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Many years ago, I went to the Mattress Factory, which is a modern art museum on Pittsburgh's north side. I like modern art museums even though it is true that many of the paintings in a modern art museum look like something that your child could have done on a bad day in kindergarten. What they lack in technique they more than make up for by experience.

My favorite experience at the Mattress Factory, however, was not one the artist had intended. There was a piece entitled, "Pleiades" which was a room that was completely ensconced in darkness. As my wife, my friend, and I entered the room we could not see our hand in front of our face, and we walked--slowly-- up a ramp until we got to a platform. We could feel that there were two chairs, three walls, and four people on this platform. The instructions told us to wait for twenty minutes for our eyes to adjust, and we would experience "the intersection of the inner seeing with the outer seeing."

And so, we waited. Silently. Patiently. Then it happened. A sound came from outside the room. It was four more people stumbling blindly up the ramp crashing into the others on the crowded ramp. I could not see anything. I could only hear the bumps and the groans; the cries from one man who said, "There's someone here"; the response from a woman, "Did you hit a wall"; and the whimper of a young girl, "I'm scared". I couldn't see any of the people around me, but I could feel them pressing me against the wall, staring in the dark, waiting for something to happen.

Again, it became silent, again we waited, and again it happened. Three girls waiting to come in, and not realizing how close we were to them, began a conversation about the Chinese food they were going to eat when they were done. After five minutes of this whatever peaceful, transcendent, moment I experienced was ruined. Finally, it settled down again, and we heard somewhere in the dark these fateful words. "Julia? Are you ready?" "Yeah" "I don't get it . . . maybe I'm stupid." "Let's go". We followed right after wishing that we could have had that twenty minutes back. When we got out, we discovered that we had only been in there a little over ten minutes and the sign around the corner instructed that only two were to be there at a time. I wonder what we might have experienced if we had waited the full time and done as we were supposed to do.

In a way I felt like that experience was a lot like the experience of Lent. We struggle through it in the heart of winter. We confess our sins and refrain from overindulgence, and in the middle of it we may say, "For what?", "I don't get it", "I'm ready to go". How many people have missed out on the light of the resurrection because they gave up in the dark of Lent? Stick with it, for God will neither disappoint nor abandon us to nothingness. God's way may not always make sense, and we may not always "get it" when we're in the middle of it, but when all is revealed to us it will be the greatest experience of all.

Worship Assignments

Worship Leader:

(Call to Worship, Scripture Reading,
Call to Offering)

March 7: Gene Sheller

March 14: Linda Reese

March 21: Von Lacock

March 28: Kevin Puskarich

Elder:

March 7: Peggy Oliverio

March 14: Gary Ford

March 21: Linda Reese

March 28: JC Leasure



- 1 Vanessa Duchess
- 4 Nyka Rash
- 7 Nicole Fowler
- 8 Chris Lewis
- 9 Dana Hess
- 11 Mallory Jones
- 11 Jordan Keener
- 14 James Hritz
- 15 J. Brian Ashmore
- 20 Sandy Harton
- Evelyn Ringer
- 22 Pat Donahoo
- 23 Trenton Shriver
- 24 Ashley Fowler
- 25 Ruth Campbell
- 27 Patty McConnell
- Anthony Mountain
- 28 Cathy Duchess
- Adeline Dye
- Amanda Puskarich
- Morgan Puskarich
- Darlene Yater
- 29 Terry Houston
- 30 Maggie Graff
- 31 Debbie Dague



15 Matt & Tiffany Shetler

17 Jason & Erika Vanatta

20 Paul & Sandy Harton

Tween Team Update from JC Leasure

The Tween Team has been very busy since we have started meeting on Sunday evenings at 5pm via Zoom. We have climbed many mountains and put on award winning skits while learning more about who Jesus is, and more about each other.

We have just finished an 11 week course on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). We learned how Jesus turned the world upside down with his teaching. We learned that in God's kingdom there is an abundance: more than enough food, love, money and resources for every child of God to thrive. Through the Beatitudes we see that the ones that are truly blessed are loved, special and not alone and we are encouraged to see everyone else this way.

The Tweens took a little break from our mountain climbing during Advent to focus on preparing for Jesus' birth. We discussed what love, joy, peace and hope really mean. Nearing the end of Advent we hosted a Family Night for our families to see what we've been up to as well as learn about the Christmas traditions each family has and we sang "Joy to the World" together.

The Tween Team is truly a wonderful group for our 4th thru 7th graders to learn about the love God has for us and to see that we are really blessed. If you know someone in this age group that would like to join the Tweens on our adventures through God's word, please contact Pastor Gena or JC Leasure. We will be happy to welcome them in to the Tween Team.

MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Lent Bible Study via Zoom 7pm-8:15pm		Lent Service by Charleroi Christian Church 7pm	Special Board Meeting via Zoom 7pm	World Day of Prayer	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship via Zoom 10:15am Tween Team via Zoom 5pm-6pm	Lent Bible Study via Zoom 7pm-8:15pm		Lent Service by Fairhill Manor Christian Church 7pm	Personnel Committee via Zoom 6pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship via Zoom 10:15am Tween Team Via Zoom 5pm-6pm	Lent Bible Study via Zoom 7pm-8:15 pm Easter Flower Order Deadline		Board Meeting via Zoom 6 pm Lent Service by Central Christian Church in Uniontown 7pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship via Zoom 10:15am Tween Team via Zoom 5pm-6pm	Lent Bible Study via Zoom 7pm-8:15pm		Lent Service by Washington First Christian Church 7pm	April Newsletter Deadline		
28	29	30	31			
Worship via Zoom 10:15am Tween Team via Zoom 5pm-6pm	Lent Bible Study via Zoom 7pm-8:15pm		Lent Service by Brightwood Christian Church 7pm			



The Prayer Shawl ladies have been hard at work. They met on Wednesday, February 24 to organize and distribute their beautiful shawls, lap blankets, kid's blankets and chemo hats. They delivered these gorgeous wares to the Avis Arbor Family Center and to the Hillman Cancer Center.

Pictured are: Diane Palfreyman, Karen Palfreyman, Serena Dube, Judy Hanning, Patty McConnell



If you have an extra minute in your day, send a note to or call someone who has been stuck in the house for a while and away from their friends and family.

Puzzle!

Discover the identity of a biblical person. First, assign a number value to each letter, starting with M=1, N=2, O=3, ... A=15, etc. Then use the code to complete the clues.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
15												1	2	3											

FIRST CLUE: 15 7 15 13 3 9 2 21 1 15 2

22 19 25 23 26 26 19 18 7 3 1 19 3 2 19.

SECOND CLUE: 22 19 11 15 7 8 19 2 18 23 2 21

7 22 19 19 4 23 2 8 22 19 18 19 7 19 6 8

11 22 19 2 21 3 18 17 15 26 26 19 18 22 23 1.

THIRD CLUE: 15 7 15 16 15 16 13 22 19 11 15 7

20 3 9 2 18 20 26 3 15 8 23 2 21 23 2 15

16 15 7 25 19 8 23 2 8 22 19 2 23 26 19 6 23 10 19 6.

Who is this person? _____

Answer: Moses