at RPUMC during this
Twilight Zone time.

The Church has left the building for 12 weeks now but the plan is Returning to the building for worship together once again Sunday June 14th 9 a.m...

We understand that You may not be comfortable returning, and that is absolutely ok.. We will continue to record the services and will email you links & bulletins for each weeks worship service.. However, the service will not be posted to the website until late afternoon on Sundays...

Pastor JoEllyn has been delivering a recorded Worship Service each week. The worship team, Scott, Julie, Stefanie, Neal & Bette help her to make that happen.. Be sure to go to website www.umcrp.org to view the recorded Worship Services. A link & bulletin have been being emailed to those who we have an email on file, usually on Saturday evening, telling you that the Worship Service has posted to website and the links take you to the Worship Service page &/or the Sunday School videos & lessons.. If you would like an email link & bulletin of the Worship Services please email rpumc46371@frontier.com to request and they will be sent to you.

March, April, & May Worship Services are posted on website...

A mailbox, provided by Tom Wheatbrook, has been placed under the portico and the Bulletins will be in mailbox Friday afternoons, after 2 p.m. You may swing by the church & pick up at your convenience. There is an email form, directly below the current worship service that you can scroll down to, and send us that you and whoever with you watched, so we can still keep track of attendance and send to the district.

We have sent bulletins to those who do not have access to view online the worship services and we count them in attendance totals as well..

The bulletins contain the entire worship service, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Songs with Lyrics, entire Scripture Readings, and Pastor JoEllyn's Message,

We have had wonderful attendance by all of you... The average attendance is around 50... We have been very blessed by all who have sent or dropped off "your" weekly offerings, keeping lights & heat on to name a just a few..

We have received many notes or phone calls of appreciation for the Worship Services.. Pastor JoEllyn, Scott, Julie, Neal, Bette & Stefanie thank you for the kind words and are quite happy we had the technology & ability to keep us all connected even if from afar...

We cannot wait until June 14th when we will once again see many of "our church family" face to face yet practicing social distancing...

Plans are being discussed on how to bring us safely together again... How long they will have to be in place is yet to be determined...

Those that have sheltered together, can sit together, others will be positioned in every other pew, 3 per pew, no handshakes or hugs, 😞 No Fellowship hour after service.. Pre-filled communion cup & wafers have been ordered, so only you will handle your elements... Wearing of masks, not certain if will be required or as you feel comfortable... Possibly, we are planning to have Children's Sunday School in the fellowship room.. Still in planning stage on that... **Til we Meet Again.....**



Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn....

*He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

I find great peace in realizing that God establishes our steps.

Nothing we've done ever takes Him by surprise. He knows the way we will take today and the way we will take tomorrow. Not only that, scripture supports, that He delights in what we do and accomplish throughout our lives.

The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. Psalm 37: 23-24

It's amazing and hard to believe at times that God loves us so much that He delights in our future journeys. As His children He knows that we are bound to stumble and fall, being the Father of Light provides Him with that wonderfully amazing ability. That being said, God promises that He will catch us when we fall and hold our hands while on that journey.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, By waters still, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me!

Picture an older woman trying to cross a busy city street. Even though she stands at the crosswalk, the possibility of getting to the other side seems difficult for her. Alone, she is tentative---maybe even a little scared. Now in your picture, watch as a younger man dashes into the street to take her hand and support her so that she can securely arrive on the other side. This assistance allows her to feel safe and have the confidence she needs as she completes this seemingly stressful task.

This is what it looks like to have God with us. We can't do life on our own. At times we feel scared, isolated, and worried, so God dashes into our lives, grabs our hand, and helps us to the next spot on our journey.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine, Content whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me; His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Pray with me please:

Jesus, thank you that you know the steps I take even before I stumble to take them. Thank you for holding my hand and protecting me. Thank you for always being there for me. Help me to live joyfully in light of that ever-present truth. Amen.

Praying you through,

Pastor JoEllyn



We invite you to celebrate the joy that God has given us. On May 28, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. we became



Great-Grandma & Great-Grandpa Chadwick.

Our grand-daughter Jessica and her husband Austin welcomed their daughter, Addison Nicole to the Broadway family. She weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. and is currently 20 inches long.

This is the first grandchild for our first child, Justin and Rita. We are so excited to share our joy and wanted our church family to know about our excitement and our new titles.

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. Psalm 127: 3



Blessings be yours,

Great-Grandma JoEllyn and Great-Grandpa Lester

Bette's Bits & Bytes:

Week 11... Did you ever think in your wildest imagination that we would experience what we are living through at this



moment? I sure did not!!! I for one will be quite happy when able to worship together with my church family, go out to Sunday lunch inside Jennie Rae's restaurant, go into the grocery store or anywhere, without a mask, seeing a shelf full of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, hand soap, not panicking when somebody is not social

distancing and sneezes or coughs, and finding my ZINC on the shelf...

Who would of ever guessed, when this all started that we would be ordered to stay at home, to not even be able to come to church to worship our God & Savior, Jesus . Not being able to come together even on Easter to celebrate the day Jesus arose from the grave... Even though not being in church Easter Morning, Jesus had already Risen and He has remained Risen, all these years later... Easter should be in our hearts all year round, not just Easter Day....

One day I glanced around the office and saw something in the corner, when I looked again you will never



guess who I saw in that corner? None other than satan himself, standing there, smug, so proud, & so tall, big ole' smile on his ugly puss, his chest all puffed out, gleefully rubbing his hands together, and then raising his fist in victory, and declaring, finally, "I have finally done it, I found something to keep you & your friends from coming together to worship Jesus" .. Yes, he was quite proud of himself. At first look, he appears to be right.. But wait! What is that? How can this be? We here at RPUMC, Pastor JoEllyn, Scott, Julie, Stefanie, Neal & Bette along with other churches, are gathering electronically, providing online worship services or facebook live, connected together by the spirit of our hearts, to worship our King, Jesus.. satan forgot something important, as Pastor JoEllyn said in one of her messages, We are the Church, We don't need the building to continue to be just that, The Church. Remotely, electronically, bulletins, in our homes, we continue worshipping together our Savior, Jesus... We beat satan back...

Looking in that corner again, I see it is now empty. The light shining where there was dark. Looking toward the door... what do you see? but the back of satan, slumped over, dejected, head hung low, the smug look on his face, gone, slithering back into darkness. As he takes one last look back, he sees us, standing tall, with humongous smiles, raising our hands, declaring

"Victory In Jesus"...

1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from Glory
How He gave His life on Calvary, to save a wretch like me.

I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins, and won the Victory.

CHORUS

Oh, Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever
He sought me and he bought me with His redeeming blood
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him
He plunged me to Victory, beneath the cleansing flood.

2. I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit.",
And some how Jesus came and brought to me the Victory.

CHORUS

3. I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of Victory!

CHORUS

<https://lyricstranslate.com>

Soon, we the church, will finally come back to the building, our shoes a bit dusty, to gather together inside 4 walls, although not be able to greet each other with real, honest to goodness hugs yet, but knowing we

were victorious over satan, despite being buffeted by the storm we continue to spread His gospel.."Til We meet again", Keep the Faith over fear, His Peace over panic, His wisdom over worry, Stay Vigilant, Safe & Healthy..

HE Has & Remains RISEN!!
Christ's Love to you all.....
Blessings & Shalom be yours,

Bette

Hakuna Matata

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2020



Actually NOT much is happening...

Everything scheduled for April, May, & June has been cancelled or postponed...

UMW Meeting

Possible to meet Tues June 16th
9:30 am. Church Fellowship Room
Call church to confirm if we will...

Board Council Meeting

CANCELLED

Best Years Fellowship

CANCELLED

Women's Phillipians Bible Study

POSTPONED

UMW Treasure Market

CANCELLED

Lenten Calendar offerings

Bring back June 14th when finally we can worship together again....

VBS

To be determined – In Discussions
Anyone doing Our 2020 Lenten Calendar knows that each day during lent it told us to put in a coin for various things we have, such as a coin for every bank account in your name, a coin for every friend you can ask for prayers, or a coin for every church member you know by name... A few of us may go broke on a few of

those 😊.. Every Sunday it said to pray & thank God for things you are blessed with and to pray for those who don't have...

A recent Facebook memory that I shared in 2014 was a song by Don Moen

"THANK YOU LORD"
A Beautiful Song..

Sharing the lyrics. with you.

I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord
For all You've given to me

For all the blessings I cannot see
Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise
with an outstretched arm, I will bless Your name...

Thank You Lord,
I just want to Thank You Lord

Thank You, Lord, I just want to
Thank You Lord Thank You, Lord,

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light..
Thank You Lord,
Thank You Lord
You took my sin and my shame,
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise
with an outstretched arm, I will bless Your name
Thank You Lord, I just want to
Thank You Lord!!

<http://www.onlinechristiansongs.com/2013/04/thank-you-lord-by-don-moen.html?fbclid=IwAR1KgEvAbcmOuxlq7ISZjAeFWS59n0Xy2xjRruSt6S-gczLMmCj4BcR1JtM>

Hakuna Matata!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have hope that one day we will continue with our study by Stephen M. Miller, "A Visual Walk Through Genesis..". Exploring the Story of "How It All Began" ..

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hope you are enjoying the video's & Sunday School lessons from Group Publishing & Better Bible Teachers that are posted on the Website..

www.umcrp.org

Miss Karen Fitzgerald misses all "you" children, but she isn't alone.

Pastor JoEllyn, Mr Jeremy, Miss Stefanie, Miss Pam, Miss Cheryl P. Miss Cheryl L. and Miss Bette miss you all as well..

May I Never Forget on my best day, that I still need God as desperately as I did on my worst...



Because of the CoronaVirus we were forced to cancel our tradition of once a month coming together in fellowship, and dine, & share together... This will end one day & we will once again meet again. So til then Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.

Missions & Outreach..



Thank you to those who have given to the Kings Club to support the Missions of our church.

Kings Club Offerings for the month of March & April include:

Wayne Kirkham gave in honor of:

His birthday 3-11

Iva Wasielewski gave in celebration of:

Her birthday 3-10

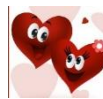
Jenny Goodspeed's birthday 4-7

Bette Schaefer gave in celebration of:

Roseann Woolverton's birthday 4-1

CJ Woolverton's birthday 4-9

Riley Buell's birthday 3-19



01 Steve & Cheryl Lenig
06 Mike & Gretchen Krivak
07 Art & Rose Lenig

14 Bruce & Barbara Parker
17 Herb & Arlos Scofield
24 Tom & Jackie Wheatbrook
28 Mark & Carol Dillon Schuck



03 Michael Swanson
05 Linda Everingham
05 Bailey Lenig
06 Jason Lenig
06 Darcy Freese
08 Scott Hakes

09 Megan Lenig
11 Rick Novak
12 Alex Thresh
12 Elliot Thresh
16 Cheryl Lenig
16 Clifford Hughes
18 Paul Iwaszewski
20 Dean Tuholski
20 Kevin Wheatbrook
22 Cody Williamson
23 Arthur Lenig
24 Erik Richardson
24 Art Wasielewski Jr
24 Margaret Rimmer
25 June Lenig
28 Sharon Campos

A request for the first few days of the next month's Anniversaries & Birthday's are below...

July Anniversary

2 Chris & Monica Stouffer
8 Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain

July Birthdays

05 Dave Schaefer
05 Monica Stouffer
05 Aaron Richardson
08 Jean Dare
09 Richard Livinghouse



If you have a need or you know someone that

needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn and she will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer Chain.
Pastor JoEllyn's Cell phone # for

**After Hours Emergency & Prayer
Chain Request (219)-363-5061**



**FOOD PANTRY
Requests
Always Need
plastic bags**

Pasta Meals (Hamburger & Tuna Helper etc.) Instant Potatoes, Canned Carrots
Drive through only...
Thursdays 8 am - Noon

**Even in this Chaos, God remains firmly
IN CONTROL...**

Make Sure you Test
Positive for Faith
Keep a safe distance from Doubt
And Isolate unbelief..



The March meeting of UMW was held on Tuesday,

March 10, 2020 at the church fellowship room. There were 10 ladies in attendance. We began our day with prayer and a wonderful Biblical themed meal. We all agreed that it was a tasty way to start the day! Penny Derucki then asked that we all sign a special card for a special "friend". (We also signed other cards that can be sent to women of our group as needed.) We should have all known that the special card would have been given to a very special person of our group, Iva Wasielewski who was celebrating a birthday with us. Penny was extremely thoughtful and also brought lovely cupcakes for us all to end the meeting with. As always, we also thanked God for all of the blessings on our lives.

Myrna Everill read about UMW in Mozambique that are training women in sewing skills and then enabling them to begin small businesses of their own. The UMW

missions are empowering women all over the world to take charge of their own lives.

Cheryl Lenig went over the treasurers report that was prepared by Debra Harris. We decided that all upcoming commitments, except school commitments that are paid each fall, will be paid.

The spring district UMW meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2020 at Plymouth Trinity church. (We don't know cancelations details?) The fall meeting is scheduled for Michigan City.

We discussed cares and concerns regarding the church family. Worthy Women's Recovery mission is one our commitments that has had enormous results in their residents. We continue to lift them up in prayer that they might continue to serve those individuals that are struggling with addiction.

Old business: We further discussed the "Treasure Market" planned for June 6, 2020 at the church parking lot. Posters will be put up for advertising the event.

We discussed the Valentine Tea. All of us felt that it was a success! Those that attended had a good time.

New business: The Mother/Daughter banquet is schedule for May 12, 2020 @ 5:30 pm. Some suggestions for entertainments were: sharing special memories with mom such as pictures, stories, toys, etc. We also are hoping to have small family groups that might sing, read a short poem, or other talents.

So ladies, think about what talents you or your family might have! We look forward to a fun evening. Penny was in charge of our program, Call to Prayer and Self Denial, for the morning. We are asked to bring our own light into the world as women and followers of Jesus. What a commandment for us to follow! We

need to all be proud of the work we do as UMW. In giving, we receive! Pastor JoEllyn sent us off in prayer after having a wonderful and thought-provoking meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 14, (Coronavirus permitting!) at the church with Bobette Elkins as hostess and Pastor JoEllyn in charge of the program. We invite anyone that would like to be part of this amazing group of women of our church to join us! We always have fun! Just a side note as I am writing this, (March 23rd) although we are not able to be together in person currently, we are still able to reach out to those that may not have family close by. I am so thankful to be in the area with my family but will pray for those who don't have family close. Reach out with a phone call to just check on someone! Especially the elders, which my kids so lovingly tell me I am now!

We will be saving you a seat!!
Submitted by, Cheryl Lenig,
UMW Secretary



Wish someone on prayer list... please, submit a prayer request form....

Bruce Melton, back surgery June 9th, (Penny's Hubby), Greg Dudeck (Prayers for Peace & strength, friend Art Schuck) Rich Mrozinski (Heart attack Monday 5-18, Had triple-by- pass Wed.) Dick Alm (fell & broke hip May 5, hospital, transfer to rehab soon), Paul Iwaszewski (home after heart attack- awaiting rehab) Debbie Baughman, (back pain, Bobette/Jeff Elkins sister) Van McCray (still recovering from MRSA, Roseann Woolverton brother-in-law, Bette's daughter) Ron, (our brother in law's brother, Paul/Sherry Iwaszewski) Evelyn Pilar (doing very well recovering at home after fall,

broke hip, Sherry & Paul Iwaszewski mother) Denice Boyce, (health concerns, sister Sherry/Paul Iwaszewski), Melissa (home, doing well, sister of friend, Gretchen Krivak) Dawn Akerman (food pantry member, leg amputated, Rose Lenig) Justin Sellers (36- in plymouth hospital, pneumonia, sepsis, friend Karen Fitzgerald) Kaitlyn Lullenberg (home to heal, Iva Wasielewski great grand-daughter), Joe Knowlton (home after Stroke), Susan Knowlton (prayers for strength & peace & her own health issues), Donna Cain (Immune Therapy treatments for breast cancer) Bobette Elkins (upcoming surgery on shoulder) Harold Carlson (Reducing steriods) Carrie Carlson (for peace & strength) Pam Dixon (Chemo, leg & hip pain) Carrie Chadwick (Lupus, Pastor JoEllyn daughter), Adeleine Iwaszewski (health issues, mother of Paul/Sherry Iwaszewski) Marguerite Schroeder (Millers rehab, sister Mike/Deb Harris), Angel Primmer (8th grader, diabetic Rose Lenig) Brenda Loggins, (depression, Kathy Crass daughter) Chowder (is now home, friend of Shannon Merrill) Corona Virus Concerns..... Give wisdom to our elected officials as they combat this pandemic. Keep them strong & vigilant. health care workers, For all God's children....

If you want someone to remain on or added please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette 219-778-2910



Garrett Obenchain US Air Force Reserves Son of Jeremy & Stefanie Grandson Art & Rose Lenig Jacob Adams US Army- States grandson Chris Adams Craig Carlson, (pilot) US Air Force son Harold & Carrie Carlson Matthew Chadwick US Army - son

Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick Michael Showalter Marines, grandson Wayne & Shirley Kirkham Matthew Rompca Air Force nephew Shirley & Wayne Kirkham Katelyn Williamson U S Marines Daughter of Al and granddaughter of Jim Williamson

If you have someone serving and would like on our prayer list please let Bette know... Please lift all those serving our country, who are struggling, for whatever the reason; being alone, illness, divorce, loss of job, loss of loved ones, going through the firsts after death of loved one. Give thanks for everything.... Hear our Prayers, Oh Lord!



Support Your Immune System With Nutrition

With illness abounding around us, it is good to know what we can do to stay healthy so that our bodies have the ability to fight off foreign invaders, keeping us well. Check out this recent article from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (eatright.org) which has some great ideas for keeping your immune system strong through your diet.

Good nutrition is essential to a strong immune system, which may offer protection from seasonal illness and other health problems. No one food or supplement can prevent illness but you may help support your immune system by including these nutrients in your overall eating plan on a regular basis.

Protein plays a role in the body's immune system, especially for healing and recovery. Eat a variety of

protein foods including seafood, lean meat, poultry, eggs, beans and peas, soy products and unsalted nuts and seeds.

Vitamin A helps regulate the immune system and protect against infections by keeping skin and tissues in the mouth, stomach, intestines and respiratory system healthy. Get this vitamin from foods such as sweet potatoes, carrots, broccoli, spinach, red bell peppers, apricots, eggs or foods labeled "vitamin A fortified," such as milk or some cereals.

Vitamin C supports the immune system by stimulating the formation of antibodies. Include more sources of this healthy vitamin by choosing citrus fruits such as oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, or red bell pepper, papaya, strawberries, tomato juice or foods fortified with vitamin C, such as some cereals.

Vitamin E works as an antioxidant and may support immune function. Include vitamin E in your diet with fortified cereals, sunflower seeds, almonds, vegetable oils (such as sunflower or safflower oil), hazelnuts and peanut butter

Zinc helps the immune system work properly and may help wounds heal. Zinc can be found in lean meat, poultry, seafood, milk, whole grain products, beans, seeds and nuts.

Other nutrients, including vitamin B6, B12, copper, folate, selenium and iron also may support immune response and play a role in a healthful eating style.

Obtaining these nutrients from foods is preferred, so be sure to speak with your health care provider or a registered dietitian nutritionist before taking any supplements.

*Reviewed by Sarah Klemm, RDN,
CD, LDN

Many of us turn to supplements to help keep our bodies defenses up, but remember that what you eat can be impactful as well. So try to add in some of the foods suggested above. In addition, fresh air and exercise can also help in keep your immune system up. So take a stroll around the block (avoiding your neighbors of course) and keep those immune systems strong.

Stay healthy & strong,

Gretchen Krivak MS, RD, CGFI

I love Dr. David Jeremiah. He is a man after Jesus heart. In my devotions from him came this message and wanted to share with you.. Hope this brings peace & quiets your heart as it did mine....

Dear Friend,

There is no question, we are living in a time of unprecedented uncertainty—it is unlike anything I have experienced in my lifetime.

My prayer is that you are healthy, in a safe place, and surrounded by those you love. Many people around the globe are struggling with illness, loss of employment, or are experiencing lonely isolation—we need to keep them in prayer. The temptation in times like these is to allow fear and worry to creep into our thoughts and to rob us of our joy. But in this uncertain world filled with many unknowns, we need to remember what we do know: God is still in control. He is on the throne.

He is not surprised by the events in our world today! He is sovereign—nothing happens without His permission.

He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

You are loved by God and nothing can separate you from His love. You may feel isolated, but God is near to you through the working of the Holy Spirit. God is ready, right now, to communicate to you through prayer and His Word. You are His child and the Father is ever-present to give you comfort, guidance, and perfect peace. He is the Great Physician, Jehovah-Rapha, the One who heals. Though sickness surrounds us, God's power and protection goes before you. Nothing is impossible for God. No force is insurmountable for Him to conquer, and no evil is too diabolical for Him to vanquish.

His Word remains a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Your prayers are heard by the great I AM—the light of the world—the Good Shepherd. He delights in His children and longs to give you the desires of your heart.

He is the rock of your salvation. Your mighty fortress. Your strength. Your help. Your hiding place. Your shield.

And because you are a child of God, you can confidently rest in His providence and protection during this time of turmoil. God is our certainty in uncertain times.

I am praying for you. Please keep the ministry of Turning Point in your prayers, as well. We will continue to bring the healing power of God's Word to you each day on [radio](#), [television](#), and [online](#). I hope this will be a source of encouragement to you during the current coronavirus pandemic. God is in control,

David Jeremiah

A Look back in History by Art Lenig

As Historian of the church I suppose that I should submit something occasionally..

The passing of Easter reminds me of an Easter many years ago which affected me.

Easter Sunday 1942 there were seven youths who were baptized and joined the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church.

They were Shirley Ludtke, Marilyn Jones, Doris Tower, Dick Nichols, Kenneth Porter, Bill Wells, & myself, Art Lenig. We were all 12 years old or about that.

Shirley Ludtke Boredelon, turned Catholic. She passed away a member of St. Peters Church in Laporte, In.

Marilyn Jones Taylor is now a member of the LaPorte Methodist Church. Doris Tower Miller is a member of the Methodist Church in Richmond, In. Dick Nichols married a girl from Great Britain, moved to London, England to never return to the United States, He has now passed away.

Bill Wells became a doctor, and lives in Princeton, In & belongs to the Methodist Church there.

Kenneth Porter, most of you knew, remained a member of our Church, RP United Methodist Church. He passed away a few years ago..

I am still here and kicking, maybe not high, but still kicking!! 😊 I am the oldest member, in membership years. There are 3 members older in age but not in membership.

If you enjoyed this tidbit of History, tell Bette or myself & I will try again to relay some more interesting or useless information..

FINDING COMFORT IN THE CHAOS

<https://www.humbledaily.com/blog/news/comfort-in-the-chaos-devotional-010>

It doesn't take much for life to spiral into chaos - from simple deadlines and day-to-day requirements to the overwhelming unknowns and unimaginables. To say anxiety is along for the ride would be an understatement; anxiety is most often the one driving. But because Christ is our only guaranteed constant in life, He is our ever-present comfort in life. Therefore, comfort is found in our creator, not our circumstances. So how do we tap into this incredible truth among the chaos? Through a renewed understanding of His *promises*, and through a refreshed remembrance of His *peace*.

In the moments of bone-crippling anxiety, impossible unknowns and the minuscule day-to-day commitments, know this: we are praying that God *steals* your heart back (a renewed understanding of His promises) and that God *stills* your heart (a refreshed remembrance of His peace.)

His Promises

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." [Jeremiah 17:7-8]

How do we trust in God and His promises? The answer lies in verse 8: *"...be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream."*

Be planted. Commit to the long haul of putting your roots down and standing firm in Christ through all seasons of life.

Send out your roots by the stream. *Initiate* the step of positioning yourself in the ultimate stream of life: God's Word.

The beauty of these two steps lived out means confidently saying, "I see the heat (anxiety) coming, I see the drought (chaos) coming, but I'm confident because I'm rooted (God's word).

His Peace

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is steadfast on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength." [Isaiah 26:3-4]

So how do we practically keep our minds steadfast on His peace? It revolves around a single word: *daily*. First thing first: God's Word. Start everyday with the Bible. This shouldn't feel like another box to check but rather a refueling and realigning going into your day. A simple verse, a short chapter, whatever it may be, find what works for you.

End on a good note: prayer. Finish everyday with prayer, not Instagram. Not sure where to start? Simply thank God for something from your day, ask for wisdom and listen to what He's teaching you in this season.

I'll leave you with a simple, yet incredibly powerful step. Know anyone who wrestles with anxiety or is feeling overwhelmed by their current circumstances? (The answer is yes.) Shoot them a text, meet up for coffee or hit the gym together. You might say, "I don't have money or deep wisdom," but I do know you have time and compassion. Proverbs 12:25 serves us well in this area: *"Anxiety weighs down the heart"* Finding comfort in the chaos is simple, but it's not easy. Be patient, be persistent and lean into our ever-present comfort: Christ.



"In the World, but Unique"

Excerpted from <https://ministry-to-children.com/jesus-high-priestly-prayer-sermon/>
(John 17:1-11)

Hello, children of God! How will people know that we love Jesus? What should we do as Christians to make sure that we live in a way pleasing to God? Do you think it's better to try to stay away from things that are not very Spiritually-related, or should we make sure that we are close to non-Christians so we can influence them? These questions have been debated for centuries.

There are some people who believe that we can best serve the Lord by being totally removed from society and separate from anything that might tempt us to do wrong. People like monks, hermits, or even certain community groups practice a way of life that is purposely apart from most others, in order to pursue God wholeheartedly. There's nothing wrong with this focus, of course, but it's not the only way to live. In fact, it's possible for us to live right in the middle of sin, but still love and serve God and our neighbors.

Pastor JoEllyn is going to show you this experiment in her Childrens' Message June 14th.. So you can see visually the explanation below..... We share a world with all of God's people whether secular or Christian.. Well, as we know, we are all sinful, so the people and things in the secular world might not always be the best for us spiritually and sometimes we can follow a friend and sin... Now, as Christians, full of the Spirit and the love of Christ, we have something special.

We can be in this world but still remain separate from it and not

completely mixed up in it. We can be in the world, but still have a unique way of still living to please Jesus. People should see that there is something different about us. When we love God, that love should just flow right out of us, so that others can tell we have something they want. We should act kindly towards those around us, and we should be obedient to the Lord. But you know what? That can be difficult! We just can't do it on our own, in fact. Jesus knew that sometimes it is hard to serve Him and to act differently than the rest of the world. Did you know that Jesus prayed for us? When He was with His disciples, He prayed to God the Father (yes, slightly perplexing since Jesus is God, as well as the Spirit, but the Trinity is a beautiful mystery...), and He asked God to be with them and help them. He recognized that He (Jesus) would be leaving Earth, but that the people would still be there, and needed to serve and witness to the world.

That special prayer applies to us, also. We can be unified in our love for God and for one another. We can demonstrate the love of Jesus to those around us. We are in the world for now, but we want people near us to know that we love and care for them, and that we do so because of Jesus. We want people to know that we are unique, separate because of Jesus. When they ask, we should be able to "give a reason for the hope that we have" (1 Peter 3:15). We want to share that hope. We know that it comes from Jesus, and that we want others to know Him, too!

There has been frequent debate over the way we should live as followers of Christ. Is it better to remove ourselves from all potential temptation or appearance of sin? Or can we better influence the world by remaining connected to secular

people and things? While it's important to keep our hearts and minds pure, we do not necessarily need to be completely separate from the world to do so. People should be able to detect that there is something unique about Christians, and that should inspire them to want to know more. This message offers an object lesson to demonstrate that we can live in the world, but not be swallowed up in its snares.

Dear God,
 Thank you for Jesus.. Thank you for all of His work and His words..
 Thank you for His prayers for us Help us to demonstrate that we are your followers. Show us how to be in the world, but not of the world
 Remind us to always love one another. Thank you for your love
 We love you, God! In Jesus name,
 Amen!

It is a beautiful and blessed thought to know that Jesus has prayed on our behalf. In the following passage, He asked God the Father to bless His people. This assures us that Jesus is working for, in, and through us. Sometimes it is challenging to be different from the rest of the world, or to love people as God would have us love them. But Jesus came to demonstrate that type of life, and because of His love we know all things are possible. He does the work for us!

John 17:1-11 The High Priestly Prayer

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now,

*Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.
 -John 17:1-11*



June 14th, 9 a.m.

We didn't have a April or May newsletter, so if you think you simply missed out on them.. You didn't.. We would like to Wish a Belated Happy Anniversary & Birthday to those who celebrated their special day in April & May...

April Anniversary

- 03 Jeff & Bobette Elkins
- 14 Steve & Kayla Vogel
- 20 Justin & Rita Chadwick

April Birthday

- 01 Robert Siford
 - 01 Roseann Woolverton
 - 03 Elizabeth Worachek
 - 03 Olivia Worachek
 - 04 Sherry Iwaszewski
 - 05 Aiden Worachek
- See Insert for rest of Birthdays*



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SCRIPTURE READINGS
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June 7, 2020
1st Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 14, 2020
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 18:1-15
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

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 Mon – Thurs 10 – 2

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:
 Tues & Thurs
 12 pm – 4 p.m
 Other times by
 appointment

June 21, 2020
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17 (UMH 749)
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

June 28, 2020
4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13 (UMH 746)
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42