



MIDWEEK MESSAGE

August 25, 2021

CARMEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FROM THE PULPIT SIDE

An elderly couple, married happily for nearly 60 years, was sitting in their porch swing in the cool of the evening. The sky was a blaze of sunset colors, the birds were singing their night songs, the soft breeze wafted the scent of honeysuckle across the porch. The moment was quite romantic. The man felt strangely moved to speak, and blurted out, *“Marthie, sometimes I love you so much I can hardly keep from telling you!”*

I like that old story, not only because of its romance, but because it raises a question that needs to be asked: why is it that we are so reluctant to say things that are so capable of providing such great happiness to others? If you could give something to someone that would greatly increase their joy, wouldn't you want to give it? We should be more than willing to offer words of genuine appreciation for a job well done, an expression of thanks for a favor given, a word of value for the inspiration of a good example, a note of appreciation for an unexpected kindness, or the warmth of a revered friendship. Such expressions are real treasures, and they are within everyone's reach...and they don't cost us anything!

We all want people to remember us at our best, and to forget those moments when they see us with our hair uncombed, our shoes unshined, our manners out of sorts, and our negative selves hanging out! We all have our better days...a statement which implies that we also have our worse days. So, if today someone you know is less than kind, less than Christian, less than wise, less than patient, less than polite...then be kind to them, as you would want them to be kind to you.

People are truly busy with all manner of things these days. But, are we really so busy that we can neglect those small acts of love and concern that can mean so much to others? Isn't there someone you ought to remember right now with a note, a phone call, or a visit? It's a real treasure you can give. Thank you, Lord, for the patience of faith and the gift of compassion. Blessings to all...and,

I'll see you in church,

Frank

Remember: “Love God...Love Neighbor...Get the word out!”



The Torch is Passed...

As today's newsletter was being finalized, we received word that our “Eldest Member” of Carmel Christian Church, **Martha Ellis**, has passed away. She just recently celebrated her 100th birthday, but died early this morning at the Wellbrooke Senior Center in Westfield, with family in attendance. Services are Monday, August 30th at Carmel Christian Church. Time of Calling will be 10:30 a.m.—Noon. Service at Noon. Committal Ceremony to follow at Washington Park North Cemetery.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for long time member, Diane Neely, will be held on Saturday, September 4th, at 11:00 a.m., here at Carmel Christian Church. Rev. Don Schutt will present the service. (from Donna Carrier, Diane's daughter.)

Outreach Update

During September and October, your Outreach Team will be contributing all of your generosity to Tuxedo Park Baptist Church, our partner on the Eastside of Indianapolis. They are amazing people at that food pantry who help so many; some of whom are homeless.

Of course, anything and everything you choose to contribute is always appreciated, but we have contacted TPBC and know what their specific needs are at this time. If you go shopping and choose to buy even one extra item (or if you want Myrna to shop for you, check payable to the church, she will adhere to these needs), these items have been named:

FOOD

Pork and beans, Mac and cheese, Pasta, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Cereal

MISCELLANEOUS

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dish soap (for hand-washing dishes), Adult sleeping bags

CLOTHING PANTRY

Men's belts (L-2XL), Men's sneakers (10-11.5), Men's Jean's (32-44), Women's shoes (8-9.5)

Thank you for your generosity! We are so blessed.

Note of Gratitude

Dear Christian Friends,

On behalf of the Lunch Club at Sheridan First United Methodist Church, I would like to Thank You for your generous gift. We are truly grateful for your support. This summer we served 3340 meals during the 48 days of summer break from school. With the help from your donation we look forward to continuing this mission.

Sincerely,

Cindy Duchemin,

Lunch Club Program Director

Volunteers Needed - Scripture Readers and Greeters

The church is in need of people who are willing to serve as Greeters and Scripture Readers. If you are interested in serving in either role please contact Dianne, the church admin, at (317) 846-5033 or email the church office carmelchristian@sbcglobal.net.

Peace Garden Update

Once again we had a great harvest from the Peace garden last week. We harvested 26 cucumbers (14 lbs.), 60 tomatoes (25 lbs.) and 40 peppers (7 lbs.), this brings our total harvest thus far for the year at 545 pounds. As the summer is slowly coming to an end we anticipate harvesting for another 4-5 weeks or until all the plants are no longer producing. Last year our last harvest was in the first week of October. Everyone that has helped with the garden has done a great job. Our donations to the food pantry at the United Methodist Church pantry has been greatly received.

Jerry's Book Signing

Greetings, CCC Friends:

I would love to invite you to my Interfaith Forum/Book Signing on August 29th, Sunday, at 4:00-5:30 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. (100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis)

We will have our forum from 4:00-5:00, when faith leaders who wrote prayers in the book will have conversations with each other and the audience, and then time for people to purchase a hard copy and get it signed. The book, *The Peacemaker's Path*, is also available on Amazon. Blessings, Jerry.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

The date has arrived ***this coming Sunday, August 29th!*** We invite you to travel to the 'ole ballfield and take in a game with the Indianapolis Indians vs. the Louisville Bats. Game time is 1:35 pm. We still have 5 tickets available at \$14.00 each. Check with friends and neighbors to see if they would like to join us. If you still need a ticket, please *see Pastor Frank at worship this coming Sunday!* We will travel individually after church to the ballpark, but there may be space to share rides. So, let's go enjoy a great American pastime!

Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following information:

Scott, Laurel & William Vowels - 17366 Tribute Row Noblesville, IN 46060

Jeff Price new email address - jeffrey.price67@gmail.com

Sunday Sneak Peek

Sermon Title: "Three Deadly Words!"

Jeremiah's encounter with God, as God calls him to service, brings up Jeremiah's excuse that he is too young and inexperienced to help in sharing God's word to others. God responds with a phrase that is used a great many times when a divine intervention occurs: "*Do not be afraid...*" That is a message of assurance and comfort. Whenever we feel called to a spiritual task, we should remember that God is with us in the doing. As the Apostle Paul noted, "*He destined us in love to be his children...*" Let's not get caught using three deadly words!

Scripture for Sunday, August 29

Jeremiah 1:4-9; Ephesians 1:3-5

"Now the word of the Lord came to me (Jeremiah) saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I (Jeremiah) said, 'Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am only a youth.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a youth," because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you,' declares the Lord. Then the Lord stretched out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, 'Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.'"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his children through Jesus Christ, according to the kind intention of his will."

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these folks and their families in your prayers. Mailing addresses are listed if you would like to send a note or card.

Family and Friends of Martha Ellis

Ken Dowden, Myrna's son

Beatie Cummings, 334 S. Cherry St., Apt. 107, Westfield, IN 46074

Mary Rudy, on the passing of A.B. Rudy, 1630 Marborough Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46260

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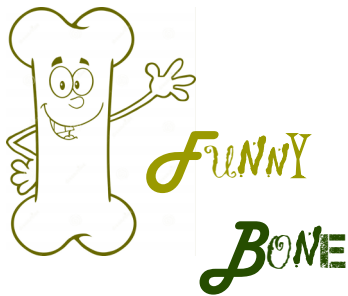
A phone call, card or visit can mean so much!

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A moment of tension in Vatican.
If the bishop moves forward the
queen can take him.

