



The Herald



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The arms of Jesus

A teacher took her class of 7-year-olds to visit residents of an Alzheimer's care center. One boy spied an elderly woman sitting alone on a bed, slipped into her room and gave her a hug. She — and many who saw the interaction — shed tears.

The boy scurried back to his group, apologizing for making the woman cry. "She just looked like she needed a hug," he said meekly.

To the boy's surprise, the teacher commended him: "Your arms were the arms of Jesus to her."

Scripture tells of Jesus taking children in his arms (Mark 10:13-16). This child became Jesus to someone in her "second childhood," taking her in his arms and blessing her. —Based on "She Needed a Hug,"

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories Sampler
(Simon & Schuster eBook, 2011)



EPHESIANS 5:1, NRSV

*Be imitators of God,
as beloved children.*

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Dear Church,

"Grace to you and Peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This salutation was often used by Paul and the early believers in the Way of Jesus Christ. I love this way of beginning any form of communication. Don't be surprised, then, if you see this salutation often; either in an email, text, voicemail, letter, or during worship. It has everything within it to begin calling and responding to what the Holy Spirit, the very Breath of God, would have us say and do.

Grace

Charis is the greek word we translate into grace. It's from whence our word charity comes. To begin with this word as a salutation is a healthy reminder that God's gift of Love as we witness in the life of Jesus Christ is the source of all of our blessings. I like to picture God's grace as if God is continually asking each of us in every moment of our lives: "how can I be helpful?" Is this not a gift of selfless love? What would it be like if I approached each situation and each person with the gracious question, "how can I be helpful?"

Peace

I'm resonating in these moments on the words that are connected to Peace. Peace—in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The true source of Peace is Peace Himself—Jesus Christ. He non-violently resists the evil powers of this world not through hatred, retaliation nor even a sharpened Spirit; but he "empties himself" as Paul says, and offers peace to his followers through non-anxious, non-condemning modes of being. Peace arrives through The Word of God who listens, who understands, who compassionately bears our sorrows.

Dear Church, you who are called to be Grace and Peace in North Chili, please know that you have accomplished just that for us as we have joined you all in ministry. Let us thank God together for Lyle Tague and his representing you all, months prior to our safe arrival; his offering of grace and peace to me on behalf of you all set our hearts at ease. Let us thank God together for all who offered grace and peace by creating a safe space within the beautifully refinished parsonage; even before we arrived you all already blessed it and made it feel like home. Let us thank God together for all who have welcomed us warmly with grace and peace; my prayer is that I will have myriad opportunities to join you all in the ways you already practice offering grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people of North Chili. I am thankful for all of you.

So, may the Grace of our Creator, the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Sustaining flow of Breath from the Holy Spirit rest, rule, and abide in each of us until we meet together again!

Grace and Peace!
Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Phil

**Serving in
Worship
August 2019**

*Liturgy is the Work of
the People
for the Glory of God*



Liturgist

8/04 Erik Rockwell
8/11 Randy Bloechl
8/18 Claire Hewitt
8/25 Gayel Todd

Greeters

8/04 Ralph Squire
8/11 Becky & Larry Cornell
8/18 Peg Wittman
8/25 Lori & Paul McComb

Ushers

8/04 MaryLou B, Sonya P
8/11 Martha & Jim Kline
8/18 Randy & Carol Bloechl
8/25 Bob & Dianne Arazy

Communion Servers:

8/04 Don F, Bea T, Rodney N

Acolytes

8/04 Bob Kuder
8/11 Don Allis
8/18 Rachael Guarino
8/25 Don Fernberg



Altar

8/04 Randi Wachter
8/11 Randi Wachter
8/18 Joyce Palmer
8/25 Joyce Palmer

Media Booth

8/4 Randy Bloechl
8/11 Rodney Nichols
8/18 Todd Hochgraf
8/25 Randy Bloechl

Media Presentation

Coffee Hour:

Volunteers—Please sign up to bring a snack item to share and help with set up and clean up afterwards. Thank you.



To the Choirs who signed up to provide refreshments for the month of July.

August 4 8th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 11:1-13; Psalm 107; Communion

August 11 9th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 12:32-40, Psalm 50

August 18 10th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 12:49-56; Psalm 71

August 25 11th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 13:10-17; Psalm 85

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

North Chili United Methodist Church

August 3rd, 2019 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group
Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!

Scrambled Eggs Sausage
All you can eat Pancakes
Juice and Coffee or Tea



Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child

Collection box: Each month we collect a different category of items for the shoeboxes that will be sent out in November. Help us spread the love of Jesus to children around the world.

August We'll collect School Supplies! Small notebooks, pencils, pens in blue or black ink, erasers sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, post its, solar calculators. Or whatever else you can think of.



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday August 18 this month. The donations are delivered to Grace Church of the Nazarene each month to benefit people in our area who need a little help. Drivers this month are Joyce Palmer and Ellie Cornish.





UMW Garage Sale Report

Many thanks to all donated items this year. More thanks to all who helped sort and arrange the many donations that came in for this year's garage sale. Likewise to all those who helped price and then "work" the sale hours. This truly is a community event. We couldn't do this without you. We raised over \$1200 for our mission interests this year. The Salvation Army will also benefit from taking our "leftovers".

United Methodist Women

Picnic & Auction August 26th 6 p.m.

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to the UMW annual picnic and auction at the home of Lori McComb (357 Bangs Rd., Churchville) Please bring a yummy dish to share and a cleverly-wrapped, inexpensive gift. Dinner starts at 6 pm., auction fun will begin around 7pm. Each year the auction proceeds go to Missions projects that we will vote on in November.

If you any questions about the Picnic or UMW, feel free to contact me.

May God continue to bless us! Lori McComb UMW President 585-739-8032



Farmers Market Report

MANY THANKS

As of July 13th. We passed the one-quarter mark of the 2019 Farmer's Market season. The day was great. A few vendors still don't have their products ready for sale (mostly weather related). The shoppers continue to respond to our market. Vendors seem quite satisfied with their success here. Good day all around.



The thanks mentioned is because of some unexpected help that made the setup, take down easier and some medical assistance along the way much appreciated. First, Sandy, one of the workers at Whittier Farms arrived before the truck did. She grabbed a few cones and helped with the setup. During the market one of the vendors let me know that a woman's leg was bleeding. She had bumped it against her car door when she exited her vehicle and had not realized it was bleeding. Enter Susann with some medical assistance. Time for picking up at end of market, Mary Lou to the rescue. The cones were stacked in the carts with much less effort with her help.

The market is much more than the vendors, shoppers, market managers and anyone involved. It is people helping people. Taking time to greet and talk with each other, both vendors and shoppers. It is a time of community.

In serving these needs may it be our purpose to be in service to our God.

Roger and John



August Birthdays

8/4 Barry Taft	8/6 Don Allis
8/12 Ruth Mori	8/18 Margot Hughes
8/18 Bob Kuder	8/19 Helen Ottley
8/22 Ken Beaman	8/25 Gary Caswell
8/25 Roger Dart	8/26 Sue McCracken
8/27 Benjamin Rockwell	8/29 Del Gehman

Prayer Concerns for August

Prayers for: Prayers for: Gene & Ruth M, Otis, Tom D, Eileen K, Virginia M, Meghan, Jenn, Russ & his wife, Paula, Hal & Joanne, Ken Q, Megan B, Zack, Patti, Aunt Joyce, Dale G.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: Cauvel's, Moynihan's, the Monacell's, Guarino's, Peg & family, Joy family.



Gary & Marcia Caswell, Phyllis Gordon, June Harndon, Marilyn Kaiser, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Barbara Ward

Check the back page for information about our Church Picnic on Sunday August 11th right after worship! Family and friends are invited to sample our fellowship! Sign up to bring a dish-to-pass and let us know how many to expect. We want to make sure we have enough hots and burgers for all! See You There!

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UM News takes you around the world everyday!

Did you know.... You can read online articles about what is happening in the church and how UMC engages in major events around the world?

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When Saturday, September 21st, 2019 9 am - 12 pm

Why Come and help with showing off our church and our mission to the community. The open house will take place during the Farmers Market and in conjunction with our Prayer tent. Please volunteer to help with the displays, activities and hosting the public to show off that we are more than just "The church with a farmers market". Also invite a friend and/or a neighbor to come and check us out!

How To participate please contact any of the members of church council or myself, Don Allis, with help in getting you started in supporting this great opportunity!

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Hug Relay August 8 at Asbury Church 1050 East Ave.

Bridging the Divide Through Love—One Hug at a Time

Have you ever wanted to participate in a Guinness World Record! Here's your chance. We will stand in a single-file line (serpentine style) and pass a hug from one end to the other. You will receive one hug and pass it on to one other person. That's it!

Our hope is to break a record, but we recognize that success will come in our willingness to stand in a divided world and spread love.

Due to the number of people needed to break the record, the hug relay will take an estimate of 50 to 60 minutes. While you wait in line, we will have live music, entertainers, and runners to help keep everyone excited and motivated until the relay is complete. Make sure you, or any children who wish to participate, are able to remain in line until the relay is finished. You can bring a folding chair to sit on while you wait, but all participants must stay in line. When you register, you will be given a section color. When the line forms, you will be able to choose where you stand and who is next to you within your section. We want to be sure all feel safe and comfortable in this attempt. Our hope is to break the record, but the fun will be in the attempt while bringing together people from all over the community!

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FLORENCE BRASSER MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 to aid students from the families of North Chili United Methodist Church. Scholarship grants are made to students who have completed high school, enrolled in a 2-4 year college and they or their family has actively participated in the life of our church. Continuing eligibility for the grants from the fund will be based upon the maintenance of a "C" average or equivalent point average for the school year prior to the grant application. A complete application includes a recent transcript. Forms are now available at the Church office or on the Church website: www.umcnorthchili.org and are required to be submitted to the Scholarship Fund committee by August 26th this year. Grants are paid to the student no later than early fall.



Church Picnic Please join your church family for an afternoon of games, socializing and eating together!

Sunday August 11th after Worship we'll meet in the shade of the trees in the Farmer's Market area (or indoors if inclement weather.) Hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls, drinks are provided. A dish-to-pass is requested. See the sign up sheet near the Kitchen. Please invite guests: family and friends!

Open House Saturday September 21st 9:00 am to Noon Please come inside for displays about what we do here, crafts, missions, refreshments and tour our Church!

Rev. Dr. Phillip W. Phaneuf
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The logo for North Chili United Methodist Church features a red stylized flame or ribbon shape on the right, with a vertical line and a horizontal line intersecting it. To the left of the graphic, the text "North Chili United Methodist Church" is written in a black, serif font, with "North Chili" on the top line and "United Methodist Church" on the bottom line.

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