



Pastor's Message

It started out being a cloudy day with no sun breaking through. The road was damp in spots from the rain that fell during the night. It wasn't that I heard the rain fall in the night. But it had been raining when I checked into this motel in this very small burg of a town in Pennsylvania the evening before.

I had ridden 150 miles into my 560 mile journey. I'd started out the previous day in sunshine. But the weather forecast said it was raining in PA and points south and would continue raining for this Monday all the way to my destination in Virginia.

Before heading out on this cloudy morning, I'd put on my rain suit and waterproof boots and gloves. I expected this motorcycle trip to be a wet one and so I dressed accordingly. And sure enough, I hadn't been on the road 30 minutes and it started raining. And it continued raining all the way for the next 410 miles to my destination.

Here is what I want to make a point about. I had put a new back tire on the bike just a week before. I was dressed according to the weather and what was expected. I drove my two wheeled vehicle according to the conditions which I was facing. And thinking about this makes me think of the question, "Should we prepare ourselves for our own daily journey? And what is the daily forecast? "Would it be advantageous to prepare ourselves for the daily routine?"

Jesus made an interesting statement to the disciples of His day "*A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.*" What he was saying is that those who are Christ followers will not receive any better treatment than Christ himself received. And, if you remember, he was crucified and maligned for living his life according to the path His heavenly Father set out for Him. He was saying

that our days are going to be equally as troublesome as we follow Him.

Jesus prepared himself for each day, knowing that what he said and what he did was not going to be acceptable to some. There were those who would be very jealous of Him. It is a dangerous world and anyone who follows Christ had better prepare themselves for the journey they are on. Each day presents some new and different dynamics. And jealousy abounds.

Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians and said that for them to prepare for each and every day, they needed to put on the armor of God. That was how they were to prepare themselves for each day. Paul talked about it as though it were clothes to be put on: a belt, a breastplate, a shield, shoes, a helmet, and a sword. A belt represented TRUTH. A breastplate represented the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Christ. The shield was representative of FAITH or TRUST. Shoes were representative of PEACE which was how they were to walk...in peace. Bring peace wherever you go. A helmet represented the SALVATION which is found in Christ and Him alone. And the sword represented the SPIRIT, the Spirit of Holiness.

Paul states it as six simple and yet profound items to prepare oneself for each and every day. I told you how I prepared for riding my motorcycle on a day of rain. Whatever we're about to do or hoping to do, we need to make proper plans so that we can have the most effective and safest day possible.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Have a Great Summer in Christ.

Your Friend in Christ

Pastor Vern



Administrative Board

The Administrative Board met on June 4th with seven members present. The Financial Secretary reported receipts for May \$5424.35, and the treasurer reports expenses of \$6618.35.

Children's Day service was held on June 3rd ending the year until September. Old business included the boiler needing a new pressure gauge and the other gauges have to be moved. The new faucets were installed in the Parish House kitchen. Three bids for the organ room at the church are under consideration. At the congregational meeting the vote was passed to keep the expense below \$9,000 and all three bids were below that figure. The annual meeting is scheduled for September 16th and open for current members to join either board. The church's handbells are being used by the school and it was agreed to leave them over the summer at the school. A letter will be sent to the school to notify that we will retain ownership, but will leave the bells permanently at the school.

Our next board meeting will be held on July 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Ziegler, Clerk

Mission

Many things have happened since our last Mission Update:

On April 8, 2018 Terry and Martha Major and their grandchildren visited our church and updated us on the Haiti Mission that Vern Groves, Andy Clendenning and Linda Springer made their mission trip to on the day of the Haiti earthquake on January 12, 2010. Much has changed since then as they work to rebuild their island mission there. Pastor Andre, although aging, has built a strong mission in Haiti with many churches now and his work carries on in many locations in Haiti. Terry and

Martha gave us an excellent presentation and brought many beautiful items made by Haitian women for sale to help support their families. There is an open invitation to join them on their next mission trip.

On May 20, 2018 prior to the "Blessing of the Bikes" ceremony in Quincy's parking lot, many members of the Christian Motorcycle Association attended our morning service and we were privileged to have member, John Sweet, enlighten us with a presentation of the many mission projects they support, their programs and outreaches. They are able to reach out in a totally Biker way to spread the word of Christ with their actions and deeds and the very important projects they support.

On May 27th, 2018 Bob & Carol Rosati from the Lincklaen Celebration Church gave us a very interesting update and presentation of their mission to "Buy the Farm". This mission is raising money to build a Pig and Chicken Farm in Palissa, Uganda to support the Yesu Afaayo (Jesus Cares) Academy and Jubilee Children's Home. Pastor Julie Knowlton recognized this need on a 2016 Mission Trip and returned in 2/2018 with Bob & Carol and others. Amazing things are happening there and the school for children is being supported and will continue to be supported by this farm upon completion. Our church members are welcome to help donate to this mission that sustains education and life to these Ugandan children! Donation information is available in the entryway of our church.

Benitez Update- after many tests and several months, Caryn still has very little hearing in her right ear due to sudden idiopathic sensorineural hearing loss. Doctors believe they have done everything possible and she is quite functional except for loud tinnitus (ringing) and occasional dizziness. They are all adjusting to this new normal for them and our prayers will still be welcome. They will not be spending this summer in the states, and only came home for AJ's college graduation in May returning to South East Asia on June 1st. Missions will be sending future donations for Hospice Care to Savior



Time Home Care after hearing from Carlene Fairbanks who chairs this extended Hospice Care in our area after a unanimous vote by the Spiritual Board this month.

Our Missions Hot Dog Sale and Bake Sale will take place this year on Sidewalk Sale Saturday, July 14, at 11:00 AM.

Finally, a continued thank you for all the weekly items brought in to supply our Food Pantry. Your donations help local families every month and we couldn't do it without you.

Christian Education

Sunday, June 3rd was the Christian Education program at Church.

The PK-6th grade shared with the congregation some stories they had studied from the Bible using posters they had made. They also sang one of our opening songs.

We also presented 6 Bibles to members of the class.

The 7th to 12th grade class were our greeters, took offering and read the scriptures for the sermon.

The Adult class shared with us what they are studying in their class. They also provided our delicious refreshments.

We recognized our teachers, Pastor Vern and Ed for our great music for their dedication and commitment to our program.

We want to thank everyone for their support of the Christian Ed program.

Anyone that would like to join us is welcome.

Maurine

Thank you to our Leaders

We would like to thank Maurine for her service in planning our Sunday School openings each week and for all the extra work she does to keep our Sunday School program running smoothly. We would also like to thank Linda Springer for helping Maurine with all the Sunday School special events thru out the year and maintaining the nursery at Church.

July 16-20 VBS 2018

VBS Theme: Shipwrecked

Where: Cuyler United Methodist Church

Date: July 16-July 20 Monday thru Friday

Time: 5-8 PM

A light supper will be served each night.

Children entering kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall are welcome

Our mission will be to purchase seeds that can grow in drought ridden countries.

Still time to volunteer!!

Calendar of Events

Each Sun @ 10am– Sunday Summer Service

Each Tues. @ 8:30 am– Prayer in Pastor Vern's office

Each Wed. @ 6:30 pm –Prayer @ Ginny Moore's home

2nd & 4th Sat. of month

Men's group meets @ 8 am. @ Lynn's Diner



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July 1 - Communion

July 4 - Celebrate the 4th of July

Each Wed. at 6:30 pm - Prayer @ Ginny Moore's home

July 4th - Prayer meeting cancelled for this night

All Sunday am services are at 10 am

July 7 - Community Garage Sale

5 pm Ruritan Auction @ Town Gazebo

Each Tues @ 8:30 am Prayer in Pastor Vern's office

2nd & 4th Saturday of month - Men's Group meets @ 8 am - Lynn's Diner in Cuyler

August

August 5 - Communion

Aug 9 - 12 DeRuyter Fair

Aug 12th - 10:30 am Fair Worship Service

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Spiritual Board for 2018

Vern Groves
Roxanne Groves
Nancy Parkhurst
Maurine Brown
Shelley Schneeberger
Laura Centolella
Rosemary Lawrence
Ed Sautter
Tom Springer
Linda Springer
Jean Whalen

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 4~~Joan Gast
July 5~~Tim Winters
July 5~~Rosemary Lawrence
July 6~~Beverly Gardner
July 6~~Shirley Fuller
July 6~~Nancy Parkhurst
July 8~~Sandra Ossont
July 9~~Alice Kiester
July 12~Holly Harris
July 12~Rosie Marie Marsh
July 15~~Gerrod Stupke
July 17~Susan Besmer Nichols
July 18~~Andy Clendenning
July 19~~Clark Parkhurst
July 20~~Danielle Cuddeback
*July 25~~Melvin & Jean Coon
*July 27~~Clark & Nancy Parkhurst
July 27~~Keith Hathaway
July 30~~Mary Lou Barlow
July 30~~Jamie Lyn Marsh



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