



FROM THE PULPIT SIDE

I once heard the story of two minister's wives who were repairing clothing. One minister's wife was bemoaning the failures her husband was enduring. As she wept about her despair, she patched the seat of her husband's pants. The other minister's wife spoke glowingly of the successes and joys her spouse's ministry was achieving. As she spoke, she darned her husband's trouser knees.

I have always disapproved of that story because I believe that one can pray just as effectively sitting or standing, as well as kneeling. But, I won't use that rationalization as an excuse! Sometimes I forget to pray in any position. Then, at other times, I need to pray from whatever position I find myself in! Every day is a day for prayers. But on some days prayer becomes essential!

The Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Philippi contains the powerful statement "... *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...*" (2:10). Sometimes I get down on my creaky knees to weed a flower bed or paint some trim or other such chores. So, it occurs to me that if I am willing to stress my knees to do that then I can "*bend the knee*" to pray...either literally or figuratively. If I can do it for my chores, then I can do it for God. And I am certainly in need of prayer! It truly is a strengthening and healing discipline. Thank you, Lord, for the devotion of faith. Blessings to all...and,

I'll see you in church,

Frank

Remember: "Love God...Love Neighbor...Get the word out!"

Funeral Announcement

It is with much sadness that we inform you of the passing of Marilyn Huckleberry, who died Tuesday morning. Plans are to have her funeral service here at Carmel Christian Church on Saturday, September 11th, with visitation time 1:00-3:00 pm, with the service at 3:00 pm. We extend heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.



Note of Gratitude

Thank you to everyone that brought food for Diane Neely's Memorial Service. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. An extra special Thank You to Alice Hibbard for all your help. ~ Jo

Vacancy In Office

It is with much regret that we announce that our Office Administrator, Dianne Hull, will be leaving the position at the end of September. Dianne has served our church with wonderful skill and expertise, and she will be missed very much. She has agreed to stay until September 30th, to assist our new Pastor, Rev. Gale Stutz, with the transition. Rev. Stutz is slated to begin on September 20th. We certainly wish Dianne our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks for a job very well done!

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.

Peace Garden Update

Last week we harvested 82 tomatoes (23 lbs.) and 127 peppers (18 lbs.). This brings our total harvest donation to the United Methodist Church food pantry for the year to 617 pounds, which equates to 3,408 servings. Thank you for everyone's help this year!

Sermon Title: "Bigger is Better...Really?"

Jesus often used exaggerated comparisons to illustrate his message. An example is the mustard seed, a very tiny thing, as the genesis of large and successful outcomes. In our culture, there is a prevalent thought that something must be big and impressive in order to be important or worthwhile. Jesus makes that thought moot.

Scripture for Sunday, September 12

Isaiah 55:10-11; Mark 4:30-32

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be which goes forth from my mouth. It shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."

"And Jesus said, 'How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade.' "

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 Marilyn Huckleberry

We offer condolences to Bob Foster and family, as his mother-in-law, Marilyn Durnil, passed away on Friday, August 27th. Our prayers go out for the family.

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Family and Friends of Martha Ellis

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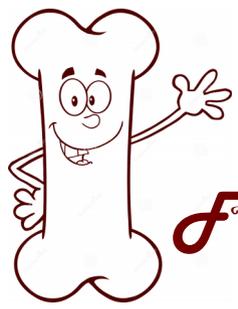
A phone call, card or visit can mean so much!

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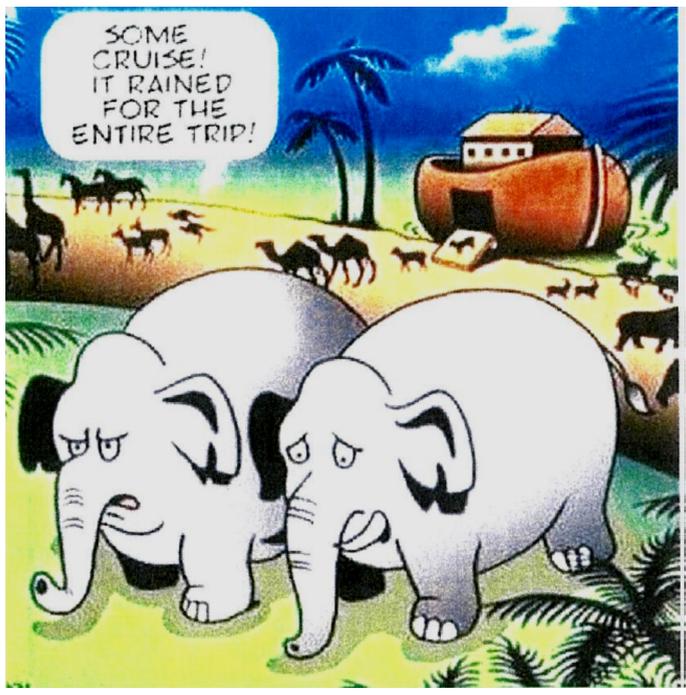
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