

THE BROADCASTER

July 26, 2022

Pastor's Piece

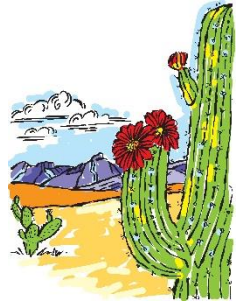
Not too long ago I got to listen to a song. The song is called "My Lord Knows the Way through the Wilderness." The song goes like this.

*My Lord knows the way through the wilderness,
All I have to do is follow.*

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*Strength for today is mine all the way,
And all that I need for tomorrow.*

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As I was listening to the song, I thought about the Israelites who were wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. And then I thought about our church family members who are going through the wilderness of life amid various other difficulties in life.

The wilderness literally means a place where there is not much life in which we can easily think of deserts or barren land. The Bible teaches that God sometimes leads His people into the wilderness. And there, He molds the people of God into people of faith. Some people still might ask a question. Why does God make wilderness and take us to wilderness?

I believe the wilderness is a place where we can solely focus on God without being distracted by anything else. In the Bible, we see many people of God who spent some time in the wilderness and encountered God and were sent to do God's work. Also, the wilderness is a place where we can experience God's provision by faith. God provided water, manna, and quails for the people of Israel while wandering in the wilderness. Many people including myself experience God's provision as we pass through the wilderness.

Dear FUMCVC family, if there anyone who feels like you are going through wilderness, please remember that it's now time to focus on God, to listen to Him, to seek His presence. Because just like the song "My Lord knows the way through the wilderness," all we have to do is to follow. God always holds us close to His side and makes a way for us. Let us follow Him.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji

OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Don Bennett, Marsha Callaway, Dean Dellinger, June Marcy,
Jennifer Maris Cole, Alyce Miracle, Hazel Moore**

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

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law | † CPL Jay McDoniel |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband |

Thank You...

Thanks to the UMYF Mission Week Participants for the cookies and visit. The cookies were yummy!
What a great group of kids!

Barb Jarman

To the Youth at FUMCVC Week of Mission – Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your week! It meant a lot to me. I don't know many of you, so it was nice to meet you. You seem like such nice kids...even if a little squirrely. I think our church is blessed to have you! I hope you feel that way. It was a real privilege to serve you (not a pun). Thanks again. Continue to stay in God's Love.

Mary Jane Stauffer

To My Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love and care for Marv during this past year. The prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls were much appreciated. And a special thank you to Pastor Ji.

Love,

Marilyn Hatch, Tom Hatch, Kristi & Brandon Herl, Becky & Phil Leininger



August BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Ryder Neally | 3 Nancy Lafferty | 3 Julie Schultz |
| 4 Morgan Wiebe | 5 Rusty Southards | 5 Joe Dessenberger |
| 5 Kristi Kennedy | 6 Rhonda Clark | 7 Ashley Wingate |
| 8 Cris Brownlee | 10 Kathy Frazier | 10 Rebecca Schultz |
| 11 Elisha Stone | 12 June Fike | 12 Slayde Spaulding |
| 12 Gabriel Waite | 13 Erin Tormey | 13 Carson Neally |
| 14 Jill Morrison | 14 Brilee Holle | 15 Avery Williams |
| 16 Steve Holmes | 16 Mike Neal | 17 Jane Diehl |
| 18 Amy Edwards | 19 Mike Smith | 20 Jeffrey Ju |
| 21 Maggie Spratt | 23 Virginia Jost | 24 Jonathan Girtz |
| 25 Don Myers | 26 Duane Carlson | 27 Gregg Howell |
| 28 Connie Davis | 28 Erin Reffner | 29 Jeffrey Stockwell |
| 31 Sue Blickenstaff | 31 Roy McFarland | |



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| 4 Phil & Sondra Lampe | 7 Craig & Susan Scribner | 8 Chuck & Feryl Potter |
| 8 Wayne & Joan Sawyer | 9 Dale & Judy Wilson | 12 Steve & Sue Livengood |
| 14 Mike & Charla McNown | 14 Tony & Olivia Wilbur | 16 Brad & Lisa Diehl |
| 24 Gary & Judy Long | 27 Jack & Anne Wilson | 30 Bruce & Lynne Chappell |
| 31 Ron & Jeanette Stanley | | |

June Fike is celebrating her 90th birthday in August. Her family is hosting a SURPRISE celebration **Saturday, August 13** at the Valley Center Community Center from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No gifts please.



Welcome to Alan and Lisa Hill and Lisa's mother Evelyn Shull. All three have transferred their membership to FUMCVC.

AUGUST

WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a			JOY Group 9:30a		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p (begins August 24)		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00p WCC			WOW ZONE! 6:00p (begins August 17)		

SPECIAL:

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 7
At both worship services

WOW ZONE! Kick-Off
Sunday, August 14
5:00 p.m. WCC

Lunch & Learn / El Dorado
Thursday, August 11

WOW ZONE! Begins
Wednesday, August 17
6:00 p.m.

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever
Friday, August 12
11:00 a.m. WCC

Chancel Choir Begins
Wednesday, August 24
5:00 p.m. SAN



Kennedy Stamm and Clayton Nicholson are having a micro-wedding in Colorado Springs on Saturday, July 30, 2022. Please help them celebrate with a come-and-go reception on **Saturday, August 6, 2022** from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the WCC. The couple is registered at Target and Amazon.



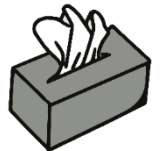
Wednesdays We Eat Out! In 2017, we met weekly at different local restaurants to eat, support, and love the community. We are going to do that again at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the month of July! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. **Wednesday, July 27** at Tequila's.

Valley Center's Back-to-School Bash is August 6. Area churches are donating different school supplies and FUMCVC has been asked to provide 384 black sharpies. A donation box will be located in the main foyer close to the church office on Sunday mornings beginning June 19. Donations are due to the church by **Sunday, July 31.** ****UPDATE – We currently have 314 Sharpies!****



Sunday School Electives (during the Sunday school hour in the WCC): **Sunday, July 31** – We will visit via ZOOM with a missionary friend of Pastor Ji's who is currently in Malaysia. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. in the WCC.

UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers are going to participate in a Monthly Mission. The first Sunday of most months, we will have a table set-up in the main foyer to accept donations for that month's mission project. Those donations will then be taken to the organization the next day. All the organizations are local. Some are even in Valley Center. Please help as you feel led. August's giving is items needed for the Valley Center Preschool. Those items include: Clorox wipes, Dixie cups, Napkins – cocktail size, and Kleenex. Please bring donations on **Sunday, August 7.**



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Sunday, August 7 at both worship services. Administrators, board members, teachers, and of course students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks, tote bags, briefcases, etc to be blessed before the school year begins.

Our August Lunch and Learn takes us to El Dorado. We're still working on details, but we know we will go **Thursday, August 11.** Please contact the office to get your name on the list!



WOW ZONE! Kick-Off

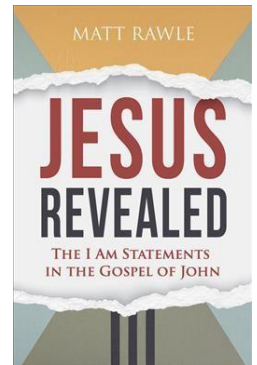
Sunday, August 14 * 5:00 PM * WCC & East Lawn

Join us for carnival games and a hot dog meal!

WOW ZONE! Classes begin **Wednesday, August 17** at 6:00 p.m. Classes meet Wednesday nights through the school year from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please use Entrance C.



JESUS REVEALED, the I Am statements in Gospel of John. Newly released 2022 copyright series. This series is being offered by Insight Class to anyone desiring to explore the I Am statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join Matt on Rawle this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the I Am statements: that Jesus is light and life, who calls us to himself and offers as the hope of the resurrection. This is a six-week study. This open session invitation is for all ages, men and women beginning **Sunday, August 28** at 10:00 AM in the conference room. Grab a donut and cup of coffee and drop in! Books are \$10.



You might have seen Jeffrey Ju at church this past Sunday. Jeffrey has decided to transfer to WSU and should begin classes there this fall. When you see him, make sure you tell him, "WELCOME HOME!"

Welcome to the world, Wyatt Cole Lindstrom! Wyatt was born Monday, July 25 and weighed 9 pounds 15 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He is welcomed by parents Aaron and Bethany and big brother Kaden. Also, grandparents Mike and Phoebe McCormick and great-grandparents Ed and Linda McCormick.



CELESTIAL COMMUNION

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Today's Scripture & Insight: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

When Apollo 11's Eagle lunar module landed on the moon's Sea of Tranquility on July 20, 1969, the space travelers took time to recover from their flight before stepping onto the moon's surface. Astronaut Buzz Aldrin had received permission to bring bread and wine so he could take Communion. After reading Scripture, he tasted the first foods ever consumed on the moon. Later, he wrote: "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup." As Aldrin enjoyed this celestial Communion, his actions proclaimed his belief in Christ's sacrifice on the cross and the guarantee of His second coming.

The apostle Paul encourages us to remember how Jesus sat with His disciples "on the night he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23). Christ compared His soon-to-be sacrificed body to the bread (v. 24). He declared the wine as a symbol of "the new covenant" that secured our forgiveness and salvation through His blood shed on the cross (v. 25). Whenever and wherever we take Communion, we're proclaiming our trust in the reality of Jesus' sacrifice and our hope in His promised second coming (v. 26).

No matter where we are, we can celebrate our faith in the one and only risen and returning Savior—Jesus Christ—with confidence.

By: Xochitl Dixon

Reflect & Pray

What has kept you from prayerfully taking Communion in remembrance of Christ? How does it make you feel to know that a fellow believer took Communion to honor Jesus on the moon?

Jesus, please help me live boldly for You until You come again!

<https://odb.org/US/2022/07/01/celestial-communion>

The Progressive Class just finished a Bible study titled *The Last Supper on the Moon: NASA's 1969 Lunar Voyage, Jesus Christ's Bloody Death, and the Fantastic Quest to Conquer Inner Space* by Levi Lusko. On Wednesday, July 13 we had communion together while watching the Full Buck Supermoon. (Pictured: Nancy Anderson, Deb Jaquis, Sondra Lampe, Amy Patrick Stamm)





Back to School for Valley Center is August 11!

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