



The Voice of Christ Church

LEGACY

Contributed by Pastor Steve Rath

In my very last class in seminary, I took a course in preaching from beloved professor and pastor, J. Ellsworth Kalas. Dr. Kalas was known as a prolific writer and gifted preacher across the United Methodist Church for many years prior to his death. Many of his books are among my personal favorites. Among his lectures in that class was the value of preaching to the calendar. May and June are months of the year when holidays and holy days are sprinkled over the course of the spring and early summer. We have Mother's Day, commencement exercises for graduates, Memorial Day, Pentecost, Flag Day and Father's Day.

Keeping that wisdom in mind, we will tie all of those observances in a series called "Legacy: Lessons in Family, Life and Faith." Whether through the Bible, parents, teachers, historical figures, our community or church, the chance to impart a legacy is always there for us.



WORSHIP AND SERMON THEMES

Sermon Series:

Legacy: Lessons in Family,
Life and Faith

May 2nd

Communion Sunday
"Together As One"
Acts 4:32-35

May 9th

Mother's Day
"A Model Mother"
Timothy 1:5, 3:14-16

May 16th

Graduation Sunday
"From Humble Beginnings"
1 Samuel 16:1-13

May 23rd

Pentecost
"One Charger Fits All"
Acts 2:1-13

May 30th

Memorial Day
"Grace Will Lead You Home"
Genesis 48: Selected Verses

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

Contributed by Mike Snider on behalf of Art Brate

Faith Lutheran Church will again be sponsoring the **Baltimore Community Gardens** on our property at 990 South Main Street. The gardens are easily accessible from the parking lot in front of the Liberty Union-Thurston Middle School.

This is the twelfth year to assist the Baltimore Community by raising fresh produce for the Baltimore Food Pantry. We have given many pounds of produce to the food pantry each

year. Gardeners may use any of the produce they raise, but we ask that any excess be given to the food pantry.

Our garden plots are 25 by 25 square feet. We have them tilled up for planting and water is available.

If you, your family, a church group, a school group, a 4-H group, or a scout group would like more information, please contact Art Brate, at (740)215-4479 or habrate@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contributed by JR Coakley on behalf of Tina Goodman



The Baltimore Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to help Saturdays between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

If you would like a beautiful way to connect with others and contribute to a wonderful ministry, please contact Tina Goodman, via phone call or text, at (740)739-7066.

Training will be provided.

FOOD PANTRY

“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.”

Proverbs 18:16

We would like to bring your attention to the **Simply Give** campaign at the Meijer store in Lancaster. During this campaign, customers are encouraged to purchase a **Simply Give** donation card upon check-out. Designate an amount and indicate it is for Baltimore Food Pantry, and your donation will be converted into Meijer Food Only gift cards and given directly to the food pantry.

Meijer will double-match any cards purchased on Saturday, June 19th, effectively tripling contributions made on that day.

Cards will also be available at the church. If you would like to make a contribution, but not shop, Ruth Crutcher will take any donation and use it to purchase cards on Saturday, June 19th, to take advantage of the offer.

The **Simply Give** campaign will run through July 3rd.

Baltimore Food Pantry needs this month are cereal and canned fruit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (740)756-9164. You may also contact Ruth Crutcher directly at (740)862-4082.

Thank you,
Leslie Martens

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN: "MAKE EACH DAY YOUR MASTERPIECE"

"You can't live a perfect day until you do something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

John Wooden (1910-2010)

The quote in the title of this month's article doesn't originate with me, but I want to be sure to give credit where it is due. In 2010, the world has lost one of its most cherished and beloved icons just short of his 100th birthday: legendary basketball coach, John Wooden. It was coach Wooden who coined the phrase I've chosen to use.

Wooden's own life began in a small Midwestern town in the Hoosier State of Indiana where basketball is king. It was there, through a variety of coaches, that Wooden rose to prominence as a three-time, all-American at Purdue University before graduating in 1932. For it would be many years later until Wooden sat on the sideline for the dynastic teams he coached for the UCLA Bruins.

While I confess that I am not quite old enough to appreciate those old UCLA teams he led, I can tell you that I've come to appreciate his passion for teaching and life leadership. Among his many pearls of wisdom is this one: "Make Each Day Your Masterpiece." And for 99 years on this earth, that was his credo.

On the surface, its message seems simple enough. Yet, in its simplicity, it is truly profound. Think about it this way. When you and I awaken each day, most all of us have the blessing to enjoy any number of opportunities and activities with the day we're given. We have to-do lists, appointments, time with friends, jobs to attend to, and families to raise. At the end of any day, would you call it a masterpiece for God and for others whose lives you touch?

Over the years, I've spent a lot of time with families who have bid farewell to people they've loved. For many of these dear souls, the number of years they lived were many -- often filled with love, joy, and happiness. Some of us are given many years of life on this earth. Perhaps others of us not so many. God has given me 50 and counting. Am I doing as much with each day as I could? How about you?

Consider this: the book of Genesis tells us that Methuselah lived to be 969 years old and then he died. As the oldest person recorded in Scripture, his life was long on quantity. On the other hand, Jesus Christ lived only 33 years before his death, and most of what he is remembered for took place during his final three years of ministry. Where he lacked in quantity, he more than made up for in *quality*. He knew how to make each day a masterpiece for God glory. He never wasted a day!

So, no matter how many years have passed by in your life, consider making today a masterpiece of a day. If God has been gracious enough to give it to you, certainly you can offer something to him in return....

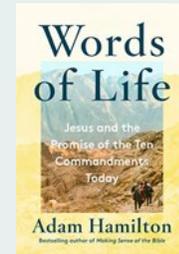
Living for the Master,



Pastor Steve

CLASS COMPLETES COMPELLING STUDY ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Contributed by
Pastor Steve Rath



"What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules but also a guide to experiencing the good life today?" This is the question posed by pastor and author Adam Hamilton in his newest book *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*.

Through Scripture, discussion, video, and learning our group discovered some powerful insights into these laws for a godly life especially for our lives and relationships today. Congratulations to each of these folks for faithfully attending our study: Becky Ety, Joe and Jane Farmer, Cheryl Fey, Sharon Gates, Glenna Hoisington, Jim and Judy Keller, Dan and Jill Maldovan, Pastor Steve and Tricia Rath, Ted and Darla Reedy, Mike and Brenda Snider, and Denise Vandermark.

Watch for future topics and studies from Pastor Steve coming soon!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Gates
- 4 Zoey Gaskill
- 5 Jennifer Lodge
- 6 Warner Gene Ulrich
Chad Endsley
- 9 Jessica Kilger
Megan Shreyer
- 10 Matt Petty
- 11 Elliott Selway
David Wolfe
- 12 Ruth Staten
- 13 Marvin Achtermann
Shirlee Ety
Lyndsey Lawlis
Meadow Marie Kohler
- 14 Micah McCreery
Landon Moore
- 17 Sharon Anderson
Braden Moore
- 18 Bonnie Simpson
- 25 Jim Anderson
- 27 Caroline Endsley
- 29 Bonita McCall
- 31 Mindy Ety
Caleb Slyh

Anniversaries

- 2 Don & Sheila Burns
- 5 Dan & Jill Johnson
- 14 Bob & Sherry Looney
- 19 Dan & Mary Ann
Thompson
- 23 Jim & Jodi Anderson
- 30 Rich & Shirley Reed
- 31 Kevin & Susan Wagner

THANK YOU

Contributed by Louise Smith on behalf of Josephine Eversole

Josephine said she is doing well at her home in Columbia, Missouri. She is near her son, Dave, and his family.

Josephine gets our monthly newsletter and says hello to everyone. She misses us.

THE MASTER'S GARDENERS

Contributed by Louise Smith

Now that almost all of the early spring flowers have bloomed, the gardeners have been busy weeding the flower beds in preparation for the mulch.

A big thank you to Cookie Friesner, Marsha Smith, Max and Mason Bader for mulching the gardens one warm evening...they spread eight yards of mulch.

We welcome Mary Johnson to the gardening team.

If you have an interest in flower gardening and would like to help with the flower beds at church, please

let Louise Smith know or call her at 740-862-6018.



CONNECTION CENTER

Contributed by Denise Vandermark

The Congregational Care Committee would like to "re-open" the Connection Center beginning in May. Anyone interested in helping at the "CC" in the months ahead, please contact Denise Vandermark via email at dvandermark1024@gmail.com or phone at (740)503-6018.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Contributed by Darla Reedy, Treasurer

2021 REPORT	MARCH	YEAR-TO-DATE
OPERATING INCOME	\$23,406	\$81,664
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$24,239	\$73,117
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$0	\$0
COINS FOR MISSIONS	\$5	\$14
MORTGAGE BALANCE		\$837,939

PRAYER MINISTRY

Contributed by Kristy Schooler

God says there is no gift that He's given us, other than salvation, that is greater than His peace. We will never fully understand the power of His peace. When we find our life consumed with fear and despair, it is His peace that will lead us beside still waters.

We want to know Him, we want to hear from Him, and He desires to show Himself strong on our behalf, but He needs us to be obedient in all that He asks us to do. And He asks us to choose peace. Who wouldn't choose peace over fear and despair?! But because He is with us, there is no need to fear. He has given us His peace (see John 14:27), but we must choose Him and His ways.

God has put before us life and death, and He tells us to choose life. He put before us strife and peace and tells us to choose peace - His will and His ways.

In order to walk with God, we must choose to walk in His ways. He gives us the choice to walk our way or His. Rest assured, His ways are always best. Obedience to God brings about a greater reward than we can ever imagine. With all the decisions we must make on any given day, the greatest daily decision is whether we will walk in His will or live out our own. That one decision will determine whether or not we have peace. We need to listen to the Lord and obey His Word so that all may go well with us. Choose peace.

WORK CAMP UPDATE

Contributed by Waid Radford

Our summer mission experience, through work camp, is moving forward! We are in the process of finalizing our church location. Some churches are still evaluating COVID protocols, but we have several options for housing. I want to thank you for your continued financial support, specifically the recent "sub sale". We raised almost \$700.00 and because of generous donations of all products used in the subs, the entire amount will all go toward our expenses this summer! Thank You!!!

We do have some youth that are unable to pay the \$65.00 fee for participation, so as we have in the past, we want to give you the opportunity to support those youth with a "work camp scholarship". You may identify your gift as work camp scholarship or simply work camp on your check. We are

planning on 25 to 35 youth and adults this summer and be assured that we will "Go" into the world with the knowledge that God through the Holy Spirit, will help us build His kingdom wherever He leads!

Continue to pray for this mission outreach...it has been a long year and a half, and our youth, from both churches, are very anxious and excited to move into the mission field, once again!

Please continue to pray for Rev. Bob Davis and the Jackson Area Ministry team as we strive to fulfill the growing needs of God's people!

Blessings to all of you!

"They'll know we are Christians by our love..."

"Make every effort to live in peace...and to be holy; without holiness, no one will see the Lord."

Hebrews 12:14

REBEKAH CIRCLE

Contributed by Louise Smith

Rebekah Circle is planning to have the Annual Church Yard Sale near the end of the summer.

They will meet Monday, May 3rd, 7:00pm in the church parlor to plan the July yard sale. Please wear a face mask, social distancing will be observed.

Items can be dropped off at the Family Life Center starting Thursday, July 22nd.

The sale will be held the following week on July 29th, 30th and 31st.

Save These Dates

- July 22nd - Drop-off starts
- July 29th - Yard sale
- July 30th - Yard sale
- July 31st - Yard sale

**CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**



Our Mission:

To help people find and follow Jesus Christ

Our Vision:

CONNECTING people with God through WORSHIP, with the CHURCH through whole-life DISCIPLESHIP, and with the WORLD

CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday School and Worship Schedule

Sunday School - 8:45am - In-person or Jitsi OR Zoom

Worship - 10:00am - In-person OR live-stream on Facebook and YouTube at Christ UMC Baltimore

Personnel

Pastor - Rev. Steve Rath - pastor@christum-baltimore.com - (740) 575-6190

Administrative Assistant - Michelle Hammond - office@christum-baltimore.com

Treasurer - Darla Reedy - Tuesday, 9:00a - 3:00p
treasurer@christum-baltimore.com

Choir Director - Tim Lawlis - (614) 570-9021

Bell Choir Director - Becky Ety - (614) 581-8037

Pianists - Julie Ulrich, Peggy Lawlis

Audio-Visual Specialist - Dwayne Miller

Custodian - Jim Anderson

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