



STAYING IN TOUCH...
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Steve's Corner

Dear Grace, this Sunday's sermon is one I've been thinking about a long time, ever since I read a small book by a 19th century French priest and spiritual director, Abbe De Tourville named Letters Of Direction. In it he writes: "Never follow any narrow way; but on contrary the broadest the most generous way." Well, how does this square with the narrow way Jesus urged us to in the sermon two weeks ago? It has been an important thing for me to ponder since I read it about 20 years ago.

The sermon is entitled: The Wild Gratitude And The Broad Way That Leads To Life.

The text contains for me two of the most luminous passages of Jesus' words, both in Matthew 11. They are Matthew 11: 25-26, and 28-30. The first is Jesus' prayer of gratitude as he learned that the tide had swung decidedly against him, and the second are the words that begin, "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest", then ends with, "for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Some of the most profound truths are paradoxical, and here is one as we lay it beside the verses preached two weeks ago, Matthew 7: 13-14. I suspect this Sunday's message from Jesus is one we yearn to hear.

See you then, Steve



Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM
Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound:

*Tressie Starrette,
Sarah Adams,
Nancy Milstead.*

Those issues close to us:

*JoAnn Grose family, Bill Long family,
Eli Jordan, Peggy Waugh family,
Joanna Jester family,
Skip McCall, Gina Starrette,
Cindy Johnson, Bill Warren,
Michelle Rokes, Autumn Harris,
Will Fanjoy, Christian Viera,
Gina Ellis, Neil's cousin,
Marian Archibald, Ray Smith,
Jennifer Martin, Bill Mashburn,
Clara Rogers, Vera Webster,
peoples of the Ukraine,
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,
caregivers, healthcare workers,
homeless children, our nations
immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who
are mentally ill, those who are affected
by violence, those who are
incarcerated, children who are a part of
the Guardian ad Litem program, local
law enforcement officers and fire
fighters.*

Those in the military:

*Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,
Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,
Brian Saxton, 30th Brigade.*

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

Celebrations:

Birthdays

13 - David Rogers
17 - Louise Grose
17 - Emily Starrette



Concerns:

Racial Healing.
Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of
the gun epidemic going on right
now.

Friend of Janna's doing IVF.

Emma's Otology group needs
remembering.

Amanda Brookshire family.

March

Birthdays

- 5 - Zoe McMillan
- 6 - Brittain Nicholson Kenney
- 7 - Gina DeLong
- 9 - Donn Wardo
- 10 - John Marshall
- 10 - Terry Hamby
- 10 - Xochitl Koppelmeyer
- 13 - David Rogers
- 17 - Louise Grose
- 17 - Emily Starrette 
- 21 - Pat Rudd
- 21 - Benjamin Adams
- 26 - Jet Tosco

Budget

Needed year to date: \$20,380.00
Received year to date: \$18,710.00
UNDER budget: \$1670.00
Weekly needs: \$2038.00

Calendar for Lent

March 17 and 18-
Spring Clean Up!

April 2 - Palm Sunday, at 5pm-
A reader's theater presentation (script only) of the musical, The Cotton Patch Gospel, which sets the story of Jesus in the Deep South.

April 6 -
Maundy Thursday Service, at 6pm-
This will be our traditional light Mediterranean meal together on the night of Jesus' Last Supper. We will eat together and then move into a short communion service together.

April 7 -
Good Friday events-
To Be Announced.

April 8 -
Saturday Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch. Details to come.

April 9 -
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.
Around 6:45am, at the labyrinth.
No Sunday School at 10am.
Easter Sunday Worship With
The Easter Cantata at 11:00 am.

Church Maintenance Stroupe/Johns

Scripture for the Week

Matthew 11:25-26,
& 28-30

Sunday's Sermon

"The Wild Gratitude And The Broad Way
That Leads To Life."

Leader

Steve Shoemaker

Reader

Reader's Choir

Please join us for a 4-week book study of *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner.

Lenten Ladies is a time of conversation and fellowship. This year's book is about the way some of the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism can enhance our faith.

New and gently used copies of *Mudhouse Sabbath* can be purchased on Amazon.

This next Monday we will meet at the home of Phyllis Rogers, 1040 Spring Valley Ln. 6pm.

Our Lenten Offering this year will go to the Children's Homes of Iredell County. You can make a monetary offering or bring items for boys and girls ages 14-21.

Toiletries, snack items to name a few.
List is attached to this email.

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On Facebook and Youtube.
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