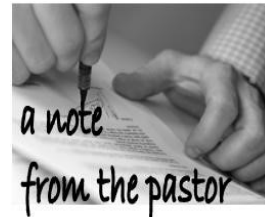


March 18, 2019

The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



Genesis 1:27 – “*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*”

Malachi 2:10 – “*Do we not all have one Father? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our ancestors by being unfaithful to one another?*”

1 John 2:2 – “*He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*”

Hebrews 12:14 – “*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.*”

Mark 12:31 – “*The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.*”

Pittsburgh, PA, October 27, 2018: A white nationalist gunman killed 11 and injured 7 in what can only be labeled as a “hate crime,” based on the shooter’s own words.

Christchurch, New Zealand, March 15, 2019: A white nationalist gunman killed 50 and injured dozens more in what can only be labeled as a “hate crime,” based on the shooter’s own words.

Researching this topic reveals a shocking number of these types of crimes across the western world. Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, and xenophobia are growing like cancers, replacing the roots of God’s love for the world with hateful speech and violence. Some may say that this is a small problem, involving only a very small group of people. That is a false narrative designed to take the spotlight off the truth. I believe that this dark cancer cannot survive the light of God’s truth.

I have heard it said that many white nationalists describe themselves as patriotic citizens, protecting their countries from the “invading hoards” that

seek to wipe them out. Once again, this is a false narrative. No one can be a true follower of Jesus Christ while holding views that promote violence and fear. The Bible is clear: all human beings are created in God’s image and are loved by God. Only God has the power to judge another human being and only God has the ability to figure out how to reconcile each person to himself. Those things are not our job. We do not get to decide who is worthy of life and who deserves to be beaten or killed.

I guess I am shocked that we still need to have this conversation at all. Western “civilization” has fought countless wars to preserve freedom and rights for all people. Yet, here we are watching hate and violence slaughter innocent men, women, and children as they pray.

I read an article this weekend about a politician in New Zealand. Sen. Fraser Anning came under blistering criticism over tweets on Friday including one that said, “Does anyone still dispute the link between Muslim immigration and violence? The real cause of the bloodshed on New Zealand streets today is the immigration program which allowed Muslim fanatics to migrate to New Zealand in the first place,” he said in a statement. That is a familiar lie. Law enforcement agencies and security experts across the western world say that the majority of these types of incidents are perpetrated by white males with some sort of white supremacist agenda. We simply cannot blame the victims!

I don’t know the cause of this rise in prejudice and I can’t offer an easy solution. I do know that God’s world has no room for hatred and violence and, one day, all will see clearly how God deals with the haters. Meanwhile, the best we can do is pray that those who hold hate in their hearts for any person or group of persons might find their way back to God’s love.

Praying for peace,
Pastor Don

Becoming More Visitor-Friendly

What is the mission of the church? Spread the good news and make disciples for Jesus Christ. We can go out into the world to do this and we can do it right here in our church. The Church Council has started on a mission this year to look at and implement ways to make our church more appealing to visitors so we have opportunities to do just that. We want to look at how a visitor sees our church - is it clean and well kept, is it up to date, is the signage helpful, is there ample parking? We will be making some subtle changes over next months (cleaning, rearranging, de-cluttering, moving the smaller Welcome Table back near the front door), and would like your prayers and patience as we move towards our goal of being a visitor-friendly church

Kristen Kahl, Church Council Chair



KIDZONE NEWS

We finished our lessons on Nehemiah and how he persevered to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. He faced many challenges but with prayer and with the help of his friends they rebuilt the wall in 52 days. We learned that prayer helps us stand strong!!

Next week we will learn about King Josiah and how he follows God's way.

The Bible Point: THE BIBLE HELPS US STAY STRONG. During Kidzone on March 31st, we will be filling Easter baskets for Sand Springs Community Services.

Have a wonderful Spring break!!

See you next Sunday.

Miss Debbie & Miss Marty



We also need frosting containers and paper lunch sacks.



Another Helpful Opportunity

The Ninth Grade Center need our help.

They are in BIG need of **Kleenex**.

Please pick up a box or two... or three... And drop them by the church over the next 2 or 3 weeks

and we will get them delivered to them.

Thank you in advance!

You always come through!



The **30th Annual Herbal Affair** is less than a month away (April 13) and the UMW needs your help with baked goods/goodies. We appreciate anything that you prepare but if it's something a little unusual, be sure to let Tracey know the ingredients so she can make labels. We will be packaging goodies on Friday morning, April 12, at the church beginning around 9:00. If you can help with packaging as well as baking, that will be great and we appreciate it. Also, the UMW will be hosting the Herbal Affair vendor dinner the evening of the 12th in the Fellowship Hall. If you can provide a dessert for that event, it is most appreciated. Funds raised go to support local missions including Circle of Care, New Day Camp and Sand Spring Community Services just to name a few. Thanks again for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Wilder at 918-241-3259.

Thanks, Karen

April 2019

SunMonTueWedThuFriSat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	12p-Lent Svc/Lunch-St. Andrew Lutheran 7p-Prasie Team Practice	7:30a-MMW Blst.-Crescent Café 4pm-Last Kappa Kappa Iota-FH 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7pm-Chancel Choir Practice	7p-*Collins Karate-The Well		
7 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 10a-Sunday School 11a- Traditional Worship 11a-*The Well in use 12p-Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser-F. Hall 5pm-Bible Study	8 10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	9 12p-Lent Svc/Lunch-St. Patrick's Catholic Church 7p-Prasie Team Practice	10 7:30a-Men's Blst.-Crescent Café 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7p-Chance Choir Practice	11 All Day-UMW Baking at The Well 7p-*Collins Karate-The Well	12 9am-UMW Packing Goodies-Narthex/Parlor 12p-9p-UMW-F. Hall	13 30th Annual Herbal Affair
14-Palm Sunday 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 9:50a-Communion Service 10a-Sunday School 11a-Traditional Worship 12:30p-The Well in use 1:30p-Finance Committee Mtg. 2:30p-Church Council Mtg. 3p-Book Club-F. Hall 5p-Bible Study	15 NIL Articles due by 11:00 a.m. 10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	16 12p-Lent Svc/Lunch-St. Matthew Episcopal Church 7p-Prasie Team Practice	17 7:30a-Men's Blst.-Crescent Café 1:30p-Mission to Stitch 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7p-Chance Choir Practice	18-Maundy Thursday 6:30p-Maundy Thursday Service -The Well	19-Good Friday 6:30p-Choir (Easter) Cantata	20
21-EASTER SUNDAY 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 9:50a-Communion Service 10a-Sunday School 11a- Traditional Worship	22 Offices Closed 10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 5:30p-4th Monday Dinner-F. Hall 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	23 7p-Priscilla Circle-Betty B. 7p-Prasie Team Practice	24 7:30a-Men's Blst.-Crescent Café 5:45p-Y4Y 6:30p-Youth-The Well 7p-Chance Choir Practice	25 1p-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall 6:30p-Faith Circle-Parlor 7p-*Collins Karate-The Well	26 1p*SS Community Theater Fund Raiser-The Well	27
28 8:45a-Contemporary Worship 9:50a-Communion Service 10a-Sunday School 11a-Traditional Worship 5pm-Bible Study	29 10a-Al-Anon-Upstairs 7p-Boy Scouts-The Well	30 7p-Prasie Team Practice				

What's Going On?

SUNDAY LISTS

Head Ushers

8:45am-Amanda Honeycutt

11:00am-Eddie David

Children's Church

8:45am-Kingdom Kids

11:00am-Jami Warkentin

March 24-Kat Katzung

March 31-Becky Barnes

April 14-Debbie Schmidt

April 21-Amanda Honeycutt

Sunday Counters

March 24-Betty or Howard & Karen W.

March 31-Sondra A. & Dick F.

April 7-Bob B. & Jami W.

April 14-Janie M. & Kent W.

April 21-Diana P. & Jack V.

Youth Dinners, Served 6:30, Wednesdays

March 20-Spring Break

March 27-SIA

April 3-Ruth Esther Circle

April 10-Noah Class

April 17-CIA/Pathfinders Class

CIA/Pathfinders-January

Harmony-February

TNT-March

CIA/Pathfinders-April

TNT-May

CIA/Pathfinders-June

TNT-July

CIA/Pathfinders-August

TNT-September

CIA/Pathfinders-October

TNT-November

CIA/Pathfinders-December

Prayer List... "The Prayer Box"

Please remember to pray for these...

Jim & Vi McAllister, Betty & Linda Lund,
Martha Scudder, June Brown, Mary
McGowan, Sue Shaw, Michael Bostwick,
Greta Green, Bob & Cathy Hula, Dick
Ford, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John & Sylvia
Johnson, Barbara McClintock, Montie
Box, Owen Johnston, Ruth Weaver, Da-
rin Grayson, Bruce & Mona Warren

Also,



Coming up this Lenten Season

Sunday, April 7th: YOUTH SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUND RAISER

This is our blended service day, so we'll all be together at the 11:00AM worship service. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Money raised will go toward youth camp and mission trip fees.

Sunday, April 14th: PALM SUNDAY

We will have a Procession of the Palms at both services.

At **6:30PM**, our Chancel Choir will present their Easter Cantata – ***"At His Name."*** This beautiful piece reflects on Jesus' ministry and life on earth and looks at the monumental effect his name had on history.

Thursday, April 18th: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Beginning at **6:30PM**, we will once again host a simple meal and, worship, and Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper. This event is held at **The Well**, (*Family Life Center*) and we invite anyone from the community to attend. Please, bring a friend with you that evening.

Friday, April 19th: GOOD FRIDAY

Worship begins at 6:30PM in the Main Sanctuary. This year, we will have a traditional Tenebrae Service, based on the Passion narrative in John's Gospel.

Sunday, April 21st: EASTER SUNDAY

Worship services will be at 8:45AM and 11:00AM in the Main Sanctuary. This is the holiest of days in the Christian Year and it is the perfect time for you to invite a friend, a neighbor, a former member – anyone you believe needs to hear the Resurrection message right now.



Calling All Helping Hands

Can you lend a few hours to help spruce up the church and get it ready for Easter visitors?

Come Saturday mornings, March 23rd and 30th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We'll need help with:

Cleaning inside

De-cluttering

Dusting

Painting

Yard work

Repairs



KidZone needs your help. We need wrapped candy and basket bags (2 for \$1 at Dollar Tree) for



Easter baskets for

Sand Springs Community Services Would be great if we could have them by next Sunday-March 24th. The Kids plan to

Sunday Worship Schedule
8:45am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
(Except 1st Sunday-Communion in Worship)
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

1st Sunday of the Month
Communion Sunday
Blended Worship
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Sand Springs United Methodist Church
PO Box 336-Mailing
319 N. Main—Delivery
Sand Springs, OK
74063

Lenten Devotional/Luncheon
Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon
Devotional Time, followed by Lunch

March 19-Dillon Chapel
Woodland Memorial Park-12th & Cleveland

March 26-First Presbyterian Church
222 N. Adams Road

April 2-St. Andrew Lutheran Church
3201 S. 113th W. Ave.

April 9-St. Patrick's Catholic Church
204 E. 4th

April 16-St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
601 Lake Drive