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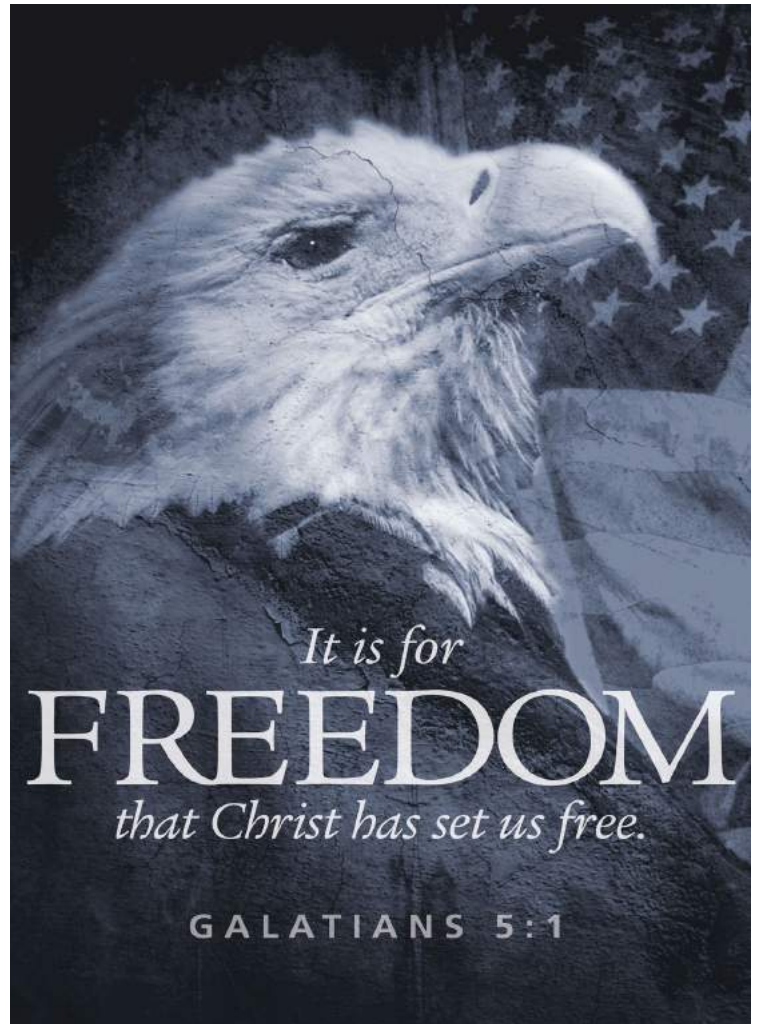


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Welcome!

As Americans prepare to celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for the freedom to worship. God bless us every time we gather here.



Sea of circumstances

Amid the ebb and flow of challenges and changes, it can be difficult to keep our footing. We can get so caught up in daily concerns that we lose our balance. When anxiety replaces peace, we may realize something isn't right with us spiritually but not know how to fix it.

According to Samuel Rutherford, the problem is our perspective. "Trust God's Word and his power more than you trust your own feelings and experiences," he said. "Remember, your Rock is Christ, and it is the sea that ebbs and flows with the tides, not him."



July 2019



"The best thing to do when an 800 pound gorilla is in the room is to introduce it," someone once said. A pastoral transition, The Lewis Center for Leadership states, may be the most challenging moment a church can experience. So in the light of this experience we are breathing together, I'd like to introduce our time together with four reassuring lessons Jesus left with the disciples as they transitioned from *God in Jesus as pastor* to *God in the Holy Spirit being pastor* (I find it fascinating that "spirit" and "breath" are the same word in the original language in which the New Testament was written).

Rest

As he departs from their sight, Jesus instructs his friends to rest with anticipation (Acts 1:4). They rest for days with each other in Jerusalem before the Breath of God moves on them in a new way. I'm sure there were fascinating conversations, wonderful times at table, friendships being deepened in those days! They must have prayed a lot together; listened for God and asked God what they should be doing. I would like to wait with you all this way if that's okay with you! How wonderful it is to read that they waited and rested together!

Breathe

We read that God sent the Breath of God, the Holy Spirit into the disciples. Luke reports it like a mighty rushing wind that gives them power (Acts 2:2). John records Jesus literally breathing on them and inspiring them to go and forgive (John 20:21-23). Both stories encourage us! The Holy Spirit will walk alongside of us and will breathe within us to be filled with the dynamic energy of God!

Care

But the most important use of that new energy from God was used for caring. As people witnessed Jesus' disciples caring for one another, they wanted to be cared for and to care for others as well. The book of Acts reports that the Jesus' caring crew attracted thousands of new people to Jesus' way of life that very first day (Acts 2:40-47)!

I would like to join you in your prayer that our time together is resting, breathing, and caring.

Peace

"My peace I leave with you... give to you... not as the world gives." (John 14:27)

May our hearts be at peace as we join together in ministry. I come to you with a beginner's mind and an open heart ready to care with you, breathe with you, and to rest in God with you as we offer Peace of Christ Jesus that God gives through the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

May we be Peace!
Phil, a fellow servant of Christ Jesus

**Serving in
Worship
July 2019**

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



Liturgist

- 7/07 Lyle Tague
- 7/14 Rodney Nichols
- 7/21 Sandy Wulff
- 7/28 Don Allis

Greeters

- 7/07 Allen Hulme
- 7/14 Nancy Nichols
- 7/21 Gayel Todd
- 7/28 Todd Hochgraf

Ushers

- 7/07 Roger D, Gail Powell
- 7/14 Bob & Dianne Arazy
- 7/21 Sue J, Kathy K
- 7/28 Randy & Carol Bloechl

Communion Servers:

- 7/07 Sue J, Claire H, Todd H

Acolytes

- 7/07 Bob Kuder
- 7/14 Don Fernberg
- 7/21 Rachael Guarino
- 7/28 Dianne Arazy



Altar

- 7/07 Martha Kline
- 7/14 Ruth Mori
- 7/21 Ruth Mori
- 7/28 Becky Cornell

**Media Booth and
Media Presentation**
On Break

Coffee Hour:

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



To the Volunteers who signed up to provide refreshments for the month of June.



- July 7 4th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20; Psalm 30; Communion; Independence Day Celebration
- July 14 5th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 10:25-37, Psalm 82;
- July 21 6th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 52
- July 28 7th Sunday after Pentecost: Luke 11: 1-13; Psalm 85

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

North Chili United Methodist Church

July 6th, 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.

July We'll collect Clothing items! Tee shirts, socks, underwear, shorts, flip-flops. 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 July 21 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 Gail Powell and Norma Hochgraf.



UMW Garage Sale Sat July 20th 8am-3pm Donations Needed

Drop Off Times

Mon - Thurs 7/15-18th 6pm-8pm
Tues & Thurs 7/16 & 7/18 10am-12noon
Call church office if you need assistance

getting your do-
nations to church.

Pricing Night Fri 7/19 6pm-8pm. Dinner provided.
Volunteers needed for Drop Off times, Pricing Night
and Day of Sale.

See Bulletin Board by Office to sign up!

Please NO computers, tv's/monitors, bikes or large furniture pieces.

All proceeds goes to Missions! Call Lori McComb 585 739 8032 if questions.



Farmers Market July 2019 No Strawberries, no problem

Well, some folks were disappointed, no strawberries and may have gone home empty handed.

The opening day of the market was all in all very successful. We had seven vendors, which is about normal and it was a little disappointing for shoppers and vendors alike with most fresh produce running later this year. The market did offer much variety for an opening day. Plants, fresh baked goods, cheeses, maple products and there were fresh radishes and spinach plus our vendor with micro greens.



We have been encouraging shoppers to BYOB(ags). This seemed very successful as we estimated well over 50% of the shoppers did bring their own bags. Some may be making this switch on their own but for what ever reason it was great to see the response.

Smiling faces and folks stopping to chat with friends and neighbors and many welcoming the vendors back and thanking them for being there.

Great start to the 44th annual market season. If you missed it, don't forget we are there every Saturday from 8:00 a to 1:00 p. straight through October 26.

Check the FM bulletin board, there are still a few choice dates open for you to be involved as a "market manager" in this community event.

Roger and John

Message from the Prayer Tent

Just as Paul (called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ), planted the seed of the gospel message in peoples' hearts, I as a servant of Jesus Christ am trying to plant a seed of Christ in children's and adults hands and hearts. We do not seek the praise that comes from people, instead seek the approval that comes from God.

God knows a person's heart and He is the only one with the right to judge. So as a disciple of Christ and a prayer warrior of the prayer tent, I spend my time praying for all who come and need a helping prayer.

Lord, Take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who You want me to meet.

Tell me what You want me to say and Keep me out of Your way.

By Robert Kuder



July Birthdays

7/1 Don Fernberg 7/3 Becky Cornell
 7/4 Sue Norton 7/15 Jay Kline
 7/19 Jessica Archer 7/20 Carol Bloechl
 7/21 Halley Allen 7/26 Dolores Calvin
 7/29 Doris Fosberg 7/31 Sharon Kelly

Prayer Concerns for July

Prayers for: Gene & Ruth M, Norm, John & Kara, Pam S, Linda's friend Eileen, Michelle, Crystal, Angela H, Barbara A, Meghan, Pattie, Ashley, Steus H, Niki J's family.

Please keep these families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts: Teeters family, the MaGeary's, the Josephson's, the Jumpers, the Kochersbergers, the Robinson's, the Cauvel's.



Gary & Marcia Caswell, June Haddon, Marilyn Kaiser, Helen Ottley, Ruth Peck, Barbara Ward

We are so thankful that we are part of a wonderful Church community with such thoughtful and caring friends. We want to thank you all for your prayers and thoughts during my latest "leg episode". The phone calls, cards, flowers, visitors and delicious food are all deeply appreciated.

Martha and Jim Kline



Dear Church family, Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and visits during my recent illnesses. I know they helped in my recovery!
 Blessings and love, Margot Hughes

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Sue Josephson's Family who lost her Dad.

The Kochersberger Family who lost Irene—our Church's oldest member.

The McDonald's and the Jumper's who lost David Jumper. Prayers for Niki and their children.

Rev. Paul Cauvel who lost his wife Alice.

Presented here are excerpts from 2 encouraging, informative speeches by Bishop Mark Webb of our Upper NY Conference

Bishop Webb proclaims hope after Special Session of General Conference By Shannon Hodson - May 29, 2019 Excerpt from UNY Conference website

Recognizing the pain many people have been feeling after the Special Session of Annual Conference held in February 2019 in St. Louis, Bishop Webb reminded attendees what has not changed about the United Methodist Church.

Bishop Webb said, "The Special Session of General Conference did not change the nature of God. It did not change the Truth that Jesus Christ is Lord. It...did not change the reality that every person ever born and every person yet to be born is significantly loved by God. The Special Session.. did not change the truth that all human beings are broken and in need of grace. And the Session...did not change the truth that our God is a God of grace, a God who lavishes grace upon us.

Our mission has not changed. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are mandated to do all that we can to help others... to go deeper and further... and then to do whatever it takes to make sure that at least one more person has a chance to know the love of God through Jesus Christ...we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of God, so that the world can be transformed."

Bishop Webb likened the current state of the United Methodist Church to a Good Friday-Holy Saturday moment. He said, "I believe that in St. Louis, the United Methodist Church as I have known it and as you have known it began to die. But we're a people of resurrection.... You can't get to the resurrection without death. You can't get to new life without pain."

It's time to take a leap of faith, Bishop Webb urges during Annual Conference 2019 Opening Worship June 5, 2019 by Shannon Hodson

"We need a fresh word! We need to be reminded of who we are and *whose* we are ... we need to be reminded that amid this season, God is doing a new thing."

Bishop Webb said, "What General Conference 2019 [revealed] is that our form is impacting our function! Our division is impacting our ability to accomplish our task! It seems like we are spending more time arguing with one another, trying to convince one another to change than we are trying to convince the world to see Jesus! Our hearts are increasingly at war at the very moment we need hearts of peace."

There are several barriers that are holding us back from moving beyond our comfort zones – Bishop Webb touched on many of them, fear being at the top of the list.

Expressing the urgency of leaping forward to help people find their primary identity as followers of Jesus Christ, Bishop Webb invited everyone to join him by moving beyond the walls of the churches and into the community to serve and be the light of Jesus. He expressed the importance of New Faith Communities and the revitalization of existing congregations....

What will it take for all of those who are part of the United Methodist Church in Upper New York to choose to take the leap of faith needed to create a fresh start for the denomination?

"We will only become the person God desires us to become when each one of us makes our own relationship with Jesus Christ the most important thing. That's the only way you and I will find the courage to step out of our boats. And when we start to sink, Jesus will be there to pull us up, hold us close and continue the journey with us."



Help us Welcome our new Minister—

Reverend Phillip Phaneuf and his daughter Fiona to our Congregation!

Sunday July 14 at 11:30 a.m.

With a Luncheon In our Fellowship Hall.



Rev. Dr. Phillip W. Phaneuf

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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