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Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Class 8:30 a.m.

Worship Service*

9:30 a.m.

Children's Church

9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)

*Childcare provided

Pastor Rev. Matthew Froeschle

> Treasurer John Swick

Youth Director Toby Montgomery

Asst.Youth Director Sharon Barta

> Choir Director Dick Barta

Organist Hayeon Park

Administrative Assistant Cherry Wishard SPIRITUAL WARFARE: The Spirit of the Flesh vs. The Spirit of Christ

Reflections from the Rev. Matthew D. Froeschle

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:13-26 (NIV)

In some of the Old Testament battles, the Israelite army's strategy was to spread fear and confusion among their opponent (usually a much larger army) so that the enemy army fled or turned their swords on each other. That is an effective battle strategy. If your enemy's unity is wrecked through fear, they might just destroy themselves without you having to lift a finger.

Do you suppose our enemy, the devil, uses this strategy against us, Jesus' church? Think about that for a moment. When we bite and devour fellow believers, who wins?

The conflict and the wars around us in the physical world are a macroscopic reflection of the deeper battle that is raging within us between the flesh (our sinful, selfish desires) and the Spirit of Christ. The spirit that we feed will become stronger. It's foolish to complain about the conflict around us if we fail to see the source of that conflict within us.

We are in the midst of a sermon series on the fruits of the Spirit, in which God's Word is encouraging us to remain connected to Christ, so that Jesus' Spirit will grow within us. But we can be easily distracted into starving that Spirit. We exchange humble listening time (prayer and Bible study and Christian fellowship) for time gathered around teachers who tell us only what we want to hear - or what is most amusing. We feed the flesh, not the Spirit. The good news is that the fruit of the Spirit is so much more filling than the works of the flesh. Once you've tasted of true love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, the works of the flesh became insipid. As we call Jesus Lord, there is less space for idols.

Unity is found in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Unity is found in prayer - not just *for* each other, but *with* each other ("Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." -Jesus). This is why you will hear us pastors harp about the importance of small groups and prayer fellowships in *addition* to Sunday morning worship. On our own, we are easy for the enemy to pick off and pick apart. Together, we are far more aware of the supremacy of Jesus.

Speaking personally, I know I am not very effective in ministry if I'm not in fellowship with spiritual friends. I need more than personal quiet time (that *is* vital, of course); I need the perspective other Christians bring. In Christian fellowship, fear and confusion diminish. We are far less to confuse a dear friend for an enemy if we've sat with them in prayer and shared communion with Jesus.

Of our emotions, attitudes, and behaviors throughout the day, let us ask: "is this the Spirit of Jesus - or the spirit of the flesh? Am I feeding the Spirit of Christ in me, or am I feeding a spirit of arrogance and self-righteousness?"

Grace and peace, dear friends! I'm so grateful for you, for your prayers and your kindnesses. I need you so much. We need each other so much. We need Jesus' Spirit most of all. I become very joyful when I pay attention to the fruit that Jesus has already grown in this fellowship, and I get excited when I consider how much more He can do.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Matthew



Sarah Circle Annual Used Book Sale

Please start saving your books for our annual book sale. You may bring them to church any time. Saturday, June 23rd 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Congrats to Pam Moore for having the winning ticket for the Kemmerer Village Quilt Raffle



Churchwide Gathering held every 3 years will be held

in Louisville, Kentucky. August 2nd- August 5th Anyone interested in going, contact Florence Beck for details.



Presbyterian Women are celebrating 30 years of Mission of a 230-year legacy. The first General Assembly was formed in 1789 and Presbyterian Women have been strengthening the Presbyterian Church ever since. In 2018 we pause to celebrate 30 years of these many years. We celebrate the 1988 reunion of the church and the birth of Presbyterian Women's organizations. Historically, Presbyterian Women have led the change in the church. P.W. role in the church was acknowledged again last year when the General Assembly which means voice (but not vote) for P.W.'s national moderator. In 2016 the General Assembly also voted to add P.W. Inc; to the Presbyterian Mission Agency Organization for Mission. P.W. is called to build on the legacy of Presbyterian Women across the centuries to witness to the promise of God's Kingdom.



Coke Rewards

The Coca Cola Give program will donate from 5 to 30 cents for your Coca Cola rewards codes. These Codes can be under the lids of bottles, or inside the 12-pack and cases of any Coke product. Just go to https://us.cocacola.com/give/, choose Kemmerer Village as your school, and enter your codes to help our children and support our school. Every cent counts!



Mission Project - Baby Bottle Coin Collection for Choices Pregnancy and Health - Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex. The Mission Committee is asking you to take one - fill it with your spare change and return the bottle on Father's Day, June 17. Thank you.



Food pantry items are still being gathered.

Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in Fellowship Hall. June: Jelly

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Faith Step

Call out your worries to Jesus. Remind yourself that the One Who holds the stars in place, with all the power in the universe, is caring for you right now.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

1Peter 5:7 (NLT) Submitted by Florence Beck



Box Tops

Thank you for all the Box Tops. They are a great way of giving to the Kemmerer Village School. Keep them coming.



June 5 Mary-Nance Miller Anna Marie Froeschle

> June 8 Jodi Sparks

June 9 Edward Wright

> June 10 Elsie Carter

June 11 Catherine Beachy

June 12 Toby Montgomery

> June 14 Harlan Heller

June 16 Frank Kingery Bob Ramsey David Sardella Michael Shaffer

> June 19 Rae Miller

June 20 Cassandra Shaffer

> June 24 Joe Buescher

<u>June 26</u> Gavin Figgins Susan Riggert



Continued prayers for those having treatments for medical conditions:

> Mavis Bagby Jean Beaird Kathy Beaver Earl Bennett Amelia Bumgarner Joan Dickens Evelyn Furry Jo & Harlan Heller Jeremiah Parker Betty Martin Elner Oliver Roger Sorensen Max Jaeger

For all those who are serving in Armed Forces, including: Matt Gathmann Kyle & Kelly Martin Hunter S. McRoberts



June 1 Dennis & Sue Gathmann June 3 Barclay & Blanche Mills June 7 Pill & Kitty Fisher June 8 Bill & Kathy Saunders Dick & Gayla McDaniel Mike & Kathy Shaffer June 14 John & Jo Swick June 17 Harlan & Jo Heller June 19 Mike & Sheri Grant June 28 David & Kathy Beaver



Sunday, June 3 Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:45 a.m. Mission Stitchers 2:00 p.m. Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

<u>Tuesday, June 5</u>

Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m. Dulcimers 1:30 p.m. Worship Committee 6:00 p.m. Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6 Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

> Thursday, June 7 Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 10

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:45 a.m. Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m. Youth Group 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12

B& G 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sarah Circle 10:30 a.m. Dulcimers 1:30 p.m. Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m. Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 14

Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 17 Jappy Father's Day

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:45 a.m. <u>Tuesday, June 19</u> PEO 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m. Dulcimers 1:30 p.m. Quadrangle Book Club 1:30 p.m. Mission 6:30 p.m. Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

> <u>Thursday, June 21</u> Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 23 Sarah Circle Book Sale 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 24 Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:45 a.m. Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 25 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26 Prayer Group Meeting 10:00 a.m. Dulcimers 1:30 p.m. Session 6:00 p.m. Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

> Thursday, June 28 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. PEO 6:30 p.m.

JUNE SUMMER LOGOS ACTIVITIES

June 3rd Cookout/Mission Trip Expectations. Meet at the church 6:00 p.m.

June 6th Divine Chaos Bible Study 4 week series at Toby's house 5:00-6:30 p.m.

<u>June 9th Leave for Mission Trip to</u> Mobile, AL. Be at church at 5:30 a.m.

June 17th J. C. Keller plays at Bush Stadium at 12:00 p.m. Cubs vs Cards at 7:00 p.m. Return home around 12:00 a.m.

<u>June 20th</u> 2nd Week of Divine Chaos Bible Study at Toby's house. 5:00-6:30 p.m.



VBS

Come sail away...

The best week of the summer!

July 9th-July 13th

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.





Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Come join us for prayer.



The Thursday Morning Bible Study Group.

Come join us 9:00 a.m.









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