

# Friendly Messenger

July 2019

Serenity. It is not a word we use often. In fact, one of the few times I have heard it was years ago in the sitcom *Seinfeld*. Have you ever seen it? There were four main characters Jerry, Elaine, Kramer, and George. They, of course, each had their distinct quirks and personalities. George is quite hot tempered and gets it from his father. I remember one particular episode where George's father is trying to handle his frustration and listens to a self-help recording that encourages the listener to say, "Serenity now" when they experience frustration. He decides to try it out, but instead of calmly speaking, "Serenity now," to himself, he screeches it at others! "SERENITY NOW!" he yells as he throws his hands up and walks away. While it may be a tactic to take, it doesn't seem to bring him much peace or tranquility!

Of course, it is meant to be funny and ironic. However, in the midst of busy lives, hectic schedules, and social strains, it can be hard to feel serene. And our best efforts to claim it may feel as ineffective. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are given a gift. God gives us a peace that passes all understanding. In John 16: 33, Jesus says, "I have told you these things so that you may have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!" There are so many more. The Bible is filled with scriptures that can help bring us peace and serenity. Is there one you refer to when you need a word of peace?

Our youth will lead us in a worship service on July 28<sup>th</sup> that lifts up God's Word as it relates to understanding serenity and peace. Our prayer of the day will be the Prayer for Serenity. Reinhold Niebuhr, a Lutheran pastor and theologian, wrote it in 1926 and used it for many of his sermons. Usually the first two verses are used, however, the full text of the prayer continues:

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.**

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking as You did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

Trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the  
next.

Amen.

It is a beautiful and famous prayer. One that is always relevant as we deal with the circumstances of our lives. I invite you to pray this each and every morning this month. May the peace of God that passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ!

*Blessings*

*Pastor Adrienne*

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## Church Council

The Church Council did not meet in June. The May minutes will appear in the August NL after approval.



The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meets on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet July 3rd at Trinity Lutheran Church. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.



## Hymn Choir

During the summer we will be singing anthems from the ELW each week. Frank would like to welcome anyone in the congregation to participate with us. Meet at 10:15 in the choir room to go over the anthem for that day. This is a great opportunity to join in the Worship Service.

## Agape Day Camp

Agape Day Camp will be held July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup> this year. It is sponsored by Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Sardis has been asked to help support the Camp again this year. One thing we will need help with from our Sardis Congregation is to bring 150 pudding cups. These pudding cups will be used to make up lunch bags for the Corner Table. This is one of the three service projects that will be completed by the campers during the camp week. Please help by bringing in pudding cups by July 14<sup>th</sup>. You can put them on the table in the kitchen.

## Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday 2019 will be on July 28th. We will be furnishing all participants and adults assisting with the service a t-shirt to wear that Sunday. Please get Robin Stuart your sizes as soon as possible. Also, if you are interested in helping in any way please also let Robin know. Her contact information is 828-999-8923 (Call or text), or email [rstuart74@gmail.com](mailto:rstuart74@gmail.com)

## Wild Women of Sardis- Save the date!

Saturday August 17th from 9-1 will be Wild Women Day at Sardis. Women of all ages are invited to a fun day learning about God and getting wild! More info to come.

# Bible Word Search Puzzle

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| ABEL        | PARCHMENT  |
| ABOMINATION | PESTILENCE |
| ADAM        | PHARAOH    |
| ANGEL       | PHILOSOPHY |
| ANGELS      | PRIEST     |
| BOOKS       | PROPHET    |
| EBENEZER    | PROVERB    |
| EDEN        | SALVATION  |
| EZEKIEL     | SHEPHERD   |
| GABRIEL     | SINS       |
| GOD         |            |
| HEAVEN      |            |
| JESUS       |            |
| JEZEBEL     |            |
| PARABLE     |            |

## Sardis Sisters

Plans are being made to see a Crawdad's Game...information to be forthcoming...



**BIRTHDAYS****July**

7/2 Kristin Teague  
 7/3 Frank Griffin  
 7/6 Alex Midgett  
 7/10 Allison W. Short  
     Catherine D. Hood  
 7/12 Pastor Martin  
 7/16 Becky Gladden  
 7/19 Dorothy Lutz  
 7/21 Rick Lutz  
     Zayde Yousef  
 7/23 Carol Mayer  
 7/25 Rebecca Crawley  
 7/26 Wanda Stallings  
     Maleah G. Duncan  
 7/28 Paisley A. Hood  
 7/29 Diane Cushing  
     Brittany F. Johnson  
     Susan Jones  
 7/31 Al King  
     Monte Speagle

**Anniversaries**

**Ben & Jennifer Whitener** 7-30

**New Address:**

Dwayne and Barbara Whitener  
 3645 Steve Ikerd Dr. NE  
 Hickory NC 28601

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS****ACOLYTE / CRUCIFER / COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

|                  |                    |                    |              |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>July 7th</b>  | Kathy Weaver       | Samuel Biggerstaff | Ken Propst   |
| <b>July 14th</b> | Marilyn Teague     | Bruce Sigman       | Zach Stuart  |
| <b>July 21st</b> | Samuel Biggerstaff | Ray Whitener       | Roger Teague |
| <b>July 28th</b> | Samuel Biggerstaff | Tryston Sylvester  | Zach Stuart  |

**USHERS**

Joe Wyant, Darrell Jarrett, Al King, Ben Whitener

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>July 7th</b>  | Dorothea Wyant                      |
| <b>July 14th</b> | David & Mildred Fulbright           |
| <b>July 21st</b> | Benny & Edna Fulbright, Linda Bandy |
| <b>July 28th</b> | Randy & Joyce Speagle               |

**LAY READERS & GREETERS**

|                  |                    |                                |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>July 7th</b>  | Gene Biggerstaff   | Carol Mayer, Jill Bledsoe      |
| <b>July 14th</b> | Dawn Covington     | Felicia Hollar, Kristin Teague |
| <b>July 21st</b> | Carolyn Truitt     | Rita Lutz, Margaret Whitener   |
| <b>July 28th</b> | Samuel Biggerstaff | Cynthia Stuart, Kendra Starkey |

**COMMUNION PREPARATION AND CLEAN-UP**

Barbara J. Whitener    Leevada Wood

**COUNCIL CONTACT & ASSISTING MINISTER**

Bruce Sigman

**SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| <b>July 6th</b>  | No Meal Delivery |
| <b>July 13th</b> | Dawn Covington   |
| <b>July 20th</b> | No Meal Delivery |
| <b>July 28th</b> | Sylvia King      |

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>July 7th</b>  | Sherrie Midgett, Dwayne Whitener, Patsy Johnson |
| <b>July 14th</b> | Dwayne Whitener, Al and Sylvia King             |
| <b>July 21st</b> | Sherrie and Mike Midgett, Dwayne Whitener       |
| <b>July 28th</b> | Susan Jones, Nina Babb, Sandra Roseman          |

**SECURITY**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| <b>July 7th</b>  | Nelson Speagle |
| <b>July 14th</b> | Kimmie Speagle |
| <b>July 21st</b> | Wayne Jarrett  |
| <b>July 28th</b> | Rick Lutz      |



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### Sardis Lutheran Church

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thur  | Fri   | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|-----|
|   | 1   | 2   | 3<br>FTF Senior<br>Citizens at<br>Trinity Lutheran<br>Vale 12        | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>PRACTICE SONGS<br>FOR YOUTH SUN-<br>DAY<br>Worship Service 10:30<br>WELCA 6<br>LMM 6:30  | 8   | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>PRACTICE SONGS<br>FOR YOUTH SUN-<br>DAY<br>Worship Service 10:30<br>Church Council 7<br>Agape Day Camp<br>supplies due                  | 15<br>Agape Day<br>Camp at Saint<br>Paul's Startown | 16<br>Agape Day<br>Camp at Saint<br>Paul's Startown | 17<br>Agape Day<br>Camp at Saint<br>Paul's Startown                  | 18<br>Agape Day<br>Camp at Saint<br>Paul's Startown | 19<br>Agape Day<br>Camp at Saint<br>Paul's Startown | 20  |
| 21<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>PRACTICE LEAD-<br>ING WORSHIP FOR<br>YOUTH SUNDAY<br>Worship Service 10:30  | 22<br>Sardis Volunteer<br>ECCCM                     | 23  | 24<br>Prayer Service<br>6:30<br><br>Information for<br>August NL due | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28 <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b><br>Sunday School 9:30<br>PRACTICE LEAD-<br>ING WORSHIP FOR<br>YOUTH SUNDAY<br>Worship Service 10:30<br>Prayer Group 11:45<br>Trinity Ridge 3 | 29  | 30  | 31   |   |   |     |

#### \*\*NOTE\*\*

*If you have a birthday or anniversary and they are not listed please let the office know. Also, check your Family Bible and advise your baptismal date. Thank you.*