THE BROADCASTER

May 26, 2021

Pastor's Piece

Summer is right around the corner. What does your summer calendar look like this year? I'm pretty sure there is a lot going on and you will be busy all the time. Sometimes we wonder if we'll ever get a break.

Especially as more people become fully vaccinated and hope to travel for the first time since the pandemic began. Have you already planned a vacation this summer? Or are you planning to have one? Definitely, for all of us summer is the season of vacation. Students get a vacation from school and employees from work. We go to a place where we can rest and have fun with our family.

For my family we take a family vacation probably once a year. But due to the pandemic we could not go anywhere last year so we stayed home board but we are going have one this year. Interesting thing is I didn't realize how tiring it is to travel nowadays compared to travel when I was a little kid. I mean I was never tired, I was always energetic even after taking a long vacation and I could keep on playing and having fun like my children. But now as a grown up the reality talks differently, my body can't really keep up with my will. It's like the saying of Jesus. "The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." You know even after taking a short vacation like two or three days I am still tired and I feel like I need more rest. I guess it is because I know my vacation will end and when I return, there would be a good deal of work left undone waiting for me. Have you ever felt that way too?

I want us to also think about whether we get enough rest from work, whether it's from your company work, whether it's from school work, whether it's from your house work, whatever it maybe. As Christians we need to think about what it means to have true relaxation, what it means to rest in God because I believe God is interested in our rest. He is interested in our recreation. You remember God Himself had rest on the seventh day of creation.

In the Gospel of Matthew 11 Jesus talks about rest. He says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." It is one of my favorite Bible verses that whenever I read and hear it, it gives me peace of mind.

My prayer is that this summer all of our FUMCVC members will find a time to rest in Jesus. I also hope you all have a wonderful vacation time with your family as you take time to rest, and build memories of a life time together. Have a great summer! God bless you all! Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji

OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Martha Campbell, Charlie Davis, Carolyn Eastman, Arlene Guthrie, Jack Lampe, Judy Long, Feryl Potter, the family of Dennis Robinson at his passing, Goldie Robinson, Dorene Ruth, Margaret Williams

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.

God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

- ↑ Michael Barbett Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law
- † CPL Cody Blair Judy Lann's grandson
- † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) Dennis Burns Sr& Lisa Soetebier's son
- Lt. Col. Adam Coffman Gladys Coffman's grandson
- [†] Kristopher Dewitt − Mary Stout's grandson
- † Chance Greenhoff Army
- [†] James Harris (MP) − Bill & Joy Page's grandson
- [†] Austin Kroeger
- [†] Sydney Lang − Navy

- [†] SGT Bryant Leinen − Warren & Jeanne Leinen's grandson
- Terik Nott & family Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law
- [†] SGT Steven Pearce Walt & Janet Southards' nephew
- † Erik Ralsten
- † CPL Bethany Reeves
- David Ruckman Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew
- [†] AIC Bradley Southards Walt & Janet Southards's grandson
- [†] CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell − Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband

Thank You to...

Dear Friends, I would like to thank my church family for the prayers, phone calls, and beautiful cards. I am back to work and have a few more weeks of physical therapy. Thanks again!

Love, Jane Smith

Thank you for giving me the Reta and Howard Brickley Memorial Scholarship and giving me the opportunity to use the scholarship in furthering my education. It is an honor. I will be attending the United States Merchant Marine Academy in New York. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Ju

I would like to thank Pasor Ji and all our church family for the prayers and concerns during my brother's illness and passing.

Jodi Lewis and family

Thank you for your prayers, calls and concern while Bill was in the hospital. He is back at the manor and in a skilled nursing room and adjusting.

The family of Bill Wilbur



2	Bill Page	2	David Weishaar	3	Linda White	4	Carl Pilcher
5	Charlotte Henderson	6	Deb Jaquis	7	Daniel Stiglitz	8	Susan Stratton
12	Dale Wilson	13	Bud Koehn	13	Ron Smith	14	Ethel Smith
14	Avery Potillo	16	Marilyn Mooney	16	Alden Wiebe	17	Dee McCallum
17	Phoebe McCormick	17	Lin Neal	18	Katie Anderson	18	Emma Salas
18	Kaden Lindstrom	19	Brad Barbour	19	Tonia Sturm	19	DJ Edwards
20	Dominic Santiago	24	Terri McKown	25	Kenny Carter	25	Dennis Kalp
25	Cristi Howell	25	Ellen Hubenett	26	Nolan Koziol	26	Payton Koziol
27	David Brownlee	27	Alexandria Barbour	28	Al Hobson	28	Addison Koch
29	Judy Eskridge	29	Quinton Waite	30	June Marcy	30	JM Taylor



1	Paul & Morgan Wiebe	3	Lester & Marilyn Carey	3	Dan & Kristi Seacat
4	Ron & Michelle Zane	5	Todd & Kristi Kennedy	5	Carl & Virginia Pilcher
6	Jesse & Sarah Ingle	8	Larry & Rhonda Clark	9	Vince & Kathy Marshall
9	Josh & Erin Tormey	9	Larry & Hannah Hall	10	Ben & Phyllis Neaderhiser
11	Larry & Nancy Lafferty	14	Gary & Virginia Kerth	17	Robert & Barbara Leewright
18	Rick & Janace Seyb	18	Matt & Amy Stamm	22	Adam & Ashley Wingate
26	Mike & Jana Hogan	26	Allen & Vickie Wilkerson		

SERMON SERIES

Proverbs is a part of the "wisdom" literature of the Old Testament. In its present form it is a collection of wise sayings from several sources, including King Solomon, laying practical rules for right living based on reverence for God instead of on mere human wisdom. Starting from June 13 we will start a new sermon series on selected readings from Proverbs. In this series, we will study the wisdom of God and seek it as a guide for living lives that glorify Him. Come and join us seeking way of wisdom to guide our way.



2021 Scholarship Recipients

Jeffrey Ju

Troy Moss Memorial Scholarship & Howard and Rita Brickley Memorial Scholarship

Dominic Santiago

Nancy Scriven Memorial Scholarship

Kennedy Stamm

Mildred Patterson Memorial Scholarship

Kyle Stamm

Jody Leland Memorial Scholarship & Ralph and Florence Kallenbach Memorial Scholarship

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Robert Brown John Basore Howard & Rita Brickley

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Ralph & Florence Kallenbach Lee & Eleanor Johnson Melvin & Ruth Kallenbach

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Ulrica Reimer Mary Belle Roberts Nancy Scriven

Joy Schnackenberg Lloyd Scott Louise Smith

John, Esther, & Gary Sward Fred Underwood Hal Wright

Jody Leland

Sunday School Classes

Homebuilders New Life **Pathfinders** First United Methodist Church of Valley Center's 2021 Vacation Bible School

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE



June 7 – 11, 2021 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration forms can be found outside the sanctuary.

Registration for Vacation Bible School 2021 is now open for children ages 4 year-olds as of Monday, June 7, 2021 through entering fifth grade (in the fall of 2021). Register soon! Space is limited! Please return forms to the church before Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

EDIT TO CHANGE T-SHIRT DATE

VBS t-shirts will be given to those children registered by Monday, May 17, 2021.

Those registered after May 17 will receive as shirt as supplies last.

On our last day of VBS (Friday, June 11), we are going to do a service project instead of a craft project. We will make toiletry bags for the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Wichita! Our goal is for each kiddo to assemble one toiletry bag. Each toiletry bag will include travel size items to include shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, and comb. We are looking for donations of the above items.

If you'd rather make a monetary donation, we'll take that too! Bags should cost about \$5.00 each. You can bring items to the church any time before **Thursday**, **June 10**.

One of the crafts we're going to do at VBS this summer is eggshell mosaic. Please gather up your broken eggshells, wash and dry them, and then bring them to the church.



"Use strong in the LORD and in the strength of his power."

Phesians 6:10



2021 Women's Retreat

"Loving and trusting God

through Challenging times"

Saturday, June 26, 2021

8:30A - 12:00P IN the WCC * ONLY \$10

Speakers from our church family will share how God has walked with them through challenging times in their lives.

Tickets are on sale on Sunday mornings in the main foyer.



ASK THE UMC

How far back does Christian baptism go?

Nearly every religion in the world has some sort of rite involving water. Often, as in Christian baptism, water is used both for ritual cleansing and some kind of rebirth. Judaism, for example, requires its converts to "wash away" their non-Jewish identity and prepare to take on a Jewish identity.

Christian baptism goes back to the beginning of the church itself. The Pentecost celebration, 50 days after the resurrection and ten days after the ascension of Jesus, is often called "the birthday of the church." Acts 2:41 records that over 3000 people were baptized and added to the church that day.

But Christians were not the only ones baptizing at that time.

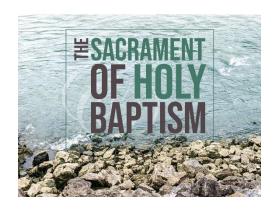
Jesus was baptized with the baptism of a Jewish prophet named John, nicknamed "The Baptizer." But this was not seen by Christians as Christian baptism. As the gospels record it, Christians understood John's baptism to be "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4, NRSV). While the baptism of John and Christian baptism both involved water, John himself is quoted to say that the baptism Jesus would inaugurate would be "with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:8, NRSV).

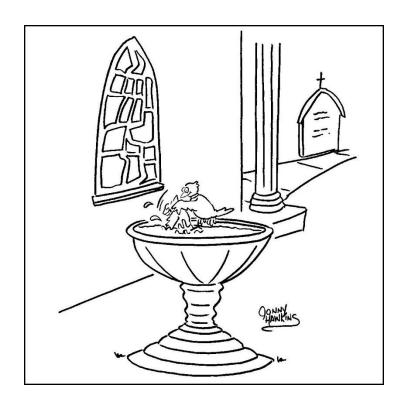
We see early Christians making a distinction between the baptism of John and Christian baptism in the story of the founding of the Christian community at Ephesus (Acts 19:1-5). When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he found a community of people who had received the baptism of John through one of John's disciples. The story tells us they had never heard of the Holy Spirit, much less received the Holy Spirit. Paul offered them Christian baptism in the name of Jesus, and immediately they received the Holy Spirit.

United Methodists, together with the vast majority of Christians in the world, understand Christian baptism to be baptism "by water and the Spirit." Based on the instructions of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20, we continue to offer Christian baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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