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Helpers in Christ

One of the core messages of Paul's letters to the early Christian communities we can read in the New Testament is unity. The unity he encouraged was not that we should be identical to one another, but that even recognizing our differences we should be able to worship and fellowship together. One way that we can do this on a daily basis is to put Christ's Golden Rule into practice: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This also means that we seek ways to help one another, even without a request being made.

I saw some of this in action on Memorial Day weekend. The storms on Saturday (May 27) were severe, causing much damage to trees with many areas losing electricity due to downed power lines. As my family came to church on Sunday morning, we saw many trees and large branches strewn on or near roadways. There were several sections of road where one lane was undriveable. But there was something else we noticed, many of the trees and branches had already been moved; people had been at work to assist others who might not even notice their efforts, much less be able to thank them for their efforts.

This connected to an anecdote regarding Fred Rogers that I had heard the previous week. Fred was the host of Mister Rogers Neighborhood on PBS for many years, a show that endeavored to teach, respect and encourage children. It seems that Fred had been scared by some incident, perhaps a severe storm such as we had. His Mother told him that he might be frightened by such an event, but he could also be inspired. "When I was a boy and would see scary things in the news, my Mother

would tell me to look for the helpers; there are always helpers."

There are always helpers, usually at the edges of the scene, perhaps physically working to repair the brokenness or in relation with victims lending them support. We all benefit greatly from the helpers. As Christians, we should be helpers reaching out to others in the name of Jesus.

-Charles Snodgrass, Pastor

God's Word, Our Strength

June 4: Holy Spirit, blow through our hearts and set us on fire for you! Amen

Acts 2: 1-21

Numbers 11: 24-30

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35

I Corinthians 12: 3-12

Acts 2: 1-21

John 20 19-23

John 7: 37-39

June 11: Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring!" O beautiful Savior, I bless you for the gift of Creation!
Genesis 1: 1-2:4 Psalms 8 II Corinthians 13: 11-13
Matthew 28: 16-20

June 18: Father of lights, thank you for every good gift you bestow on your children—especially for being the supreme example of fatherly love.

Genesis 18: 1-15 (21: 1-7)

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35-10:8 (9-23)

June 25: On this early-summer day, I rejoice and rest in your embrace, dear Lord.

Genesis 21: 18-21 Psalms 86: 1-10, 16-17

Romans 6: 1-11 Matthew 10: 24-3

JUNE EVENTS

- 4th Day of Pentecost
- 10th Love Kitchen
- 11th Trinity Sunday
- 13th Rockwood Ministerial Association Meets
- 14th Fellowship Night
- 15th Ladies Circle
- 18th Father's Day
- 24th No Love Kitchen



June 26th-30th Vacation Bible School Passport to Peru

Your children, grandchildren and those in your neighborhood are invited to learn about hiking the cloud-shrouded ruins of Machu Picchu; savor exotic flavors of the Amazon; hear what daily life is like from kids in Peru. Kids will be immersed in this vibrant culture where they discover God's good gifts for us all. This **5 day** VBS teaches kids God gives us comfort, patience, peace, love and joy.



Happy Father's Day! June 18th

A Memorial Book will be provided that day to honor and remember those special men in our lives.

Lemonade On The Lawn is Back!

Enjoy the fellowship each Sunday after Worship Service. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for those willing to serve as a host for a Sunday.



NOTES

Military

Jesse Scarbrough
Jerald Dixon
Nate Mankel
Chris Marney
Jake Russell
Maeghan Redmon

Shut Ins

Carolyn Pemberton
Carolyn Gill
JoAnn Glover
Nancy Williams
Al & Lois Duff
Terry Newman

Our College Students

Sierra Garrison Victoria Johnston Alex Lea
Rebecca Garrison Skye Irish Luke Lea



Birthdays &

7th Dakota Green
9th Linda Preller
10th Lucy Kirkham
12th Charles
Snodgrass
17th Rachael Goddard
18th Adrienne
Levering
20th Keri Phillips
20th Tim Stout
30th Savannah

Anniversaries

8th Jonathan & Arlene Foust
9th George & Archie White
10th Philip & Lucy Kirkham
10th Charles & Ann Snodgrass
20th Tim & Heather Pelfrey
28th Freddy & Linda Brummett

We want to express our thanks for the kindness and prayers that you have shown during the illness and death of Aunt Gloria. We will never forget it. We love you all.

Brian, Tammie & Kevin Garner &
The Garner Family



Thank you everyone for helping me to celebrate my birthday in such a wonderful way. The food, gifts and fellowship meant so much to me.

With love, Wilma Brummett

MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Vacation Bible School materials have arrived. The theme for this year is “Passport to Peru.” Volunteers and donations are needed.
- The Congregational Care committee met on May 18th. The next quarterly meeting will be held August 17th.
- Attendees were encouraged to remember to send cards to lost listed in the bulletin each week.
- Transportation for the Love Kitchen was discussed. The van is being over-used, and volunteers and some riders are being put at risk for injury while riders are getting on and off the van, making it necessary to make some restrictions. Restrictions would limit riders to only those people who have no other transportation, and to only those people who can get on and get off without assistance. These restrictions will become effective in July, and will be announced at the Love Kitchen before they go into effect.
- A Men’s Prayer Group was suggested to give the men of our church and our community an opportunity to gather once a month for breakfast at a local restaurant provide a chance to encourage one another and to offer prayer for our church family.
- A new riding mower, weed eater, push-mower, and pressure washer has been purchased and delivered.
- A water faucet to be installed in the back of the church is still under consideration. Plumbing estimates are being sought.
- Estimates were obtained on water proofing the basement. The best estimate came from B-Dry, who offered a 15% discount. James will contact B-Dry to arrange to begin the work.
- Jerry has received notice that Bachman Academy will be closing. We have made monthly donations to them in the amount of \$50. Jerry suggested that we redirect that monthly donation to the John Knox Center.
- The financial report for May was presented and approved.
- Kathy has established a committee for community contact. The committee and anyone

interested in helping will begin visiting church members who no longer attend, and others suggested by anyone of the church. First visitations will be June 7th.

- Our Sexton, Wilma Brummett, will be on vacation June 18-25.
- There will be no stated meeting in June.

FINANCIAL UPDATE-ANNUAL BUDGET

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Expenditures	\$ 5,495.00	\$35,735.00
Receipts	\$ 6,140.00	\$35,990.00

MAY ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 7	25	46	\$1,053.00
May 14	20	54	\$1,941.00
May 21	16	38	\$ 864.00
May 28	16	21	\$1,682.00

BIBLE QUIZ



The “Trinitarian formula” occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read “in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit,” and who said these words?

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| A. Romans; Paul | C. Acts; Luke |
| B. I Peter; Simon Peter | D. Matthew; Jesus |

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as “flowing with milk and honey” (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God’s words “sweeter than honey” (19:10; 119:103).



The Wooden Shoe of Worry

The word “sabotage” had a fascinating history. “Sabot” is the French word for a wooden shoe. Sabotage was the act of throwing a shoe into machinery to stop work. Now it means any attempt to hinder production or spoil a product.

Satan tries to cast a wooden shoe into our souls to prevent us from accomplishing god’s plan. That shoe is worry, which can crush the spirit, sour our disposition and interfere with Christian service. That’s why Jesus instructs: “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself” (Matthew 6:34, NIV). Jesus isn’t promoting laziness or indifference; instead, he encourages us to trust our Father, who provides for all our needs.

Be on guard, and don’t let worry sabotage your faith.

The Winner

A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

“Who’s the most obedient?” Dad asked. “Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?”

Five small voices answered in unison, “Okay, Dad, you get the toy.”

Spiritual Submarines

Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children’s lives. “Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present,” he writes in *Standing Tall*. “You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective.”

A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. “When it comes to battle...understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons.”

Bible Quiz Answer: D (See Matthew 28: 19)



Flag Day has a long history and began on the local level. Its origins date back to 1885, when a

schoolteacher in Wisconsin had her class honor “Flag Birthday” on June 14 to mark the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. The Resolution established “That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson made a presidential proclamation, which officially established Flag Day. President Harry Truman signed an act of Congress in 1949 declaring June 14 as Flag Day.

People are encouraged to display the American flag at homes and businesses on June 14. Some communities hold parades and other celebrations honoring the flag.

A Hymn’s Long Journey

The beloved hymn “How Great Thou Art” came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled “O, Great God,” he probably never dreamed he’d hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From “the rolling thunder” echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the “woods and forest glades” of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost Fellowship Hall Reserved 2-4	5	6	7	8	9	1 Love Kitchen (R'wood United Methodist) 5-7 pm
11	12	13 RMA Mtg	14 Fellowship Night 6:30 pm	15 Ladies Circle 6:30 p	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24 No Love Kitchen
25	26 Vacation Bible ←	27 School	28	29	30 Cookout →	
		Narcotics Anonymous meets each Tuesday 7:30 p Fellowship Hall				



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