



The Messenger

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH AND
LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

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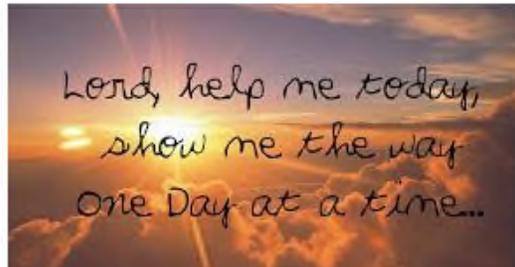
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PETE BY THE LAST
SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH - FOR NEXT
MONTH'S PUBLICA-
TION.

Carl's Comments - Reverend Carl Thompson

Last month in the newsletter I talked about April showers bring May flowers. The storms that come up in our lives help to mold us into who we are and how we live out our faith. Sometimes, when those storms strike, it might take years before we can look back and see how they made a flower bloom in our life.



I think about members of our small congregation that seem to be getting hit by one storm after another, and yet they don't lose their faith. The old phrase, "One Day at a Time" takes on real meaning, as we face these many oncoming storms. We can't change yesterday, and tomorrow is not promised to us, so we must deal with today. A real prayer can be a shout out to God, "Help me make it through the next hour God, give me the physical, emotional and spiritual strength I need for today. God, I want you to know I'll be coming back tomorrow for a refill. The church becomes God's agent for making things happen.



What encourages me so much about our little congregation is how our members are able to both: identify with and reach out to those who are facing issues in their lives. I have asked Nancy Healey to form a group of volunteers that I can call on when we need an organized level of response to people's needs. She will identify people to provide meals, send cards, make visits to nursing facilities, hospitals and homes, take a person to appointments, anything that will help that person or family make it through the day.

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Calendar of Events

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00 A.M.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tues. 8 A.M.

Choir Practice Weds. at 5:30 P.M.

Chair Yoga Tuesdays & Thursdays

- May 13 - Mother's Day
- May 27 - Social - Potluck by names N-Z

| 2018 MAY | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| | | 1 Yoga 1 PM | 2 Choir 5:30 | 3 Yoga 10:30 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Yoga 1 PM | 9 Choir 5:30 | 10 Yoga 10:30 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Mother's Day | 14 | 15 Yoga 1 PM | 16 Choir 5:30 | 17 Yoga 10:30 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Yoga 1 PM | 23 Choir 5:30 | 24 Yoga 10:30 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Social N_Z | 28 Memoria Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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If you can help in this, let Nancy or me know.

I also want to thank you for helping make worship, *being in the presence of God*, more solemn, by being seated and in quiet reflection as the prelude is being played. It is at this time that we still our hearts and minds and prepare to worship our Holy God.



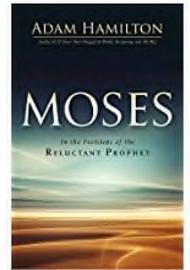
Finally, thanks for the cards and prayers concerning my surgery. It was a hit on my system when I thought I was just going to have a 20-minute procedure, but was told it would have to be a more invasive surgery plus take a lot longer for both the surgery and recovery. Life just seems to make its own curves sometimes and I have to remember, **“One Day at a Time.”**

May God Bless you. *Carl*

Adult Bible Study Classes

We will finish the current study Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet at the end of May when our summer recess will begin and last until September.

----Shirley



Coffee and cookies are served!

Books Referenced during the March Classes:

When the Game is Over by John Ortberg

Enough by Adam Hamilton

A long Obedience in the Same Direction by Eugene Peterson

Following Jesus by N. T. Wright

Listening to Your Life by Frederick Beuchner

*** The Reason for God by Timothy Keller

*** Amazing Grace by Kathleen Norris

*** *These are in the church library*

Compiled by Pat Hart



Common Lectionary Readings (Carl will change topics at times due to requests or other circumstances)

| | Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6 | Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 13 | Day of Pentecost - May 20 | Trinity Sunday - May 27 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1st Reading | Acts 10:44-48 | Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 | Acts 2:1-21 | Isaiah 6:1-8 |
| Psalm | Psalm 98 | Psalm 1 | Psalm 104:24-34, 35b | Psalm 29 |
| 2nd Reading | 1 John 5:1-6 | 1 John 5:9-13 | Romans 8:22-27 | Romans 8:12-17 |
| Gospel | John 15:9-17 | John 17:6-19 | John 15:26-27:16:4b-15 | John 3:1-17 |

May Birthdays

Teresa Tolbert 13
 Brady Carlson 22
 Lilree Jackson 23
 Denice Kemp 28
 Knox Tyson 30



About our Members

Rev. Carl Thompson had his surgery on 4/24 to repair his eustachian tube. The surgery went well (however, two hours vs. twenty minutes). Carl is having little pain but **much** discomfort from the inability to breathe through his nose. On Wednesday, 5/2, at 2:40 PM he will see the doctor and have the tubes in his nose removed. He suggests that if you haven't thanked God lately for you nose, you should do so immediately.

Jack Goggans had a stroke this last week (which he seems to have recovered from) but now is undergoing tests to determine if bypass surgery will be required this week. Please pray for the doctors and that further treatment is successful. Keep Julie plus Joan and Chine Ray in your prayers.

Bev Jones about son, Ash. - "We had great news from Ash's liver doctor at his 6-month appoint-

ment. He told Ash that in 35 years of practice, he has never seen a patient recover normal liver function from so much damage. He will have a repeat Liver Scan in August, but not another Biopsy. Thanks to my Salado church family for your prayers. God is indeed merciful. My love to you all, Bev. Jones."

Edrie Chiles' brother, Martin Fry, of Hugo, OK has passed away. Please pray for his wife, two sons, and the family as they experience this loss. Also, Don and Edrie's daughter, Leigh Anne Ackner, has tested positive for a pre-cancerous carcinoma. Pray that this is contained and the doctors can remove this with few complications.

Barbara Tindell - "Let's just say I'm a work in progress. He has my trust and thanks". Plus our prayers.

"Spring - A Celebration of God The Creator."

A Fifth Sunday Celebration - 4/22/18



The choir lead a special service with the theme "Spring - A Celebration of God The Creator." They offered songs and readings in a spring motif with a special surprise ending to the service outside in the parking lot. This was a joyful celebration of spring.



Another wonderful production by Carol and Monte Shuck!

Praise to God - - by William J. Carl, Jr (Evelyn' Father)

When morning breaks with sun so bright
And everywhere there's dew,
Then I behold with deep delight
And praise You, God, anew.

O Father God, Creator, Lord
And blessed Redeemer Son,
O Holy Spirit, Truth Divine,
My praise is never done.

All day and through the night to come,
I'll give my best to You,
With consecrated love I'll serve
In everything I do.

Then when another day breaks bright,
A precious gift from You,
I'll seek to do Your will again
With dedication true.

(Reading by Evelyn Thompson)



REPLACEMENT OF OLD HALL LIGHTING IN CHURCH

In March, nine old style fluorescent lights in the church hallways were replaced by new technology LED lights. The old lights were dim (some were out) and needed the ballasts replaced. In addition, the type of bulb was obsolete. A photo of one of the old lights is shown below:



The new 6" diameter LED replacements are recessed and do not require a ballast. The metal troffer used in the old style is not required in that the new light sits in a hole cut in the ceiling tile. Less energy is consumed in that the new lights only consume 12 watts each.

Randy and Denise Kemp donated the new lighting and an outside contractor did the installation.



Offer a Helping Hand



Have you noticed the bushel basket inside the front entrance of the church? Donations of food items placed there will be distributed to local families needing a "helping hand."

Our congregation is a supporter of the Heart & Hands Ministries, which has a pantry and clothing store at 213 Mill Creek Drive #135. Please consider placing occasional donations into the basket, to be taken there, such as cans of vegetables, meaty pastas, other meats and tuna, plus soups, tomato sauces, rice and dry pastas, juice boxes, and evaporated or powdered milk. Clothing donations are also appreciated and can be left in bags or boxes in the corner behind the basket.

Pat Rehm

New Bible Study for Presbyterian Women

To All Women in the Presbyterian Church of Salado:

As a new member of this congregation in 2016, I was invited to a special summer activity for women on contemplative prayer, led by Molly Hatchell and her sister. Attending once a week for a certain period of time allowed me to get better acquainted with other members and to strengthen our mutual role as Christian women.

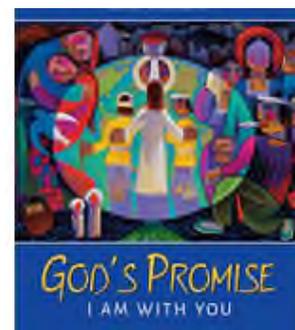
I would like to invite the women members of this church to join with me in another weekly summer activity, a special Bible study called "God's Promise: I Am with You." Published by the Presbyterian Church USA, it is the 2018-2019 *Horizons* study for Presbyterian Women.

According to the author, Amy Poling Sutherland, the nine lessons of this study will take participants "on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence." This study shows that throughout history "God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to certain individuals and communities" It also reveals

"how God's promise speaks to *our* circumstances, as individuals and as a community."

In early April, when I attended an introductory presentation about this study, I decided that I would like to offer it to you. I envision it as a nine-week series, possibly starting sometime in June, instead of the usual pattern of meeting once a month from September through May. I am willing to be the organizer, to order materials, and to lead the sessions. The next step is to choose the dates, time of day, and place to meet. Please tell me soon at 512-876-4211 or pacrehm2017@gmail.com if you are interested, whether you would prefer a daytime or evening meeting, and which months & day would be best for you. I hope that you will consider joining with me to enrich our faith together.

Sincerely, Pat Rehm



MOTHERS

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.” (Psalm 139:13).

Mothers are not “one size fits all.” They come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors. They can be young or old. They can be homemakers, musicians, bus drivers, teachers, career women or doctors. They wear many different hats.

Mothers are multitaskers. They can cook dinner, comfort a crying child, throw a load of laundry into the washing machine, greet “Dad” arriving home from work, and let the dog out all at the same time.

They, like God, have many different names. They may be called Mom, Mother, Grandmother, Foster Mother, Guardian, Auntie, Nana, or friend of the family.

You don’t necessarily have to give birth to be a mother. “Praise God” for that. There are a lot of lonely couples who cannot have a child of their own. So adoption is a real blessing for them and for the child they take into their hearts and homes.

For all of my life, I have had “other Mothers” who helped me along the way. There was Mrs. Edith Rathbone, my Sunday School teacher. The Sunday that I gave my heart to Jesus, she wrote in my Bible, “This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book.”

Then there was my precious “Auntie”, who was still living at home when I was born. I was scared of the dark; so I slept in her bed every night. She and her boyfriend, later to become her husband, even took me along on some of their dates. How I cried when she got married and left home!!



And of course, my Grandma, Valdie. She and my Grandad, Swart, raised me. They did everything for me that any parent possibly could have. My Grandma, who had never driven, learned how to drive when she was in her 50’s so she could take my friend Kate and me to the football games on Friday nights.

My Aunt Dolores, married to my Dad’s brother John, would take me to their house on weekends when my Uncle John was on a road trip (he was a truck driver). She would let me stay up as late as I wanted to, let me work crossword puzzles in all the TV Guides she had saved, and scrub my back when I took a bath.

There were many others over the years, my friend Margie, who is 96 years old, and Ruth McPhail who passed away a couple of weeks ago, precious friends from the First Presbyterian Church in Killeen.

So, whomever your mothers may be, and whatever they may be called, I know they are all precious in the sight of God and a priceless treasure to you. I wish you all a very “Happy Mother’s Day”.

From a very “Merry Heart” - Linda Lloyd ♥♥

ALL THAT I AM
OR HOPE TO BE,
I OWE TO MY MOTHER.

-Abraham Lincoln

GOD COULD NOT
BE EVERYWHERE,
AND THEREFORE
HE MADE MOTHERS.

-Rudyard Kipling



Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.

- Billy Graham

April 29 Social and Golf Outing



This was a Potluck lunch with the A-M group doing an excellent job with the food.



The Staples House looks like a Golf Cart Convention.

Ellen Staples and sister Anita Johnston host an after-golf gathering.



Letta Meinen organizes another competitive, spirited, fun, golf scramble.

