



ON THE PSALMS

Let's think about the Psalms. The psalms are ancient Israel's prayer and hymn book. Our call to worship on Sunday mornings usually includes a responsive reading from the psalms, but I would like to invite you to pray the psalms daily as a spiritual exercise and communion with God. I have recently rediscovered the practice of daily praying the Psalms, often out loud. When we sing or pray the Psalms, we are actually singing and praying about Jesus Christ, who is at the center of the Psalter. We pray of his:

1. eternal divinity (Ps. 45:6–7) 2. work of creation (Pss. 33:6; 102:25–27) 3. birth (Ps. 40:6) 4. life of obedience to the law of God (Pss. 40:7; 45:7) 5. facing the opposition of the world (Ps. 2:1–3) 6. entry into Jerusalem (Ps. 118:19–26) 7. crucifixion (Pss. 22:1–21; 118:27) 8. burial (Ps. 16:10) 9. resurrection (Pss. 2:7; 16:10; 22:21–31) 10. ascension (Pss. 24:7–10; 47:5–7; 68:18) 11. present reign from heaven (Pss. 47:8; 110:1) 12. worship by all nations (Pss. 22:27–31; 47:1; 66:1; 67; 72:5–11) 13. coming again to judge (Pss. 96:13; 98:9)

When we sing the Psalms we are also singing the very words of Christ in his agony (Pss. 22:1–21; 69:1–29; 88) and ecstasy (Pss. 16:11; 17:15; 22:21–31). We are saying what he said when he prayed. We are uniting ourselves to him by faith and identifying ourselves with his sufferings and glories.

Almost every Psalm speaks of the spiritual warfare between the church and the world, the righteous and the unrighteous, and of all the sufferings the church goes through in this life. Join me in praying the Psalms regularly and let me know how it affects your prayer life and your Christian walk. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Joe

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MISSIONS REPORT

MAY 2015

FAMILY PROMISE

On April 8 and 9 members of Marshallton UMC we once again acted as support host to St. James Episcopal Church by serving meals to the families in the Family Promise network, meeting and greeting them, and staying overnight. Shelva Lewis and her team served on Wednesday evening and June Pesickey's team served on Thursday evening. We also had a new team serve on Saturday evening. Lauren and Steve Temple and their Children were the serving team that evening. It continues to bless both the Family Promise families and the ones providing the service.

We will be performing these support host operations in again June and August. If you have not yet been a part of one of these teams, we encourage you to sign up for one of the evenings scheduled for later this year. Please see the sign up sheet across from Peggy Roberts' office at the church or contact Tom Pesickey.

This letter was received recently from our missionaries serving at the Mulungwishi site in the Congo. It explains so well how important our small contributions to this mission truly are and how they are helping to do God's will.

March 2015

Dear friends,

We want to thank you so much for your continued support to the Seminary and the Women's School. Again and again, you have stepped in and shared to a Church far away and to men and women you do not now. However, **they know you are helping them receive the education for their** lives and the future. The church in Congo continues to grow and affect the communities. Despite the instability of the country, Methodist churches, schools, hospitals and dispensaries continue to bring life to people. Praise the Lord for His Faithfulness. Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of His people called into ministry.

We arrived in Zambia, last year, at the beginning of May. The month was spent teaching pastors and some of their wives at the Kafkumba Pastor's School. This is comparable to our conference course of study where the pastors come in for 4 weeks a year over an eight year period to receive ordination. These pastors serve as lay pastors in churches. The session in Zambia was for pastors from Zambia and Tanzania. Both of these countries are relatively new fields for our church. The growth is very good and they need pastors.

In June we returned to Mulungwishi to complete the academic year which we had started in September through November 2013. What a blessing it was to be again with our students at both the Seminary and Women's School. Likewise, fitting back into life in the community was special. Lori rejoined the team with the nutrition program and dispensary. One of our students, Kongolo Madjesi, had dream one night when a person came to him and asked if he knew St. Paul. He said he did not. At that point he saw St. Paul holding a basket full of books. Madjesi was told that he would be like St. Paul. He feels that this was his call into the ministry. Madjesi went on to take the entrance exam for several times before he was

admitted. Between exams he kept teaching in our Methodist schools waiting for the Lord's timing. He now is in Ministry along with his classmates and their wives. Madjesi is learning and developing into the call put on his life and using St. Paul as his model. Continue to be in prayer for them.

In August, Mulungwishi hosted the Congolese session of the Kafkumba Pastor's School. It is easier for the pastor students from Congo to travel and study at Mulungwishi. It is great that during our Seminary and University vacation, our campus can host this session. The fourth year students come with their wives allowing them to also have classes. All their meals are prepared at the Women's School which means 400 rolls baked a day in a wood oven! All the leaders and professors of the Kafkumba Pastor School are graduates of the Mulungwishi Seminary.

We began the next academic year again in September and October before returning to the United States. We are always so humbled to be teaching these pastors and their wives. In each couple we see commitment and faithfulness to the Lord's calling in their lives. Some travel for more than three weeks, in difficult conditions to come to school. One of the pastors walked 100 miles to the nearest place where he could catch a truck and ride on top...for the next 150 miles (about 4 days) to get to Mulungwishi. Many of these pastors serve in areas where there has been conflict. They go to parishes where there is no prepared places for them to live, or church building. Their salaries are 25-30 dollars a month and many times there is not the right schools available for their children. Their dedication and fidelity to their call has blessed us and we see the results in the growth of the Church. Indeed we are spoiled in having a small part in What God is doing in this part of the world.

Our plans are to return once more to Africa I April. Our schedule and activities will be the same. We want to encourage your continued support of the Seminary and Women's School through the Advance Special (Mulungwishi Theological Seminary # 05773A and Mulungwishi Women's School # 08112A). The advance Specials continue the Programs under the Congolese leadership. Your gifts and prayers not only count for the present education of these pastors but continues on with their ministries.

Thank you again for your continued faithfulness to th ministry in Congo. We covet your prays as we continue in this ministry.

David and Lori Persons

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Next month we will have a report on a new initiative under consideration by the Mission Team.

In His name and in His service,

Tom Pesickey
Missions Chair

UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST

**The Last UMM Breakfast until Fall will be
June 14 at 7:30am at Cedars United Methodist Church**



SOME THOUGHTS FOR OUR YOUTH

You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men. 1 Corinthians 7:23 (NIV) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 (NIV)

May is a great month! The weather starts to get a little warmer, the school year is winding down, proms, end-of-the year concerts and games, graduations, carnivals start to pop up all over the place.... One of my favorite things about the month of May is the celebration of Memorial Day. On Memorial Day we stop to remember and to honor the men and women who died in military service while fighting to defend the cause of freedom.

We enjoy a lot of freedom in our country. We are free to attend any church and worship, we are free to choose what we want to be when we grow up, we are free to choose where we want to live, we are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives. Yes, we enjoy our freedom, but that freedom wasn't free. Many courageous men and women gave their lives to pay the price for the freedom that you and I enjoy. These are the ones that we honor as we celebrate Memorial Day.

Yes, we enjoy a lot of freedom, but the greatest freedom we have is the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus. The Bible teaches that the penalty for sin is death, but you and I have been set free from this penalty. We have been set free because Jesus paid the penalty. The Bible tells us that Jesus died to set us free from the penalty of sin. Instead of death, we have been given eternal life. This freedom wasn't free, Jesus paid the price.

This week as we celebrate Memorial Day, let us remember to stop and thank God for those who have paid the price for our freedom. Let us also remember to thank God for Jesus, who has set us free from the penalty for sin, because he was willing to pay the price.

Dear Father, thank you for the freedom that we enjoy. We are thankful for those who paid the price for that freedom, but even more important, we thank you for the freedom we have because Jesus was willing to pay the penalty for our sin. Amen.

YOUTH GROUP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The week before Easter, we had a wonderful celebration of the Seder. Miss Hope brought all the elements of this special meal and explained each one in detail. She supplemented the experience with a video that explained it farther. We have just begun working our way through the Bible using the same supplemental curriculum as our morning Sunday school.

Our Sunday morning Sunday School class is studying the second half of the book of Genesis. We are learning that God had a plan, from the beginning, to save us from sin. His plan included a very long history....a story that starts with Abraham and Sarah. Our reading has been supplemented with a video based curriculum called "What's In the Bible," by Phil Vischer (creator of the popular Veggie Tales).

Our Sunday school class celebrated its first birthday on Easter Sunday!!! It's hard to believe it's been a whole year. Sunday School takes place during the sermon time of the 9:00 AM worship and is open to any young children (ages 2+).

If you are in grades 6-12 and would like to learn more about our youth group, please contact me (cell 302-545-3961 or email sharon1960@hotmail.com) with any questions. Also, feel free to "like" our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GTYMarshalltonUMC>). Also, if you are an adult, and would like to make a difference in the lives of our young members, I would love to hear from you.

God's blessings to all of you!

Sharon

Greetings all!

This **Saturday, May 23rd** is Holy Spirit Saturday! What perfect timing since Pentecost is celebrated Sunday May 24th this year!

Holy Spirit Saturday is a wonderful part of the Alpha program, and is open to anyone, whether or not you've been part of Alpha at all. We encourage all to come who want to learn more about the Holy Spirit.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Who is the Holy Spirit?
- What does the Holy Spirit do?
- How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Holy Spirit Saturday will be held at Marshallton UMC from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Lunch and a light breakfast will be provided.

Hope you can join us!

Rev. Dr. Kymm Hockman
Deacon, Innovation in Ministry
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When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. John
16:13

You are invited.....

Free Concert Outside on the Lawn!

Christ United Methodist Church

Saturday May 30, 4-7 pm

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and join us !

5 Bands will take the stage
Featuring contemporary sounds of

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The Cedars Three

Courtney J. Clark

Come enjoy a beautiful day in the neighborhood with some inspiring music!

Hope to see you there!

Christ UMC: 6 North Clifton Ave, Wilmington 19805

**Concert is free – Love offering collected for
Urban Promise and Family Promise**

Pack a picnic basket or go inside the church to
buy a plate of Spaghetti from Scout Troop 54
for just \$10.

Ways to help with the Outdoor Concert on 5/30:

- Meet at MUMC on Sunday 5/24 at 12:15 to distribute fliers to Marshallton Neighborhood (for no more than an hour).
- Meet at Christ UMC on Memorial Day, Monday, 5/25, at 9:30am sharp to distribute fliers (for no more than an hour).

(Pastors Joe and Kymm already covered the neighborhood immediately surrounding Christ UMC. Take some fliers to spread around Cedars Community.)

- Donate cases of water to give away during the event – bring to the Church Office any time before Saturday, May 30.
- Arrive early to help set up at 2pm on 5/30. Stay after to help us clean up and ear down on 5/30 (7pm-8pm)
- Contact Deacon Kymm Hockman with questions or to volunteer! Kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com, 302-379-5105.
- Support your church community – COME AND BRING FRIENDS!

Come to meet some new people and experience the love of Jesus Christ through music and fellowship in our local community.



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MUMS Corner

The end of the school year is right around the corner. On June 1 at 6:00 PM our closing program will be presented here at the church. All of classes will be participating as they sing songs and get their certificates for completing the school year. Please support the school and come out and see the program. Our summer session starts the very next day. We are practically full except for two spots so if you know of anyone who is in need of summer child care, send them our way. We take 1 year olds to 12 year olds. We are also taking applications for the academic school year which starts at the end of August. It will be here before you know it! Have a great summer and remember to keep MUMS in your prayers.

Tashia Charles

MEMORIES BY AUNT VICTORIA (continued from April Chatter)

The one place I'll always remember, and I think of it more and more,
The place with the biggest bargains – the good old Dry Goods store.

The tables were filled with sweaters, at a price you could afford,
And skirts and coats and jackets like you never had before.

You didn't have to worry when you found it's not your type;
They would just refund your money and make everything alright.

*WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF*

*DORA KAUFMAN
VERY LeCATES*

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and texts while I was recovering from surgery on my broken ankle. To my UMW sisters, thanks for the basket of gifts. I am blessed to call you all my church family.

Love and God Bless, Louise Canning

Thank you to my friends for the prayers, telephone calls, and many cards you have sent my way while I was in the hospital and at home recuperating. They have meant so much. I hope to return to church when I am finished with chemo treatments.

God Bless, Dot Crossan

Thank you to all our Marshallton friends for all your cards and good will wishes for my recovery. It's been slow and I am still doing therapy. I appreciate your prayers.

Margaret Godwin

"I would like to give a special thanks to those members of the congregation who help support the Food Closet, whether it be financial support, providing food supplies or volunteering their time. This is a very important mission within the Church to reach out to those in need. Every means of support makes a difference in its success. Thank you one and all.

Blessings to All, Jackie Kelso"

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for your prayers, cards and calls!!

Love, Chris Kirk

"Our Thinking vs. God's Promises"

We think: "I can't imagine." God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

We think: "I'm afraid." God says: I have not given you a spirit to fear (II Timothy 1:7)

We think: "I'm always worried and frustrated." God says: Cast all your care on Me (I Peter 5:7)

We think: "I don't have enough faith." God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

We think: "I'm not smart enough." Gos says: I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

We think: "I feel alone." God says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY, 2015



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>MAY</i>				<i>JUNE</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Nigel Raman</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Kaitlin Kennedy</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Carol Caward</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>Ben Jones</i>		<i>Adriel Raman</i>		<i>JJ Records</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>Ron Caldwell</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Jessica Lynn Paoletti</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Bob Hayden</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>Ruth Jackson</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Louise Canning</i>		<i>Brad Summerfield</i>
	<i>Homer Lutton</i>		<i>Jennifer Johns</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Andrew Records</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>Betty Tull</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>Ernestine Clayton</i>
				<i>18</i>	<i>Pastor Joe</i>



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>MAY</i>				<i>JUNE</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Lester & Lisa Carlisle, Sr.</i>			<i>7</i>	<i>Steve & Diane Freebery</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>Jerry & Lynne Barnett</i>			<i>9</i>	<i>Steve & Donna Owens</i>



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY, 2015

GOD'S RENEWING WORD

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	1 Corinthians	12:1-31	16	John	16:4b-33
2	1 Corinthians	14:1-40	17	Ezekiel	1:1-28
3	1 Corinthians	15:1-11	18	Ezekiel	2:1-10
4	1 Corinthians	15:12-34	19	Ezekiel	3:1-27
5	1 Corinthians	15:35-58	20	Ezekiel	34:1-31
6	Romans	8:1-17	21	Ezekiel	36:1-38
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER			22	Ezekiel	37:1-28
7	Romans	8:18-39	23	Joel	2:28-3:21
8	Romans	12:1-21	PENTECOST SUNDAY		
9	2 Corinthians	1:1-11	24	Acts	2:1-13
10	2 Corinthians	2:12-3:18	25	Acts	2:14-47
11	2 Corinthians	4:1-15	26	Galatians	1:1-24
12	2 Corinthians	4:16-5:10	27	Galatians	2:1-21
13	2 Corinthians	5:11-21	28	Galatians	3:1-29
ASCENSION DAY			29	Galatians	4:1-31
14	Acts	1:1-26	30	Galatians	5:1-26
15	John	15:18-16:4a	31	Galatians	6:1-18

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE, 2015



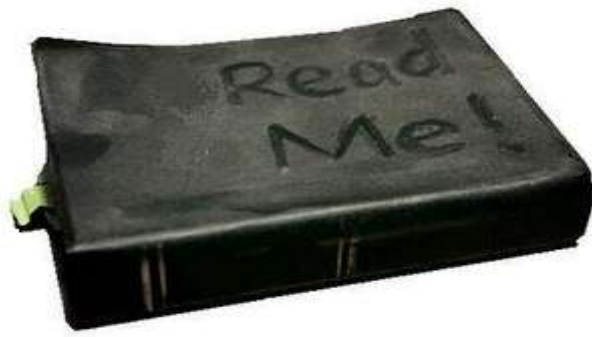
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<i>JUNE</i>				<i>JULY</i>	
6	<i>Carol Caward</i>	19	<i>Bob Fontello</i>	4	<i>Jodi Rigby</i>
	<i>JJ Records</i>	20	<i>Louise Keller</i>	6	<i>Logan Godwin</i>
7	<i>Bob Hayden</i>	22	<i>Fran Johns</i>		<i>Kelly Lenker</i>
	<i>Brad Summerfield</i>	24	<i>Tracey Leager</i>	7	<i>Ellen Horstead</i>
9	<i>Andrew Records</i>		<i>Katie Whisler</i>		<i>Chad Jackson</i>
11	<i>Ernestine Clayton</i>	25	<i>Ellen Sebastian</i>	8	<i>Carol Hurst</i>
13	<i>Lester N. Carlisle</i>	26	<i>Christina Raman</i>		<i>Amanda Lawson</i>
16	<i>Lee Tull</i>	28	<i>Lisa Carlisle</i>	9	<i>Evelyn Jacobs</i>
	<i>Edie McKenney</i>	30	<i>Steve Owens</i>		
18	<i>Pastor Joe</i>				



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>JUNE</i>				<i>JULY</i>	
7	<i>Steve & Diane Freebery</i>	23	<i>Frank & Beth Panariello</i>		
9	<i>Steve & Donna Owens</i>	25	<i>Bob & Audrey Warner</i>		
10	<i>Deena & Robt. Stackhouse</i>	28	<i>Sam & Evelyn Bramble</i>		
20	<i>John & Anne Thomas</i>				



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JUNE, 2015

GOD'S COMFORTING WORD

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	Hosea	1:1-21	16	Zechariah	10:1-12
2	Hosea	2:2-23	17	Isaiah	51:1-23
3	Hosea	11:1-11	18	Isaiah	52:1-12
4	Hosea	14:1-9	19	Isaiah	54:1-17
5	Joel	2:1-27	20	Isaiah	55:1-13
6	Amos	9:1-15	21	Isaiah	56:1-12
7	Zephaniah	3:1-20	22	Isaiah	57:1-21
8	Haggai	1:1-15	23	Isaiah	58:1-14
9	Haggai	2:1-23	24	Isaiah	59:1-21
10	Zechariah	1:1-21	25	Isaiah	60:1-22
11	Zechariah	2:1-13	26	Isaiah	61:1-11
12	Zechariah	3:1-10	27	Isaiah	62:1-12
13	Zechariah	4:1-10	28	Isaiah	65:17-25
14	Zechariah	8:1-23	29	Jeremiah	30:1-24
15	Zechariah	9:1-17	30	Lamentations	3:1-58



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ALL DAY

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United Methodist Church