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We now are celebrating Pentecost! You know the time between Easter and Pentecost appeared to just fly by. Now this season of Pentecost is where the church got its mission.

I wonder if that time went by so quickly for the apostles, that time between Easter and Pentecost, as it seems to for us? I am sure they were still fearful and trembling as they did not understand or perhaps realize what was about to happen. I think even more than you and I, they struggled from the time of the resurrection of Jesus to Pentecost. I even question if they understood what happened during the Passion

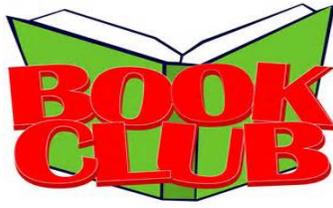
Week with the injustice Jesus received at His trial and execution. They apparently had some experiences in seeing the risen Lord and hearing of stories but generally did little. Perhaps that time was the incubation period for thinking of and planning for the risen Christ in their lives and wondering what would be next. It seemed a time of grief for them.

I wonder what the cross meant to them and how it changed them. Their questioning seemed to give them a sense of courage. It was a change and change is hard. I think the same thing about us. How does the cross and the empty tomb coupled with that reflective time between Easter and Pentecost change us? Does it change us at all? Do we think or know what that time means to us and the world? I hope so!

We, the people of the Church of the Leaning Cross, are we the same as the world or has that experience changed us? As Disciples of Christ, are we the same as other congregations? Or, are we different in making an impact upon the community?

These are the things that we must continue to struggle with and continue to ask ourselves, particularly as the Day of Pentecost is upon us. What difference are we making or will we make in the world? Jesus calls us not so that he can make a difference in us only, but so that we can make a difference in the community and the world. Matthew 28 says "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Let us come to worship and go to "make disciples"!

Pastor Alan's projected mornings in office: 4, 5, 10, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26. July 2, 3, 8, 16, 17, 22.



We have begun reading a new book called “A Sparrow in Terezin” by Kristy Cambron. This is the sequel to “The Butterfly and the Violin” that we read a few weeks ago.

Present Day: Sera James has stumbled into a charmed life with her new art gallery about to open and her coming marriage. But a brutal legal battle against her fiancé, William Hanover threatens to destroy their future before it even begins. After an 11th hour wedding and a callous arrest, William faces 10 years in prison for a crime he never committed. Sera has to battle accusations that threaten her family and any hope for a future with the man she loves.

1942: Kaja Makovsky barely escaped Nazi-occupied Prague in 1939 and was forced to leave her half-Jewish family behind. Now she's a reporter for “The Daily Telegraph” in England and she discovers the terror has followed her across the Channel in the form of the London Blitz. She learns Jews are being killed by the thousands and has no choice but to return to her mother city, risking her life to smuggle her family to freedom and peace.

Connecting across a century through one little girl, a Holocaust survivor with a foot in each world, these 2 women find a kinship even in the darkest of times. This is a tale of hope and survival. Sera and Kaja must cling to the faith that sustains them and fight to protect all they love, even if they have to place their own futures on the line.

For June 6th please read Chapter 11 – 24, p. 123 – 230. We will finish the book the third Thursday in June.

Please join us!! There will be a copy in the library for you to read. We meet at 5:30 p.m. in the church library.

“Summer Rain”

Oh, what is so pure as the glad summer rain,
That falls on the grass where the sunlight has lain?
And what is so fair as the flowers that lie
All bathed in the tears of the soft summer sky?

The blue of the heavens is dimmed by the rain
That wears away sorrow and washes out pain;
But we know that the flowers we cherish would die
Were it not for the tears of the cloud-laden sky.

The rose is the sweeter when kissed by the rain,
And hearts are the dearer where sorrow has lain;
The sky is the fairer that rain-clouds have swept,
And no eyes are so bright as the eyes that have wept.

– Fannie Sherrick

MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Saturday, June 22nd at 4PM Movie Matinee Featuring *What Would Jesus Do?*

Bring your favorite snack, drinks will be provided. You also may want to bring your favorite comfortable camp chair and flash light, though we will be inside the air conditioned fellowship hall. No bug spray required.

SOMETHING NEW

Sun. June 23rd. Noonish

The Disciples Diner will be offering a delicious dinner prepared by our very own Chef Frank Reilly. The Menu includes your choice of Stuffed Cornish Hen with twice baked potatoes, salad, drink and desert: \$11.00

Or

Chef Salad with dressing, drink and desert. \$8.00

All proceeds are to cover the cost of the meal and pantry fund.

Reservations must be made by signing up on the sheet provided in the hall on the bulletin board. Food prepared according to the reservations, please sign up.

The Disciples Diner is an opportunity for you, a member of the church, to prepare and host a meal. If you are interested Please get in touch with the Membership Evangelism Committee by contacting, Teresa Williams at TWInSebring@hotmail.com or 863-202-0695.

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

(June/July 2019)

CHOIR NEWS



We welcome Prilli Andrews to the soprano section of the choir for the summer!!! We have 2 new books we will be singing from soon, so there's a lot of new anthems in our future. One is a book of Gaither songs. We know you'll get a blessing!!!!

Keep in Tune,

A JOYFUL NOISE

The chime choir was delayed in playing last month, but hopefully we're back on track again. "Holy, Holy, Holy" is in our near future. We won't be playing in July do to vacation schedules. Thank you to those who put the new "feet" on our tables. They look nice and now won't scratch the floor!! We appreciate the angels who did this for us!!!

For Whom The Bell Tolls,

Jaquae

THOUGHTS AND CHUCKLES

(Not sure this is a chuckle but something to think about. Answer the Devil by attending church as often as you can.)

THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to assemble with the church on Sunday, for they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes; for they get nothing out of the sermon.

Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church; for he is important to me.

Blessed are they who do not meet with the church on Sunday; for they cause the world to say, "The church is failing."

Blessed are they who are easily offended; for they get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give to carry on God's work and missions; for they are my helpers.

Blessed are the trouble-makers; for they shall be called my children.

Blessed is he who has no time to pray; for he shall be easy prey for me.

Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his neighbor; for he will be with me for-ever.

St. John's Episcopal Church



Puzzle!

Determine the letter patterns and fill in the blanks to complete Galatians 5:1, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

F Q	L V	C R O
G R	K U	D Q P
H S	J T	E P Q

I O B H A L P	Q K D W	
H P C G B M O	R J C V	
G Q D F C N N	S I B U	

F E U L P W	E D V	
E F T K Q V	F C U	
D G S J R U	G B T	

P B Q	R V	C O H B
Q C R	S U	D P G C
R D S	T T	E Q F D

(Galatians 5:1, NIV)
Answer: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.



June 18 Communion – Rich Campton
Servers – Johnny & Helen Kelly
Greeter – Wanda Gordon
Acolyte – Helen Kelly

June 23 Communion – Wanda Gordon
Servers – Roger Sands & Kathy Whitlock
Greeter – Teresa Williams
Acolyte – Roger Sands

June 30 Communion – Ron Colwell
Servers – Sue Colwell & Helen Kelly
Greeter – Sue Colwell
Acolyte – Sue Colwell

July 7 Communion – Teresa Williams
Servers – Johnny & Helen Kelly
Greeter – Marla Null
Acolyte – Helen Kelly

July 14 Communion – Linda Ellis
Servers – Sue Colwell &
Greeter – Heidi & Mark McClarey
Acolyte – Sue Colwell

July 21 Communion – Marla Null
Servers - Kathy Whitlock & Rich Neff
Greeter – Kathy Whitlock
Acolyte – Kathy Whitlock

July 28 Communion – Rich Campton
Servers – Johnny Kelly & C.J. Wiggin
Greeter – Teresa Williams
Acolyte – Johnny Kelly



BIRTHDAYS

June 17 Marla Null
20 Jane Walkington
26 Bridglal Ramkisson

July 7 Linda Lussier
15 Todd Martin
21 Michelle Johns
21 Kay Duball

ANNIVERSARIES

June 22 Ron & Sue Colwell
28 Lain & Joan McWilliams
30 Phil & Karen Lucas
30 Bob & Pat Rhodes

July 4 David & Janet McCord
5 Johnny & Helen Kelly
7 Alan & Kathy Brown
11 Gary & Pauline Kincaid
21 Hal & Lois Hammel



The Pentecost of just received goes to help new churches get established. It isn't too late to make an offering for this worthy outreach. One half of the money received will stay in our region. You may write a check indicating "Pentecost" on it.

There are several items of interest on the table in the hall concerning the Shoe Box Christmas. One of the pamphlets tells you what is NOT acceptable to put in the shoe box. Here's a few suggestions of what you CAN include" **pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, rulers, scissors, pens, index cards, stickers, small coloring book, small notebook, hairbrush, comb, wash cloth, small towel, bar soap, tooth brush, sun glasses, small radio, flashlight, Play Dough.** There is a table in the Women's parlor for your donation toward this project to help children at Christmas. Keep in mind that items must fit into a shoe box and will be labeled whether for a boy or girl and age ranges; 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.

Children receiving these boxes are invited to 12 lessons called "The Great Journey" in which they will learn about Jesus. Many accept Him as their Saviour as a result of this cause. And they spread the word. Glory Be to God.



Happening This Month!

June-July 2019

Sundays: 9:00 Open Door Sunday School

9:45 Coffee Hour

10:30 Worship

Mondays: 6:30 Chime Choir

Wednesdays: 6:30 Chancel Choir

JUNE 14 Flag Day Display your flag with pride

22 Movie Matinee 4:00 Come for a couple hours of enjoyment and fellowship.

23 Disciples Diner: immediately after church service. Reservations only. Sign up in the hallway.

Come and give this new diner a chance to satisfy your appetite.

JULY 4 Independence Day

11 Cheer up the Lonely Day

30 International Day of Friendship

QUOTABLES

The start is what stops most people.

Don Shula

An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

Freidrich Engels

You are an unfinished work in progress. One of the good things about life's challenges: You get to find out that you're capable of being far more than you ever thought possible.

Karen Salmansohn

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, "I'll try again tomorrow."

Mary Ann Radmacher

The big rewards come to those who travel the second, undemanded mile.

Bruce Barton