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August Newsletter

August Calendar

All meetings will be held at the pavilion for the time being.

August 2

- Drive thru communion 10:45 – 11:30
- Finance Meeting 2 pm

August 4

- Shepherding meeting 6:30 pm

August 8

- UMW Health Kit Assembly 9 am

August 10

- Shalom meeting 6:30 pm

August 11

- Bible study 11 am

August 12

- Bible Study 6 pm

August 18

- Bible study 11 am

August 19

- Bible Study 6 pm

August 25

- Bible study 11 am

August 26

- Bible Study 6 pm





*I hope, Lord.
My whole being hopes,
and I wait for God's promise.
My whole being waits for my Lord—
more than the night watch waits for morning;
yes, more than the night watch waits for
morning!*

Psalms 130:5-6

There seem to be so many pressures in life and frankly, it can be overwhelming. There are situations I've hoped would get better or resolve for quite some time but unfortunately are still unresolved.

I was reading *Streams in the Desert* by Mrs. Charles E. Cowan the other day and came across these words:

“There are times when things look very dark to me—so dark that I have to wait even for hope. It is bad enough to wait *in* hope. A long-deferred fulfillment carries its own pain, but to wait *for* hope, to see no glimmer of a prospect and yet refuse to despair; to have nothing but night before the casement and yet to keep the casement open for possible stars; to have a vacant place in my heart and yet to allow that place to be filled by no inferior presence—that is the grandest patience in the universe. It is Job in the tempest; it is Abraham on the road to Moriah; it is Moses in the desert of Midian; it is the Son of man in the Garden of Gethsemane.

There is no patience so hard as that which endures, “as seeing him who is invisible”; it is the waiting for hope.” (pg 220)

This photograph was taken the other night after days of rain. It was the first glimmer of light, of a break in the storms. The light reminded me to hope whether I am waiting *in* hope or whether the struggles of life seem so dark and seem to go on so long that I find myself waiting *on* hope to come—those moments of hopelessness.

It is easy to fill that place of waiting *on* hope with other things: despair, anger, abuses, self-destruction. Mrs. Cowan reminds us we are not alone in waiting *on* hope. In fact, we are in pretty good company. Just as the stars come in the night whether we can see them through the clouds or not, hope is real. Hope is here.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.

You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials.

1 Peter 1:3-6

Peace, Pastor Terry

Life is shifting again. The school year is about to begin whether we are ready or not. We keep watching and waiting as this virus moves through our community, state, nation, and planet. Each day more of our families and friends are testing positive and as such it seems as if our circle of safety keeps getting smaller. We are beginning to settle into this new normal. Well maybe?

You probably have noticed an improvement of our live stream. Dan McElhinny and Gracie Lemmon spent hours getting our new camera and programs set up. This gives us better quality and more flexibility as we continue to worship virtually. We are still in the learning process and improving each week. We thank you for your patience and support!

You might be wondering when we are going to return to in person worship and I unfortunately do not have an answer for you today. Our leadership team continues to monitor credible information concerning the spread of the virus and governmental requirements all the while seeking God's discernment for when it is right for Heritage. This is a hard time for us but keep the faith! We will one day worship together in our church. It is possible we will have outdoor worship when the weather is cooler and we can gather in larger groups. Just like you, we are taking it one day at a time.

I want you to feel free to call me any time. My cell number is 601-942-7131. I would love to get to know you even if it is through phone calls!

Blessings, Terry



Bible Study

Beginning August 11th, Bible study will be on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We will gather outside around the picnic tables. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort as well as for social distancing. We will be working our way through Revelation.

August Birthdays

- 1 Marzieh Senecal
- 1 Mike Vereker
- 2 Jillian Eveland
- 4 Darlene Blevins
- 6 Breanna Smith
- 12 Perri Schwartz
- 16 Lena Matta
- 18 Gracie Lemmon
- 19 Kasy King
- 29 Lisa Banks
- 31 Norma Hart



Prayer Blankets

Do you have a sewing machine? We are looking for volunteers to piece together prayer blankets to be given as an encouragement to those who are ill, grieving, or facing difficulties. Please contact Sheila Gillies at 228-861-6039 if you can help. Thanks!



United Methodist Women

UMW Health Kits

It's that time of year again! The UMW are preparing to put together health kits for those in need! UMW is asking for monetary donations to help buy the supplies needed for these kits. You may make any donations to the office. Please make any checks out to Heritage United Methodist Women with a memo for health kits. The UMW will be assembling the kits at Julene Anderson's house on August 8th at 9 am.

Communion August 2, 2020

It's Communion Sunday this week, August 2nd! We will be serving from 10:45-11:30. The table is set and all are welcome. Come and receive the body and the blood of Christ and we will pray together.



August 9, 2020

Calling all students, teachers, and school staff! Heritage will hold a drive up Blessing of the Backpacks at 11:00 a.m. on August 9th. Bring your backpack, briefcase, or satchel and we will bless them, those who carry them, and the coming school year.