



Heritage Happenings

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Pastor's Ponderings By Pastor Terri



My heart is heavy. The recent events at our Nation's Capital have burdened my soul. The ugliness coming across social media has become so toxic that I have had to 'disconnect' from some long term friends and a few relatives. I find myself in self-protection mode.

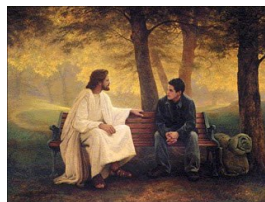
I keep asking myself...."Where is God in all this?" And the answer keeps coming back...."He's grieving right alongside you!" This is NOT how we are supposed to love one another. We would NOT love ourselves this way. Yet, there are people on both sides claiming to be Christians. There are people on both sides praying to God asking for His sanction, His direction and His help. That startles me. Think about it, someone is praying to God....AGAINST you! If there ever was a time that you should hope that God knew who you were....

So, how is your prayer life? I mean, isn't that the best way for you and God to get to know each other? Are you a person who takes time to pray every day? Do you pray only before meals or when you are driving your car? Do you get on your knees when you pray? Do you have a special Prayer Room or War Room that you use? Do you journal your prayers? Sing your prayers? How DO you include prayer in your life?

The neat thing about prayer is that God really does hear it. And He really does love us all. I think when He hears prayers on both sides, He does His best to soften BOTH of His answers, His yeses and His nos. Bottom line.....we need to figure out how to agree to disagree. We need to figure out how to live together in harmony and unity. The people who we disagree with are fellow Americans, they are fellow Christians and they are fellow beloved children of God! So, let's figure out how to live together and work together even with our disagreements and different opinions. God has lots for us to do and I just don't think fighting each other is part of it.

Meanwhile, dust off your prayer life! Talk to God often....in every way you can...at every opportunity you get! Not just when you need something or want something or are scared.....talk to Him just to talk to Him, like you do with your friends. He's your Father and He wants to hear from you...and boy, do we need Him right now!

Shalom!
Pastor Terri





Let's Pray! - Lent Begins on February 21st

We've got some great things planned for Lent this year! We'll be focusing our Lent on Prayer. The Sermon Topics will all be focused on Prayer. We are also planning some other great things that can be done whether we are able to in-person meet or not. We're going to have an opportunity for you to come and walk some Prayer Stations including a labyrinth. We've got something special planned for our kids, and we'll be announcing soon a special Lenten Small Group opportunity. Also, by popular demand, I will be posting daily devotions beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Watch for more on all of these opportunities. And please, start your prayer now. Ask God to heal our world so that we can begin to meet together again!



Upcoming Sermon Info

For those of you who like to prepare in advance, here are the proposed Scriptures and topics for the upcoming Lenten Season.

Date	Scripture	Sermon Topic
February 21 st 1 st Sunday of Lent	Romans 8:25-27 Hebrews 4:9-10	"Pray as You Can, Not as You Can't"
February 28 th 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 1:11-12; Matthew 6:28-30, 13:31-32, and John 12:24	"Praying With Scripture"
March 7 th 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Psalm 42	"How is it With Your Soul?"
March 14 th 4 th Sunday of Lent	Psalm 105:2	"Praying With Music"
March 21 st 5 th Sunday of Lent	Matthew 6:5-13	"Praying With The Lord's Prayer"



Communion

Sunday, February 7th is Communion Sunday. Whether or not we have in-sanctuary service, there will also be a 'drive in' time of communion. I will bless the elements online or in-service and then from noon to 12:30 I will greet all who come in their cars with communion and a prayer. Bring your whole family and invite your friends to come too as we share communion together!



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, February 7th. Unfortunately, Covid has put everything up in the air and we don't yet know if we can meet for a short service. We will be doing something, but at this time it is unknown what. Most likely, there will be something on-line. We may also offer a drive thru opportunity, but that is unclear at this time. Please watch for further information.



Lent Supplies

There will be Lenten Devotionals and other Lent Supplies available for you to pick-up in the church entry beginning February 14th. If Viv is back, the doors will be open Mon. - Thurs. from 9-noon. But if she is not back yet, the doors will be open on Tuesday 9-noon and Thursday, 9-7. Call the church office to be sure on times.



Puppet Talk

Are your kids getting to participate in Puppet Talk? Is there a child in your life that would like to be a part of this? If so, be sure to check our fb page every Sunday at noon. (It's taped so you can catch it any time that is convenient). Be sure to call the church office so we can put a craft bag together for you to pick up for your child. Pick up is Thursday from 9-7.

ATTENTION!!!! *There is something really special planned for Lent and Easter! Please be sure to register the little ones you care about! They will WANT to be a part of this !!!!*

Now That's Funny! Stuff



Unfortunate Sermon topics and follow up info:

"The Devil Speaks"
Pastor Bill will be giving the sermon

"Biting Off More Than You Can Chew"
Communion Hymn to follow "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Unfortunate notices found in church bulletins:

'Come and celebrate! Pastor Steve will present his last sermon on Sunday.'

"Tickets for the drawing can be purchased as you pass out after services."

"Each Wednesday during Advent, the congregation will gather for prayer, medication, and preparation."

"Don't let worry kill you off. Let the church help."

"Please remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."

"Thank you for your sympathy and the lovely pot plant."

Unfortunate messages on a church signboard:

Pastor Bob is ON VACATION!
Praise the Lord!

Sunday Morning Sermon: "Jesus walking on water"
Sunday Evening Sermon: "Looking For Jesus"



Thank You

I want to say a loud Thank you to those of you who sent thoughtful gifts this Christmas. You made me feel very much appreciated!

Thank you!
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OUR PRAYER LIST

Larry Gray, member, recovering from 2 broken hips.
Viv Wright, member, recovering from recent cancer surgery.
Elly VanBarnveld (a close friend of Penny Bronakowski) she had a heart attack and has had stents put in and is recovering at the hospital.
Tom Burgess, member, recently hospitalized.
John Frey, member, recovering from extensive surgery.
Dennis McMillan, member, recovering from surgery.
Brandon Osborne, VandePanne's nephew, with numerous health issues.
Steven & Carol McEvoy, members, with the loss of their cousin.
All School Teachers, students and personnel.
Pastor Terri
Paul Webster Missionary to Zimbabwe.
David Speyers, Missionary to South America.
Aaron & Mary VanderSommers Missionaries in the Congo.
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THOSE UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US

Larry Gray
Norma Larsen
Bill Parmenter
Joan Ross
Judd Ross
Millie Zenk

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Mitch Phillips, son of Greg & Sue
Aaron Bellgowan, son of Matt & Danielle

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY



Wendy Baty	2-1
Logan Shadley	2-4
Rebecca Grudzinskes	2-10
Justin Gray	2-11
Draven Alexander	2-14
Andrew Grudzinskes	2-14
Mike Slater	2-17
Mary Carlisle	2-18
Jake Frey	2-18
Charles Hendriksma	2-20
Jerry Poprawski	2-20
Hailey Summit	2-20
Laura Kroesing	2-21
Mckenna Sanford	2-21
Aaron Bellgowan	2-22
Doug Johnson	2-22
Jared Guerra	2-22
Dick Holbrook	2-25

ANNIVERSARIES



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Don & Janet Boezwinkle 2/20



Please advise the church office of any changes necessary to update these lists.

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And Sharing the Light of
the Lord with all



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