

The Springs



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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV)

I mentioned Sunday morning that Jeremiah is one of my favorite books of the Bible; this verse is one of the reasons why. Regardless of the original context and what Jeremiah's meaning may be for the Israelites, this is clearly a message of comfort for all of us. God has plans for each one of us. I say "plans" because I believe that, firstly, God allows us great leeway in our freedom of choice and finds ways to work with the choices we make – even the questionable ones. Secondly, I think that, as God works with us, plans may change as our purposes are modified in the midst of our strengths, weaknesses, and failures. God does not have a single plan in mind for us – there are options that lead us to multiple purposes over the course of a lifetime.

I am sure there is plenty of scholars out there that would take Jeremiah's words and offer us a glimpse into the heart of God's relationship with the Chosen People and how God is using Jeremiah to bring the people back into the fold. Scholars want us to read the entire context of the passage and recognize Jeremiah's "promise" as a condemnation first and hope in the long run. I get that and I know there is a time for us to utilize such scholars. But, today, I want to continue to hear these words as the hopeful promise we see on the surface and just let it feel good for now.

As you all know by now, we are going through some really rough stuff these days. What we thought was an orthopedic issue in Linda's back turned out to be far worse. However, if not for the orthopedic issue we never would have known about the lymphoma – it was truly diagnosed by accident. So here we are, in a position where we could choose to yell at God and decide not to trust in God's planning. We certainly do not believe that God planned for Linda to get cancer. What we do believe is that God will walk with us through whatever happens next.

At this point we want you to know that we truly appreciate your prayers, cards, and calls. We feel the love surrounding us and we know that whatever comes along, God plans to work with it and get us through to the next thing. We have resolved to celebrate every little victory and not dwell on other stuff along the way. We are celebrating that the first back surgery went very well and Linda is recovering remarkably well. She is doing well in physical therapy and the site is healing. She tolerated her first round of chemo very well too and we are simply waiting now for final pathology reports. If all goes according to plan, the doctors will release her early this week to a rehab facility before she comes home. So, there is a lot to celebrate! Meanwhile, continue to pray for us, pray for one another, and always remember that we are indeed standing on the promises of God. Amen!

*Standing on the promises,
Pastor Don*



Hey kids-

Hey kids -it was great to see all of you on Sunday. We all watched a video about Operation Christmas Child. It was great to see the kids as they received and opened

their boxes. They were so excited. We also learned how the story and love of Jesus is shown to them. We talked about how many boxes we could pack this year. Our goal is to pack more boxes this year. We made Christmas cards which we will sell at our annual Operation Christmas Child fund raiser on Sunday, November 6th. Be sure and come next Sunday to see Chadder and how he learns to be brave and how Jesus gives us the power to be brave. Have an awesome week!
Miss Debbie & Miss Marty



with God because we breathe the very breath of the one who made us. Quite literally the earth is part of our DNA. In the beginning, the world had an abundant supply of pure water to drink, clean air to breathe, nutritious food to eat, and expansive forests to sustain human life. Creation now groans from land degradation (erosion, development), from deforestation and habitat destruction, water-quality degradation, species extinction, and spread of chemicals.

One UMW mission study this year concerns climate justice. Justice, in this case, is not just about local comfort. It's about enabling each earth creature to absorb life and beauty from God's created planet of plenty. The average American uses 80-100 gallons of water a day, most of which is flushed down the toilet, used for showers/bathing, or to water lawns and golf courses.

In 1739, John Wesley suggested "three simple rules" for Methodist societies: (1) Do no harm; (2) Do good; and (3) Attend upon the ordinances of God or "stay in love with God." These still apply. Churches through their relief work are on the front lines when climate disasters hit. They are known for great intervention. Considering wide global connectedness, the church is an obvious place to organize for prevention, also. Numerous groups, ministries, and partnerships, including United Methodist Women and Church World Service, are gathering and planning for a healthy future of the earth. Whether or not we can admit the climate is changing, can we not get excited about caring for God's creation?

Upcoming UMW meetings are: Executive Committee, 5:30 p.m., 9/8; Ruth Esther Circle, 1:00 p.m. 9/22; Faith Circle, 7:00 p.m. 9/22; and Priscilla Circle, 7:00 p.m. 9/27. Invite someone to circle.

Wava Burt, Program Resources

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UMW – MORE THAN CASSEROLES

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it.

Take charge of the fish

of the sea, the birds of the sky, and everything crawling on the ground. . ." (Genesis 1:28, CEB). It is doubtful that God's "take charge" included allowing 150-200 species to become extinct each day.

We have a relationship with the earth because we were created out of it and we have a relationship

UMW Circle Meetings

9/22-Ruth Esther Circle-1 p.m.-F. Hall

9/22-Faith Circle-7 p.m.-Parlor

9-27-Priscille Circle-7 p.m.-Susan E. Home

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—September 11

Visitors Center & Coffee-CIA/Pathfinders
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Katherine Reeves
Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin

Sunday Volunteers—September 18

Visitors Center & Coffee-CIA/Pathfinders
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Kat Katzung
Counters-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

October Coffee: Harmony

Please Keep In Prayer



Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Elsie Jones, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Bill & Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse, Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen Johnston, Tristan Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Darin Grayson, Mark Hill, Pauline Hanigar, Glenda Paul-Reyna, Barbara McClintock, Monti Box, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests



Here are your
2016 Newsletter weeks. Please remember-articles are due by 11 a.m. on this date. Please, mark your calendars.

September 5
September 19
October 3
October 17
October 31
November 14
November 28
December 12
January 9, 2017



Here is some of your
2016 Youth Dinner Schedule

- 9/7-Seniors In Action
- 9/14-Priscilla Circle
- 9/21-Noah/Searchers
- 9/28-Harmony
- 10/5-CIA/Pathfinders
- 10/12-Faith Circle



Here is some of your
2016 Children's Church Schedule

- 9/11-Katherine Reeves
- 9/18-Kat Katzung
- 9/25-Jo Fritts
- 10/2-Debbie Schmidt
- 10/9-Susie Honeycutt
- 10/16-Marty David
- 10/23-Katherine Reeves

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for Lunch

Help Wanted

We are seeking a Nursery Coordinator to start immediately. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Tuesday, September 6

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary
7:00pm-Praise Team
7:00pm-AI-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, September 7

7:30am-Men/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
*4:00pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

5:30pm-UMW Executive Meeting
*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, September 9

*FLC in Use-Basketball

Saturday, September 10

No Activities

Sunday, September 11

8:30am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, September 12

*4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, September 13

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary
7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00pm-AI-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, September 14

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, September 16

*5:30pm-FLC in use-Basketball

Saturday, September 17

All Day-Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony-FLC

FLC-Family Life Center

**-Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome*

For more calendar information, call the office at 918-245-5955.

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