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A Word from Pastor Jon

Between the Now and the Not Yet.– Part 2



Last month I shared some thoughts about when we find ourselves in life situations where we are in transition from what we have known or where we are, to something new something different, but we are not there yet. We find ourselves in-between. We're between the now and not yet. When we are in places

like this sometimes, we don't know what to do. We may even feel like we have no control over the situation. That is just how those two disciples must have felt on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

One additional point, whatever the circumstances that brought us to our Emmaus Road experience may seem beyond our control. But there is something that we do have control over, and that is whether we will walk the road alone or choose to walk it with others. Can we resist the temptation to keep things to ourselves or dare to be open and share our heart with another disciple that walks with us?

The disciples' choice to walk together and talk about all the things that had happened to them was rather radical. They could have decided to walk together and avoid talking about what was really going on.

But while the experiences of that first Good Friday weekend were still fresh and raw they choose to walk and talk about all these things that had happened. The crucial choice was to walk together and speak honestly about the issues of their (and our) lives and this action causes Jesus to come near.

The disciples on the Emmaus road were discussing the stuff of their lives, all the things that had happened, that were having such an impact on them spiritually and in every other way too. There was something about the nature and quality of their conversation that opened up space for Jesus to draw near.

This is a significant part of our Wesleyan theology which is to be in connection with one another, to watch over one another in love. We share life together and love each other through the challenges and joys of life. When challenges come our way as they will my prayer is our church will be the kind where we can lean on one another and know we are loved not judged. We can find peace, comfort, and grace when we open our hearts to each other. It is in these moments that God truly can break into our lives with God's transforming power.

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What God has in store for us is unknown but, let's open our hearts to God and each other, then Jesus will draw near. The result is captured in the words of Paul in 1 Cor 2:9.

But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”.

The “Covenant Bible Study” will help us in our life together. Maybe this is an opportunity to learn more about our life together. Look for the article in this newsletter about the start of the Covenant Bible study.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

An additional note, I did find the book where these thoughts originated from and I recommend any of Ruth Barton’s work. A good book to start with is Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation (ISBN-13: 978-0830833337).

Source:

R Ruth Barton, Life Together in Christ: Experiencing Transformation in Community (Downers Grove: IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2014), 20-34.

PARISH NEWS...



JULY LECTIONARY READINGS	
July 3, 2016 7th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 10, 2016 8th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
July 17, 2016 9th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
July 24, 2016 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13
July 31, 2016 11th Sunday after Pentecost	Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

COVENANT IS AN IN-DEPTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS READ AND DISCUSS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, LEARNING HOW TO LOVE GOD—AND EACH OTHER—BETTER.

Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

CREATING - Examines how the Covenant community is created and established.

LIVING - Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love—how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

TRUSTING - Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant represents a relationship—a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it.

Prairie Chapel Starts Sunday July 24 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Meet in the Fellowship Hall	Alburnett Starts Monday July 25 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Downstairs in the Confirmation Room
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Newsletter Deadline for July 2016	
<u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u>	June 15
Newsletter Folding Party	June 27

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE!



Your help is needed to update our records. On the back of the prayer cards that are available each Sunday, there is a Communication Card. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of these cards (please print clearly) and place the card in the offering plate or in the special basket in the foyer. Please contact the office if you would like a card mailed or e-mailed to you.

Newsletter Deadline for August 2016

Newsletter Articles due in Office

Friday, July 15

Newsletter Folding Party

Monday, July 21

Serving God as an Usher

Ushers serve God today by:

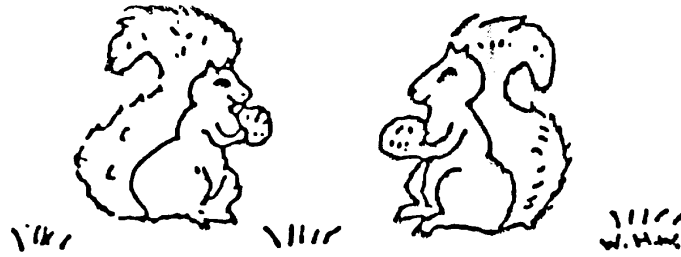
- directing visitors,
- helping take up the offering,
- lending a hand to pastors, and
- stepping in when urgent needs arise. (The first priority of an usher is, after all, the safety of those who are worshipping.)



When you do this, you're joining with centuries of people who have loved God and have valued *the event* that takes place when God's people gather together in worship.

So, be part of caring for the community of faith. The effective usher does more than pass out bulletins. You are often the first impression that is made on a guest on behalf of the church.

There is a sheet with usher responsibilities/instructions on the information table in the fellowship hall for you to review. If you would like to be an usher or want more information then write your name, contact information, and the word "Usher" on the communication card on the back side of the prayer card in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2013 Expenses Budget: \$70,362
Fact: \$5,863.50 needed per Month for Expenses
Fact: \$1,353 needed per Week for Expenses

Contributions		Attendance	
5/29	797.00	5/29	42
6/5	450.00	6/5	35
6/12	995.00	6/12	41
6/19	735.00	6/19	33
6/26	n/a	6/26	n/a

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Church garden is on its way to success. Produce is growing, flowers are adding color. We have had at least 5-6 kids on each Sunday and several helping during the week. Check out the Church Bird House that Everett Shilling and Kenny Andrews put up. We thank God for the Sunshine and Rain. Teamwork and fellowship is a huge part of these growing seedlings.



Pam Kirk, 319-533-1120

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MARVIN SUTTON JR.
- 2 KARL QUAAS
- 4 WAYNE VOLKL
- 7 ARDITH SMITH
- 8 PAMELA SHEFELBINE
- 9 LEAH HORAK
- 12 COLE HUNT
- 13 JAMES HILL
- 17 CHARLES QUAAS
- 18 ADRIENNE HERSHEY
- 20 NORMA SUTTON
- 21 TRENT JORDAN
- 22 ERIKA EDWARDS

- 23 BRANDI SARGENT
- 23 JUDY LEIDIGH
- 24 RON HOOVER
- 25 LINDA HAMILTON
- 26 DEBRA THEIN
- 27 MIKE SHEFELBINE

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 RICK & KRISTA MCGRAW
- 18 BILL & CLETIS SLOAN
- 30 ERIC & JENNIFER SLOAN
- 31 BECKY & KARRYL ANDERSON

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

MISSIONS PROJECT: Our missions project for July will be gas cards for the Veteran Outreach Center. We will be collecting donations to purchase gas cards to enable our veterans to drive to available community and VA resources. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please support our local veterans during this month.

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR "FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!! It has been noted that it would be fun for our church family to have some together time. We have decided now that the time for the service will change to 10:30 in July, that we would begin a last of the month potluck. July's date however will be the 4th Sunday instead of the last because of a community event. We will begin this tradition after church on July 24th, so put that on the calendar! Meat will be furnished and families are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert.

Ushers & Greeters



July Communion Steward:

Mary Moore

JULY GREETERS

- 3 Shirley & Ken Andrews
- 10 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 17 Dorothy Sherman &
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

JULY BAKED GOODS

- 3 Shirley Andrews
- 10 Carol Smith
- 17 Julie Hoover
- 24 Marcy Machacek
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

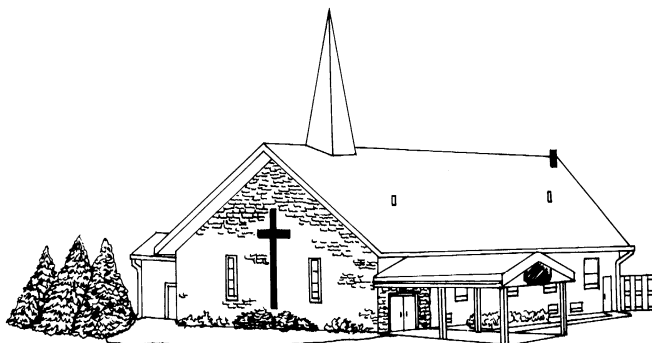
JULY USHERS

- 3 Jeanne Bailey & Julie Hoover
- 10 Ken Andrews & Ev Schilling
- 17 Richard & Judy Burns
- 24 Dave & Marcy Machacek
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

JULY NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 3 *Volunteers needed*
- 10 Cindy Scott
- 17 *Volunteers needed*
- 24 *Volunteers needed*
- 31 *Volunteers needed*

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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STEWARDSHIP

*When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...***PRAYERS:** Pray for Peace and for all our friends and family recovering from surgery, injury, and undergoing treatments for illness.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

5/29	52
6/5	37
6/12	50
6/19	55
6/26	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

5/29	n/a
6/5	\$1861.00
6/12	\$1525.00
6/19	n/a
6/26	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to the volunteers who keep our church going from week to week, and to all prayer warriors.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, July 7 at 6:30PM at the church. See you there!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEXT MEETING JULY 21 @ 7:00PM.
 Guest Speaker: Sharon Bowers. Hostesses: Carlene Reinhardt & Margaret Meythaler. Final prep for Ice Cream Social (Volunteers Needed).

MISSION PROJECT-DORM KITS: 1 large new bath towel 24-27x44-52, 1 bath size bar soap in wrapper, 1 new toothbrush in original or sealed package, 2 spiral notebooks 10 1/2x8 wide rule 3 hole 70-80 sheets each, 1 wash cloth 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers, 1 hand pencil sharpener, \$1.00 for toothpaste, 2 gallon Ziploc bag.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sarah Moss
- 2 Emma Walther
- 5 Bud Blackford
- 7 Courtney Clemens
- 7 Janice Adams
- 8 Cindy Wittenburg
- 9 Stephanie Cory
- 9 Laura Dixon
- 10 Ryne Nietert
- 10 Jeremy Waltz
- 11 Jim Kotrba



- 12 Shannon Kriegel
- 13 Carly Martin
- 15 Dan Lyttle
- 17 Brittney Yeisley
- 18 Jacob Waltz
- 23 Maria Martin
- 23 Darrell Timm
- 25 Jeff Jordan
- 28 Wayne Blackford

- 29 Stacy Mason
- 30 Brandon Yeisley

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Albert & Vicki Martin
- 9 Cletis & Carlene Reinhardt
- 9 Mark & Inez Mattke
- 15 Daryl & Maria Martin
- 19 Mark & Dana Nietert
- 20 Corey & Teresa Seibert
- 30 Jeremy & Barbara Waltz

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JUNE COMMUNION STEWARD & SERVERS Volunteers needed



JUNE USHERS/GREETERS

- 3
- 10
- 17
- 24
- 31

Volunteers Needed

JUNE ACOLYTES

- 3
- 10
- 17
- 24
- 31

Volunteers Needed



Ice Cream Social

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join us Sunday, July 31 from 5:00-7:00PM for Good Food and Homemade Ice Cream! Help is needed to make Ice Cream at 4:00pm on Saturday, July 25.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join the fun July 10-11-12-13-14 from 4:30-8:00PM at VBS-- "Cave Quest" Supper & Snacks will be provided. Sign up at church or call Kathy Clemens at 377-0949. Donations to help purchase supplies are welcome.

