

TCC ... faith notes



Notes on worship, from the pastor

Last spring I enjoyed taking an important topic and looking at its many 'faces'... the topic of respect. This fall I want to consider the sinews, the inner essence of joy.

But joy is a special kind of topic. It's a bit like going bird watching. When we try too hard we may scare away the very creature that we are trying to attract. Joy surprises us and at times overwhelms us. At other times we 'court' its presence. But we can't command it or control it.

Joy seems to capture the spirit of Paul's prison letter called "Philippians". Why he should have been joyful in this extreme place is an interesting question. I am going to let him tell us about his own heart's concerns and occasionally point out the presence of joy, much like a good bird watcher will leave us alone to just watch and listen.

But the foundation for joy is a special sense of security and hope. And we will finish the fall knowing, I hope, a good deal more about the Christian foundation of hope and joy.

So here's the topic of the fall... "fostering a more certain (and joyful) faith". Please let me know if I am making the right connection for you. And listen to God's Spirit speaking the music of the gospel to all of our hearts.

Warmly in faith,

Pastor Jonathan

Be on the lookout for mercies. The more we look for them, the more of them we will see... Better to lose count while naming your blessings than to lose your blessings [by]... counting your troubles.

- Maltbie D. Babock



Rally Day Gathering of Sunday School Friends in Fellowship Hall

Pictured from left to right: Amy Cochrane, Faith and Skyla Mulvey and Elizabeth Cochrane.

The Sunday School program at TCC is an exciting place to be for children. Children who are three years old through high school are invited to attend regular Sunday morning programs. The fall curriculum features Bible lessons about Ruth and David. All 7th through 12th graders are invited to participate in a special program at 9:30am in Fellowship hall titled "***Why Be A Christian?***". The program begins with a brief worship service led by the youth along with the contemporary youth musical group.

Just a reminder!! CWS school supplies are due *Sunday, September 30th*. Please check the CWS supply charts for supplies needed to complete our goal of 30 school bags.

Please come downstairs and see pictures and text from my sabbatical displayed in the coffee hour area.

Pastor Jonathan

Volunteer opportunities:

- To read scripture during the worship service. Ed Stoddard is coordinating a list of volunteers for this. Scripture passages will be provided in advance of reading. Please call Ed if you would like to be a part of the worship service.
- An editor for the church newsletter. Duties include obtaining articles, photos, and coordination of material for bi-monthly publication.
- To sweep the steps and sidewalk in front of the church. Please call Heather for more information.

Of note:

- The Sr. High Youth Fellowship will have their 'kick-off' meeting Sunday, 9/30 at 6:00pm.
- Ingathering for Church World Service school bags is Sunday, 9/30.

TODAY
9:00am – Jr. Choir Rehearsal (Fairgrieve Rm.)
9:15am – Hymn Sing
9:30am – Worship Service & Sunday School
9:30am – Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
10:30am – Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
10:45am – Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Rm. 10)
6:30pm – Jr. Youth Fellowship Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Holiday Friends will have an **Open Workshop**, Thursday, Sept. 20th at 9:00am. Come & see what **Holiday Friends** is all about. Help craft an ornament or create a Christmas arrangement. No previous experience necessary. All projects will be sold at the church fair. Expert help available. Just need willing hands and a glad heart! Come for refreshments and fellowship.

Monday, 9/17
6:00pm – Jubellation Ringers Rehearsal (Fairgrieve Room)

Tuesday, 9/18
6:00pm – Admin Staff Meeting
7:30pm – Church Council Meeting

Wed., 9/19
1:00pm – Bible Study (Parlor)
2:00pm – Worship Service Blaire House

Thurs., 9/20
9:00am – Holiday Friends (Vestry)
7:30pm – Sr. Choir Rehearsal (Fairgrieve Room)

Friday, 9/21
6:00pm – Deacon's Retreat

Saturday, 9/22
Deacon's Retreat (continued)

Were you aware?
 That today is Nametag Sunday? Nametags offer us an opportunity to get to know each other on a first-name basis! Sometimes you see someone and you cannot remember their name. When we wear our nametags, that doesn't happen!
 Today is also **Food Pantry Sunday** a day that provides us with an opportunity to share food with others in need. Non-perishable food is collected in bins located outside Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. Please be aware the Food Pantry cannot handle food that is in glass containers. Canned spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, peanut butter, canned vegetables, fruit juices, coffee and tea are most appreciated. Monetary donations are welcome, too!

Focusing on our Youth
 This Sunday the 16th, the **Jr. Youth Fellowship** begins with an In-House Orientation Program for youth and parents including conversation, games and refreshments. **JOJO Scharmer** and **Crickett Foss** along with additional adult leadership will coordinate this year's Jr. Youth Program.
Annemarie Baldwin and **Steve Trudeau** are the **Sr. High Youth Leaders**. Sr. High Youth will start their meetings at the end of this month. A letter was sent to all senior high age students earlier this week. More information can be obtained by calling our youth leaders or the church office.