

The Springs



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"And I'm an olive tree, growing green in God's house. I trusted in the generous mer-

cy of God then and now." (Psalm 52:8, MSG)

In our last newsletter I began a discussion of the church year, or liturgical calendar. The purpose of this discussion is to help us better understand how our celebrations of worship recall the action of God throughout history. It is also to help us better appreciate the process of worship design and how the various elements you see and hear contribute to our understanding.

There are three major liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany (the Christmas Cycle), Lent, Easter, and Pentecost (the Paschal Cycle), and Kingdomtide or Ordinary Time. There is a short period of Sundays between The Epiphany and Lent and a much longer series of Sundays between Pentecost and Advent that fall into the classification of Sundays in Ordinary Time. The Liturgical color for these Sundays is green. While these Sundays fall outside major seasonal celebrations, they are no less important because, like all Sundays, their centerpiece remains the concept of The Lord's Day.

The Sundays after Epiphany may be as few as four and as many as nine, depending on the dating of Ash Wednesday. The suggested texts for these Sundays provide opportunities for proclaiming and witnessing to the concrete way in which God reveals Jesus and the way Jesus as Messiah reveals God to all humanity. There are extensive readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians which give us time to discuss disciple-

ship, mission, and ministry. This is a wonderful time to proclaim, pray, and celebrate the social implications of discipleship and mission in the world today. There are also readings which open up discussion on the saving work to be done in social justice and reconciliation. There is much to be learned during this short time in the life of our church calendar.

During the longer period of time after Pentecost, there can be as many as twenty-five Sundays here, the Gospel readings focus on Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of God. With the Old Testament and Epistle readings that are also available during these weeks, the preacher has a wealth of material to draw from when preparing messages. Because many of these readings are suggested to be read in a continuous form over several weeks, this is also a time when many preachers use a lengthy section of Scripture to develop a series of sermons on a particular topic or from a particular book.

While the basic color for this time of the year is green, that does not mean that we must use green for every Sunday during this time. There is much freedom for creativity in using color and symbolism to help the worshiping community appreciate the message of a particular Sunday or series on Sundays. The important thing is that everything we do in terms of placing color and appointments in the worship space should contribute to the overall sense of mood and theme that we are trying to achieve in every worship service. Likewise, the music, prayers, and other liturgical elements should be carefully selected to enhance the theme and mood.

We are currently in Ordinary Time; July 7 is the 7th Sunday after Pentecost. Green symbolizes growth. You may have noticed that we have adorned the communion table with green fabric, living green plants, symbols of wheat, bread, and grapes. There is also a pitcher and basin, as well as a chalice. We celebrate spiritual growth by displaying these symbols of growth from Creation. We also remind ourselves at every service of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and its central place in our faith. The pitcher and basin reminds us of Jesus' action at the Last Supper and our call to discipleship and mission in the world. This display was not put together haphazardly; rather, it was carefully considered in terms of the visual message it proclaims and how it might enhance our celebration of worship each Sunday. The Worship Ministry Team works hard to help us all participate more fully in worship by surrounding our worship space with the colors and symbols appropriate to the season of the church year.

*May your spirit grow today,
Pastor Don*

VBS Volunteers! VBS Volunteers!



We have several ways you can serve by helping us prepare for VBS. We need all the help we can get! Even if you can't help but for a couple of hours, every little bit helps. Here's our set up and schedule of events.

Friday, 7/12, 5:30pm—Set-up and decorating

Saturday, 7/13, 9:00am—

Continue set-up and decorating if needed

Sunday, 7/14, 12:00pm—Decorate the sanctuary immediately after 2nd service

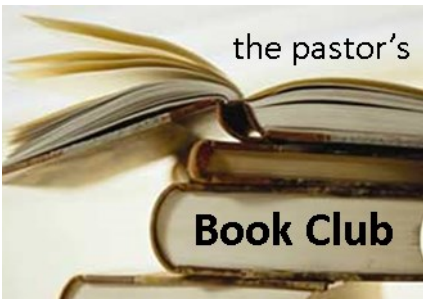
Sunday, 7/14, 5:30pm—Volunteer meeting at the church

Sunday, 7/14-Wednesday, 7/17—VBS at the church 6:15pm-8:30pm

Thursday, 7/18, 6:15pm—Closing Celebration at the FLC, hot dogs, snow cones followed by a fun fair!

It's going to be an exciting week! We'll see you there!!

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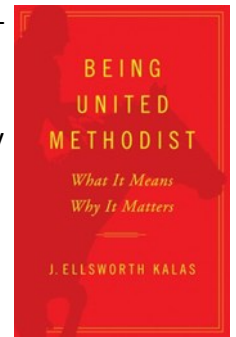


In *Being United Methodist*, popular and well-loved author J. Ellsworth Kalas uses his approachable style to address a topic that sometimes seems complicated even to those

who have reflected upon it for years.

In this book, Kalas explores questions such as: Who are these people called United Methodists? Where have they come from, and where are they going? How is it that so few of them really know what it means to be a United Methodist? What makes them tick, and in a spasmodically changing world, what keeps them ticking?

Pastor Don highly recommends this book to anyone in our church, whether a lifelong Methodist or someone new to our denomination. This book is a great re-education and it is a wonderful way of connecting with what John Wesley had in mind when he inspired these people called Methodists. In 150 pages the author gives us valuable insight and information that is accessible to all readers.



Results of Project Transformation

"In our daily lives, we attend primarily to that which the senses are spelling out of us; to what the eyes perceive, to what the fingers touch. Reality to us is thinghood, consisting of substances that occupy space; even God is conceived by most of us as a thing. The result of our thingness is our blindness to all reality that fails to identify itself as a thing, as a matter of fact." ... Abraham Heschel

Dear Kristin & Sand Springs UMC,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided for us! Kristin—we can't thank you enough for cleaning and organizing our intern room! We truly appreciate the support you've shown us—it keeps us going! Thank you so much! :)

With Love,

The PT Internes at
Metropolitan Baptist



July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9-12 grade Dayspring Camp All Music Sunday	2 9-12 grade Dayspring Camp 7p-Praise Team 7p-At-Anon-Upstairs	3 No Tracey 7:30-M/W Breakfast-Crescent Cafe 10a-Bible Study-Parlor 10a-Ex. To Music-FLC 5:30p-Youth to Greentree No Choir or Bells	4 Happy Independence Day! Offices Closed	5 Tracey out of the Office	6 9-12 grade Dayspring Camp
7 9-12 grade Dayspring Camp All Music Sunday	8 9-12 grade Dayspring Camp 10a-Exercise to Music-FLC No Bible Study 7p-Boy Scouts-FLC	9 9-12 grade Dayspring Camp 7p-Praise Team 7p-At-Anon-Upstairs	10 Campers Return 7:30a-Men's Breakfast-Crescent No Bible Study 10a-Exercise to Music-FLC No Youth No Choir No Bells	11 11a-Needlers-Parlor (Sack Lunch) 7p-Stewardship Meeting-Parlor	12 5:30p-VBS Set Up	13 9a-VBS Set Up
14 8:30a-Modern Worship 10a-Sunday School 11a-Classic Worship 1p-Staff Parish-Parlor 2p-Trustee Meeting-Parlor No Grief Support 6:15p-Vacation Bible School	15 No Tracey 10a-Exercise to Music-FLC 10a-Visual Disability Support Gp-FH No Bible Study 6:15p-Vacation Bible School 7p-Boy Scouts-FLC	16 No Tracey 6:15p-Vacation Bible School	17 No Tracey 7:30p-Men's Breakfast-Crescent 10a-Exercise to Music-FLC No Bible Study No Choir, Praise Team, Youth 6:15p-Vacation Bible School	18 No Tracey 6:15p-Vacation Bible School Closing FLC	19 NO Tracey Youth to Pawnee Bathhouse	20 2p-Wedding Shower for Brian & Allie Tabberer Volunteer at Food Bank-See Jami W.
21 8:30a-Modern Worship 10a-Sunday School 11a-Classic Worship 2:30p-Council On Ministries 4p-Church Council	22 10a-Exercise to Music-FLC 6:30p-Bible Study-F. Hall 7p-Boy Scouts-FLC	23 7p-Praise Team 7p-At-Anon-Upstairs	24 7:30a-Men's Breakfast-Crescent 10a-Bible Study-Parlor 10a-Exercise to Music-FLC No Choir 6:30p-Youth-FLC No Bells	25 11a-Needlers-Parlor (Sack Lunch) 7p-Centennial Meeting-Parlor	26 6:30p-Wedding Rehearsal-Sanctuary Rehearsal Dinner-F. Hall	27 2p-Miller/Pritchard Wedding Reception Following-FLC
28 8:30a-Modern Worship 10a-Sunday School 11a-Classic Worship 1:15p-Finance Meeting	29 10a-Exercise to Music 6:30p-Bible Study-F. Hall 7p-Boy Scouts-FLC	30 7p-Praise Team 7p-At-Anon-Upstairs	31 7:30a-Men's Breakfast-Crescent 10a-Bible Study-Parlor No Choir Youth Float Trip No Bells			

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers July 7

Visitors Center & Coffee-CIA/Pathfinders
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Kristen Henry
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Kristen Henry
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Kristen & Julia Henry
 Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford

Sunday Volunteers July 14

Visitors Center & Coffee-CIA/Pathfinders
 Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Marty David
 Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Marty David
 Children's Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Child. Church-11 a.m.-Susie Honeycutt & Family
 Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin

Please Keep In Prayer

PRAYER LIST

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Keith Dickerson, Destinee Tackett, Mike Massey, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Phil Cearley, Glen Almy, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Thelma Bradshaw, Margaret Burke, Don Cole, Darryl Muse, Barbara McClintock, Theresa Rosales, Donna McLain, Sylvia Johnson

Acknowledgements

...Wedding Showers...

*Brian & Allie Tabberer-Newlyweds
 Saturday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.-Narthex
 Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond & Dillards*

*Tyler Jo Geeding (Ashton) & Colin
 Saturday, August 4, 2:00 p.m.-Narthex
 Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target &
 Wal-Mart*

...Invitations...

*Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Miller
 and*

*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pritchard
 request the honor of your presence
 at the marriage of their children
 Taylor Katherine*

And

*Jarek Mark
 Saturday, the twenty-seventh of July
 Two Thousand Thirteen
 at two o'clock in the afternoon
 Sand Springs United Methodist Church
 319 North Main Street
 Sand Springs, Oklahoma
 Reception to follow*

Thank You... Dearest Friends... Just a note of thanks
 for your prayers and gift of food during my recovery time!
 God Bless! Margaret Burke

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

the Awakening Vision:

"To Stretch the Church and to Redeem the un-Churched all to Glorify God"

Students with Servant Hearts!

Below I have compiled a few highlights of what our students are up to this summer! We have one of the most servant-hearted groups of students! Some of them went to Cincinnati on mission, some of them partnered with the Central Texas team we hosted, some of them helped with Project Transformation, and others went out to Mannford to help with Disaster Relief! These teenagers are making a difference in our community and in the world! If you see one of them around, tell them that you are so proud of their sacrificial hearts to serve those in need! They deserve all the praise!



Upcoming Dates:

July 3rd - Youth Go to Green Tree Meet @ FLC @5:30pm

July 5th - July 10th Dayspring Camp

July 10th - No Youth!

July 14th - Youth Help With VBS!

July 14th - July 18th - Help With VBS 5:30pm- 8pm

July 19th - Pawnee Bath House (If you helped 3 of the days with VBS)



Kidzone

The children continue their summer project of making scrapbooks about the disciples. The learned about Andrew and Peter last Sunday. Next Sunday they will study James and John.

Don't forget VBS! Dates are July 14, 18, 6:15pm-8:30pm. Children will get a free t-shirt while supplies last.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, July 3

Tracey is out of the office

7:30 a.m.-Men's/Women's Breakfast—Crescent Café

10:00 a.m.-Bible Study-Parlor

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music

5:30 p.m.-Youth to Greentree

6:00 p.m.-No Chancel Ringers

7:00 p.m.-No Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 4-Happy Independence Day!

No Activities-Offices Closed

Friday, July 5

Tracey is out of the office

No Activities

Saturday, July 6

9-12 grade to Dayspring Camp

Sunday, July 7-All Music Sunday

9-12 grade at Dayspring Camp

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship

10:00 a.m.-Sunday School

11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship

Monday, July 8

9-12 grade at Dayspring Camp

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:30 p.m.-NO Bible Study-F. Hall

7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, July 9

9-12 grade at Dayspring Camp

7:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice

7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, July 10

9-12 grade return from Dayspring Camp

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café

10:00 a.m.-NO Bible Study-Parlor

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:30 p.m.-NO Youth

6:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Ringers

7:00 p.m.-NO Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 11

11:00 a.m.-Needlers

7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting

VBS set up on Friday & Saturday, July 12-13. VBS begins on Sunday, July 14 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Be sure to have the kids pre-register!

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Mission Morsels

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help victims of the Creek County wildfires last week! Our team built well water covers, put vinyl skirting up on mobile homes, moved furniture, cleaned up property, etc. There is still lots of need in this area so maybe we could think about helping again in the fall.

Saturday, July 13th from 7:30 a.m. - noon we will begin our Helping Hands ministry. We'll grab a bite to eat in Fellowship Hall. Then, we will head out at 8:00 to do various projects such as weeding, painting, changing light bulbs, etc. until noon. If you can come help, please do or, if you can't physically help, come serve our team a light breakfast snack before we head out.

Saturday, July 20th we will be helping at the food bank from 9 a.m. - noon. Please join us in volunteering to help those in need.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above mission opportunities, contact Jami Warkentin at 918.246.0359. Thank you!

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