

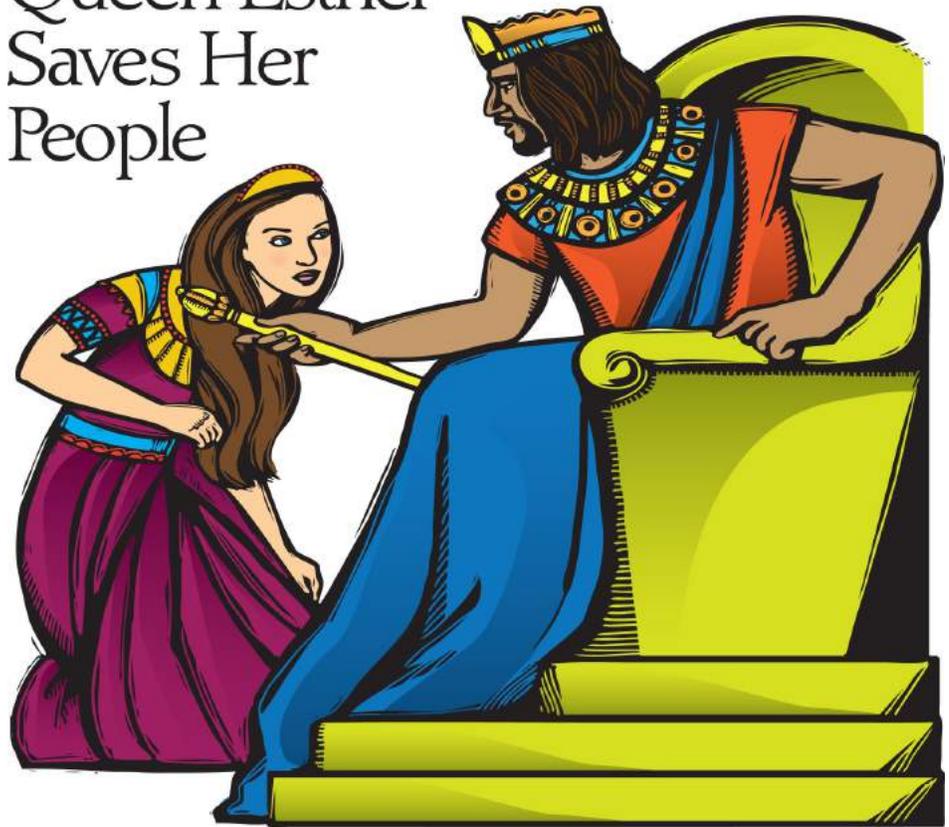
The Herald



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Queen Esther Saves Her People



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Relinquishing control

Marcia shared how she'd been struggling to relinquish control and let God direct her life. One day, amid this challenge, her daughter approached her for homework help, which called for the use of an iPad. As Marcia struggled to make sense of her daughter's question, the youngster kept swiping at the screen, zooming in and out and grabbing the tablet to turn it toward herself. "If you want my help," said Marcia in exasperation, "then let me help!"

Suddenly Marcia had an a-ha! moment: Hadn't God been saying the same thing to her all the while? To truly benefit from God's help, she would have to stop trying to do everything herself, let go, sit back and accept his guidance.



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FROM THE PASTOR

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.” (Romans 8:26)

Hello congregation,

I first became aware of this Bible verse through the Charles Schulz comic strip, “Peanuts,” maybe twenty years ago. I can’t remember what else was mentioned that Sunday or who was praying, such as Charlie Brown or Lucy. But it impressed and stuck with me.

Today this verse was featured in the Sunday morning (8:30 am) Bible study, by way of the Trevor Hudson book, *Holy Spirit, Here and Now*, p. 94. Hudson points out that while we might assume the author of The Letter of Paul to the Romans was mighty good and proficient with prayer, Paul includes himself among those who need help in our weaknesses and inabilities.

The Holy Spirit helps us to pray to Father God and Son Jesus! If we listen and seek the Lord God, the Holy Spirit will guide us in what we ought to pray for, as well as to pray (verse 27) in accordance with God’s will.

God sends the Holy Spirit upon us: “this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people” (Ephesians 1:14). We are heirs of Christ’s eternal Kingdom! God helps us stay in touch with Him with prayer!

Praise you and thank you, God!
May God bless each of you today, Pastor Dan



**Serving in
Worship
March 2017**

Liturgist

3/01 Eileen Gill
3/05 Sandra Waterman
3/12 Lyle Tague
3/19 Sue Josephson
3/26 Peg Wittman

Greeters

3/05 Doris Frediani
3/12 Allen Hulme
3/19 Jane Huey
3/26 Dee Colwell

Ushers

3/05 Randy & Carol Bloechl
3/12 Cliff Cook, Jessica Archer
3/19 Sue J., Sonya Pease
3/26 Barry & Anita Taft

Communion Servers:

3/05 Bob Kuder, Sandy Wulff,
Mike Carr

Acolytes

3/05 Erin Nichols
3/12 Bob Kuder
3/19 Erin Nichols
3/26 Don Allis

**Thank You for
Serving
this Month!**

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

*Thank
You!*



Altar

3/05 Martha Kline
3/12 Ruth Mori
3/19 Dee Colwell
3/26 Randi Wachter

Media Booth

3/05 Rodney N., Todd H.
3/12 Sue Norton, Rodney N.
3/19 Rodney N., Todd H.
3/26 Randy & Carol Bloechl

Media Presentation

3/05 Tom Wulff
3/12 Sue Norton
3/19 Tom Wulff
3/26 Carol Bloechl

Coffee Hour:

SPPRC Team

To the United Methodist Women's Group for providing refreshments for the month of February.



March 5 1st Sunday in Lent: Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 32; Communion
March 12 2nd Sunday in Lent: John 3:1-17; Psalm 121; Girl Scout Sunday
March 19 3rd Sunday in Lent: John 4:5-42, Psalm 95;
March 26 4th Sunday in Lent: John 9:1-41, Psalm 23; One Great Hour of Sharing

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH CHILI

March 4th, 2017 8:00AM to 10:00AM

From the Men's Breakfast Group
Featuring Barry's Magic Griddle!
Pancakes Eggs Sausage Juice
Coffee or Tea

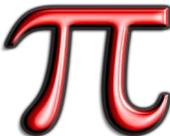


Donations: Adults \$5 ages 5-10 — \$3

Come for Breakfast, Stay for Fellowship!

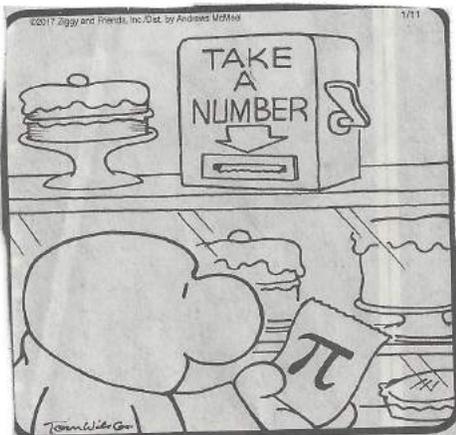


Seniors Group Fund Raiser

We are celebrating  with a PIE Day!
Sunday March 12th during Coffee Hour.

\$9 for a 9 inch Pie

Pick up your Pie pans the week of March 5-9 from the Seniors group or by the Office, and bake your favorite Pie. Bring them to Adams Hall on Sunday the 12th for the sale! Limited refrigerator space!



Don't be late, It's time to
set your clocks ahead
1 hour!



Leadership Nominations Report 2017

Administration

* Ex-officio

Leadership Team

Don Allis - Council Leader, Lay Leader	Sandra Waterman – Lay Member
Sue Josephson –CARE Leader, Worship Team Leader	
Jim Kline-Finance Team leader	Lyle Tague - Treasurer
Barry Taft– Trustees Team Leader	Susann Brainard –Office Admin
Sharon Kelly – SPPRC Team Leader	Pastor – Daniel P. Carr
Lori McComb – UMW President /Education Team Leader	

SPPRC (5-9 members)

2017	2018	2019
Norma Hochgraf	Tom Wulff	Gail Powell
Sharon Kelly (<i>leader</i>)	Bob Arazy	Jane Huey
	*Sandra Waterman (Lay Member)	

Trustees (3-9 members)

2017	2018	2019
Nancy Nichols	Bob Kuder	Barry Taft- Leader
Kathy Krisher		Larry Huey
Allen Hulme		Robert Todd Hochgraf
	*Sandra Waterman (Lay Member)	

Leadership Development, Nominations (5-9 members)

2017	2018	2019
Sharon Kelly	Jane Huey	Sue Josephson
Don Allis (Lay Leader)	Ralph Squire	Pastor Daniel P. Carr - Leader

Finance

Jim Kline–Team leader	Lyle Tague -Treasurer	
Peg Wittman or Sandy Wulff -Finance Secretary		*Sandra Waterman (Lay Member)
Gayel Todd	John Standinger	
	- Trustee representative	

* Don Allis (Lay Leader)

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Donations are needed such as Dry Goods, Toiletries, Paper towels, Soap & Dish soap. Our delivery day is Sunday March 19 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 for March are Bea Tyson and Ruth Mori.





March Birthdays

3/7 Karen Huey 3/8 Cooper Hochgraf
 3/10 Erin Nichols 3/11 Eileen Gill
 3/14 Sandy Wulff 3/16 Mary Lou Bowers
 3/21 Marcia Caswell 3/22 Jim Kline, Sr.
 3/24 Linda Tague 3/25 Scott Boyce
 3/30 Doris Frediani 3/31 Cliff Cook

Prayer Concerns for March

Prayers for: Carol Miller, Jim & Martha's niece Kelly, Rick & Kitty P., Sean Kettles, Rob Andolina and shipmates, Nellie, Judy G.'s niece Courtney and children, Judy's friend Sharon, Mary Ann, Lon L., Shirley, Avry.



Virginia Allen, Todd & Delores Calvin,
 Gary & Marcia Caswell, Irene
 Kochersberger, Helen Ottley, Mildred
 Tower, Barbara Ward, Lyla Weinreber



Looking for a Great Date night or just a night out with friends?

Once again we will be hosting an evening of good Gospel music here at United

Methodist Church of North Chili and we are excited to have you come to our Dinner/ Concert on April 8, 2017. Dinner will be served @ 5:30 PM by Paradise Caterers and the Gospel Concert will follow with the Heading Home Trio - one of Canada's Best loved Gospel Groups. Heading Home was established in 2006 and has released three CD's. Their most recent CD "Let the truth be told" is a powerful CD with a great message. Their first CD "Sufficient Grace" and the second CD "Statement of Faith" have both been nominated for "Southern Gospel Album of the Year" - along with one of their songs from the second CD which has been nominated for "Song of the Year" by the Canadian Gospel Music Association (CGMA)

Tickets are only \$35 per person for dinner and the concert. So make an evening out with family or with friends and come join us.

Call the church for details or contact Bob Kuder.

Book Review of coffee, tea, and holy water, one woman's journey to experience christianity around the globe; author amanda hudson This subtitle really says it all.

Amanda Hudson was a barista in a coffee shop who started thinking about coffee and church!

Different blends of coffee were about as diverse as her customers. So, Is Christianity like coffee she wondered? Americans have many choices for style of worship, place of worship, denomination to follow.

What about others? What does "normal" christianity look like in other countries? After 9 months of preparations, Amanda was ready to check out five countries. Here is what she found.

First Country - Brazil. The largest Catholic nation in the world. Most Churches have one service at night. Many churches in converted buildings with plastic chairs, praise bands, dancing energetically. A video about evangelism, then communion, then a sermon.

"*Spiritism*" is part of mainstream life there. It is a blending of idol worship and prayer. It involves communicating with the spiritual realm. Key beliefs are there is one "creator god", the universe is inhabited by spirits and spirits are inside all humans. Spiritist stores (like a pharmacy) are common. A Spiritist medium may write a prescription for objects needed to perform a rite. Brazilians worship with physical objects. An off shoot is *umbanda* which uses voodoo and rituals.

Second Country – Wales. Church attendance here is the lowest of the areas of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They are teaching an evangelism class called Alpha as part of a nationwide movement. It addresses the basics of Christian faith. They have Sunday morning and evening services.

Many churches have closed due to low attendance. From there Amanda goes to Oxford where she learns worship space is a problem because historical churches that are hundreds of years old were built for 200 or less people. But Church is expected to be in a formal setting, not contemporary venues!

What would they think of our Mega-churches here in the U.S.?

Amanda attends various services in Wales and comes away with the feeling that "Britain has succumbed to a state of indifference about God." There, as well as here, there is a disenchantment with the Church. But here, many Americans are modifying and adapting the Church to fill needs.

Third Country – Tanzania, in the heart of east Africa, one of the poorest countries in the world. She finds that the *wazungu* "white man" is respected. This is a country where HIV and Malaria are prevalent, and conditions are hazardous, health care is minimal. There seems to be 1/3 Muslim, 1/3 Christian, 1/3 Indigenous or no religion. In a Sunday Church service the women sit on the left, men on the right. How far and how long would we walk to sit in 90degree heat for a worship service?

On a trip into Upper Monduli with primitive Maasai tribes her hosts run a Bible Study centered on simple basic ideas. Who is God? (Your Friend). Where does God live? (No one knows). They tell the Creation Story. Christianity is slowly making it's way in. Good or not? Who can say.

On to China. The most populous nation with 1.3 billion or more people. Also the most atheistic nation, controlled by Communist gov't. Churches must register to be "Three Self Patriotic movement Churches. Un-registered churches and home meetings are illegal. Bibles may only be purchased from a registered Church. The 3 self church is required to be self-leading, self-supporting, self-propagating. Chinese citizens may bring visitors to Church. No religion may evangelize with brochures or going door to door. There are no Christian bookstores. Millions of people meet in un-registered "churches". House church persecution varies widely. Christianity is growing, but regulated. On the whole the culture there is atheistic, but their way of living is not. They emphasize sharing, responsibility for family, avoiding gluttony, and being content with what one has. This all seems like a very "Christian" attitude.

On to Honduras with a 12 member team from the U.S. Doing medical missions in rural areas. The team stays at a camp, dormitory style, including a church building. There are Saturday night services as well as Sunday service. In town is a main Church, nondenominational, of about two hundred members, with *mission churches* in outlying areas.

With a lively Praise Band the "audience" participates in a "mosh pit" and conga line dancing for over an hour!

Much of this leg of the journey is on discovering how and when people are called to the mission field.

What lessons can we all learn about Faith? There are "many blends" (like coffee or tea), "but one Church" (like Holy water), "and one Father of us all".

There's a lot to think about while reading this book. Our comfort zones, the way we prefer to worship, how and where we live, our ideas of freedom of religion, and our creature comforts-indoor plumbing, electricity, heat/air conditioning.

Would you cross a border if God calls you to? Whether it's another country, a different denomination, different ideas about worship, the mission field, or getting past a fear.....

God calls us to broaden our vision as we spread his message. We may find more in common than we think in our pursuit of God.

Susann Brainard

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