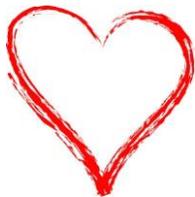


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The Power of Prayer

*No ocean can hold it back,
No river can overtake it,
No whirlwind can go faster,
No army can defeat it,
No law can stop it,
No distance can slow it,
No disease can cripple it,
No force on Earth is more powerful
or more effective
than the power of PRAYER!*



Coaches Corner

“God’s Most Successful Setback”

Christmas marked the beginning of God’s most successful setback. He has always shown His power through apparent defeat. He makes tactile retreats in order to win strategic victories.

Let’s look at Joseph for example: One of the 12 sons of Jacob, Joseph was promised glory and power in his dream (Genesis 37:5-11). But to achieve that victory he had to become a slave in Egypt. Then, if that weren’t enough, when his conditions unproved because of his integrity, he was made worse than a slave – a prisoner.

But this was all planned by God for his good, and the good of his family, and eventually the good of the whole world. Remember that while he was in prison, he met the Pharaoh’s butler, who eventually brought him before Pharaoh, who then put Joseph over all of Egypt. So, finally Joseph’s dream came true. His brothers bowed before him, and he saved them from starvation. What an unlikely route to Glory!

But that is God’s way... even for **His Son**. He emptied himself and took form of a slave – a prisoner – and was executed. But like Joseph he kept his integrity. “Therefore God has exalted him and bestowed upon him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.” (Philippians 2:9-10)

And this is God’s way with **us** too! We are promised glory – if we will suffer with him as it says in Romans 8:17. The way up is down. The way forward is backward. The way to success is through divinely appointed setbacks.

But if Joseph and Jesus teach us anything this Christmas it is this: “What Satan and sinful meant for evil, ‘God meant for good’.” Genesis 50:20)

So take heart in this short Poem:

- You fearful saints fresh courage take,
- The clouds you so much dread,
- are big with merch and will break,
- In blessings on your head.

Let it be so... Amen.

In Christ,

Coach Mac

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Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you,
I want to see you.

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy.



Pastor Tim's Last Sunday

Sunday, March 14, 2021 will be Pastor Tim's last Sunday with us here at the Castile UCC. In preparation for this, the Board of Elders are looking for people to submit a personal thought or inspiration you would like to share with the congregation to be printed in our monthly newsletter. This can be a poem, song lyrics, essay about how you feel God's presence in your life, etc.

We are also looking for people who would like to provide a Wed. evening Fireside Chat.



Facebook Live

Currently all of our Sunday Worship services are only on Facebook Live.



Wednesday Fireside Chats

Our Wednesday Fireside Chats are held at 6:00 PM every Wednesday on Castile UCC's Facebook Page. If you would be interested in doing one of these chats, please contact Pastor Tim. He would be happy to show you.



Child Care

NO CHILD CARE will Be Provided Until Further Notice DUE TO COVID CONCERNS.

Also, we will not print names of Child Care providers in the 2021 Annual Yearbook.

When we are allowed to provide Child Care, it will

be done on a month-to-month basis and it will be printed in the United Flyer newsletter.



Altar Flowers

February

7- Carol Becker (In memory of Carol's mother)

14- Marcy VanZandt

21- Jody Skinner

28- Marlene Loomis



Clerks News:

Deaths: Dean Stenshorn – Dec. 30, 2020



Newsletter Deadlines

All newsletter articles for the "United Flyer" are due **by the 15th of each** month and are at the discretion of the church office.



5:55 PM - P.T.P.

Prayer may not be easy for you. I struggle with it too. But it's the speaking part of your relationship with God. Think of Prayer as a conversation. You speak to God in Prayer, then you listen attentively as He speaks to you as you read your Bible.

You know we can all benefit from techniques, guidelines, or train of thought... so let me throw out something that helps me in my prayers – **P. T. P.**

Praise, Thanks, Petition.

- PRAISE GOD for who He is, and what He has done for us as Creator...
- THANK GOD for all His blessings He has afforded us in our lives, including the gift of His Son, Jesus...
- Then, PETITION GOD for what you need.

(Read John 15:7)

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Prayer is not letting God do what you want... prayer is lining up your heart, will, and thoughts with what God wants. Prayer is lining up with God's will.

And how do you know what HIS will is? By abiding in, and trusting, and obeying God's word.

**So SET YOUR Phone Alarm for 5:55 everyday –
Take time to stop and PRAY P.T.P**



Christian Education News

The Castile UCC Board of Christian Education feels that in person Sunday School is inadvisable at this time.

In an effort to reach out to our families, we will be featuring a new article each month for families to use called Faithful Families at Home.

Faithful Families at Home

Meditation:

Now more than ever, it's important for children and adults to take time for inner peace and meditation. This time can be used to listen to God, clear one's mind, and let go of the day's worries and cares.

Often with meditation, we think of sitting still and silent. Since this doesn't work for many children, everyday activities can bring opportunities to meditate on hearing God's voice. When done intentionally, even something like putting together a puzzle is a chance to quiet oneself and listen for God's voice.

In this exercise, each family member makes a "quiet time bag" to be used for personal meditation. Later, the family spends time together, each person working on the activities he or she has chosen. In this way, the family is encouraged to take some time to unplug, quiet themselves, and be still.

Designed for ages 3+

Materials:

1. A special bag for each member of the family containing materials that each family member enjoys, and which contribute to his or her sense of inner peace, quiet, and calm. This will vary for each

family member depending on personal interests and age.

Some examples: knitting or crochet, an inspiring book (with either words or pictures), art supplies, a simple quiet game (nothing with an on/off switch!), blocks, etc.

Time Investment: 30 minutes to prepare the bags, 15 minutes to 1 hour for quiet time.

How To:

1. Explain to family members that, from time to time, your family will be observing quiet time. During this time, each family member will be engaged in the activities found in the quiet time bag. During quiet time it will not be permitted to watch TV or use any other electronics.
2. Hand out bags to older children and allow them to select their own activities for their bags. Provide guidance and suggestions for what might go in the bags. Assemble bags with (or for) very young children.
3. Store the bags until it is time to use them.

For Quiet Time:

1. Choose a time for the practice. Enforce an electronics-free rule and quiet ambiance.
2. Distribute the quiet time bags to each family member and allow each person to go his or her own way for the time allotted.
3. Gather together at the end of quiet time to collect the bags and talk about the experience. What did you do? Did you enjoy your quiet time? Was it easy or hard to enjoy your rest?

Notes:

- Once bags are assembled, families can experiment with different lengths of quiet time or different quiet time routines.
- Part of the appeal of quiet time is its novelty. Help family members put something in the bags that will only be used at quiet time so that quiet time becomes something to look forward to.



Pastoral Search News

Next Zoom meeting is **Thur., Jan. 28 at 7:00 PM.**

The Pastoral Search Committee has met five times. We are currently working on our church profile to be distributed by the NY Conference.

Committee Members are:

Tyler King: Chairperson
Tammy Lathan: Secretary
Marlene Loomis: Contact Person
Debbie Beeman Lynn McNamara
Barbara Meyer Cliff Scott

Our church Profile has been sent to our NY Conference contact, Rev. Ryan Henderson for review.

Diversity Survey:

There is a short survey that we ask all members and attendees to fill out and submit. It is an online Survey Monkey survey. If you do not have email or access to online, a hard copy will be printed and mailed to you. **This survey has a deadline!**

Please watch your e-mail and regular mail for this survey.



Board of Trustees News

St. Pauly's Used Clothing Drop-off Box

What to Donate: Used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

What Not to Donate: Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, rags, pillows or fabric scraps. **Our latest check: \$96.43.**



Missions News

Scrap Metal Mission

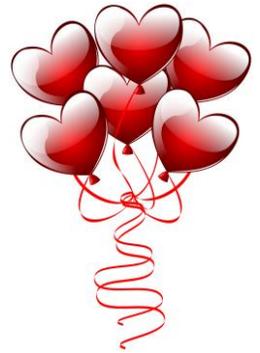
• cast iron • copper • stainless steel • steel • brass
• aluminum • lawn mowers • electric motors • old machinery • power tools • hand tools • batteries

Please, NO: T.V.'s, computers, air conditioners, freezer, refrigerators (nothing with Freon in it.)

Contact Chuck Klein at 567-8204 for pick up.

February Birthdays

- 1 - Stephen Balmas
- 5 - Steven Meyer
- 6 - Jeff VanValkenburg
- 7 - Clair (Dub) Swyers
- 11 - Jacob Klein
- 13 - Zachary Swarhout
- 15 - Cliff Scott
- 15 - Emma Totline
- 16 - David Brown
- 17 - Maya Bellamy
- 19 - Audrey Embling
- 19 - Karin Rice
- 20 - Theodore Lindsey
- 22 - Alex (AJ) Swarhout
- 23 - Joan Coffey
- 24 - Emily Reagan
- 26 - Casey VanZandt
- 26 - Kathryn Luczak
- 27 - Carol Scott



February Anniversaries

- 10 - Clair & Sarah Swyers - 73 years!



Biblical Trivia

1. What are the first three words in the Bible?
2. What Is the longest verse in the Bible?
3. Around what sea did Jesus call His first Apostles?
4. Where did Jesus grow up after returning from Egypt?
5. What does Jesus say about judging others?
6. Who Is the author of the Book of Revelation?
7. What Is the last word of the Bible?
8. What Is the Youngest Book in The Old Testament?
9. Jesus is not an only child. How many siblings did he have?
10. It is not every day an animal begins to talk! Who actually had an argument with his donkey?

Thank You's

To **Dawn Miller** for making little treat bags for our Food Pantry Clients. We gave out 18 Christmas Dinner Bags. Thank you to all who provided items for this vital outreach.

To **Beverly Edwards** for returning another \$30.20 in pop cans and water bottles for our Sunday School Pop Can Fund.



The Cross on the Wall

A Cross on the wall is not a sign of your Christianity, it is a reminder that Christ should be the center of our lives.

Whose house has this Cross??

1. Marcia McMullen
2. Mary Reagan
3. Carol Becker



Women's Fellowship

Our Mission Statement:

"Through the belief in our Living God, our mission is to reach out and support families and individuals in need, by sharing ideas and creativity, using our time and talents to strengthen ties in the community."

2021 Chairperson: Judy Goodenow

Vice - Chair: Marlene Loomis

Secretary: Marcy VanZandt

Correspondence: Carol Becker

Treasurer: Cindy Feroletto

"Meals & Missions" Luncheons are on hold until further notice.



Home Touch Newsletter

If you would like to receive the monthly Home Touch Newsletter, please contact the church office.



The Devotional page includes a thought for the week, a prayer and a short, inspirational message.



The Activity Page is important because your shut-ins have so much time on their hands, it is full of things to do during those long hours of the day. Each activity is based on the Bible or church life.



Cross on the Wall Answer – No. 3

Trivia Answers:

1. In the beginning
2. Esther 8:9
3. Sea of Galilee
4. Nazareth
5. Judge not
6. John 7. Amen
8. The book of Malachi, written about 400 B.C
9. 4 brothers and 2 sisters
10. Balaam

Covid Thoughts!!!

1. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
8. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
10. The dumbest thing I bought in 2020 was a Planner!

Submitted by Bonnie Miller



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