

Weekly Update: May 10, 2016

A word from Pastor Darryl

This past Sunday we paid tribute to all mothers. This month we are re-visiting a sermon series we followed in November entitled *“Reclaiming Our Wesleyan Vitality.”* We began with the theme and introduced *“Susanna Wesley – Mother of Methodism.”* An important point to note here is the scriptural text of the apostle Paul’s pastoral counsel to young Timothy (2 Timothy 1:1-7) as a starting point to talk about *“Susanna Wesley.”* Of note is the way in which Paul affirms the role of two women in Timothy’s life: *“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.”* Paul shows us the tremendous influence that women had upon people in the early church. So also was this 17th century mentor to hundreds of women and men, independent thinker, prolific writer and mother of 19 children – Susanna Wesley! Here are just a few of the hundreds of quotes from her writings: *“Never to spend more time in any matter of mere recreation in one day than I spend in private religious duties;”* *“I will freely own to your grace that, strictly speaking, I never did want for bread. But then I had so much care to get it before it was eaten, and to pay for it, made it very unpleasant to me. And I think to have bread on such terms is the next degree of wretchedness to having none at all;”* *“Help me, Lord, to remember that religion (Christianity) is not to be confined to the church ...nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that everywhere I am in your Presence.”* And not to mention, Susanna’s 16 Rules she laid down in her home:

1. Eating between meals not allowed.
2. As children they are to be in bed by 8 p.m.
3. They are required to take medicine without complaining.
4. Subdue self- will in a child, and those working together with God to save the child’s soul.
5. To teach a child to pray as soon as he can speak.
6. Require all to be still during Family Worship.
7. Give them nothing that they cry for, and only that when asked for politely.
8. To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented of.
9. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
10. Never punish a child twice for a single offense.
11. Comment and reward good behavior.
12. Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed, should be commended.
13. Preserve property rights, even in smallest matters.
14. Strictly observe all promises.
15. Require no daughter to work before she can read well.
16. Teach children to fear the rod.

Her story speaks **hope** into our lives as many struggle raising children, nurturing a relationship with a partner and remaining faithful in acts of service to God. Like Susanna Wesley, mothers today should be saluted for their tenacious love amidst the many storms/challenges they encounter in life. Mothers should be saluted for the tremendous impact they have on others. As always, I am praying for you and with you daily. May God’s love and blessings be always with you, and my love to all of you. Invite someone to join us for **“MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY”** this Sunday!

Daily Bible Reading – 2016 Shaping Our Life Experience

Excerpts from both the Old and New Testament are included each day. This is a great way to support your ongoing growth in faith and the Christ Church community as well.

May 10: 1 Kings 21-22; John 3:1-21

May 11: 2 Kings 1-3; John 3:22-36

May 12: 2 Kings 4-5; John 4:1-30

May 13: 2 Kings 6-8; John 4:31-54

May 14: 2 Kings 9-11; John 5:1-24

May 15: 2 Kings 12-14; John 5:25-47

May 16: 2 Kings 15-17; John 6:1-21

In Our Prayers

JOY! **Laura and Chris Smith** completed a half marathon last weekend. Way to go!!

JOY! Thank you to the **men of Christ Church** who hosted the Café on Mother's Day!!

Patty Keller –recovering from surgery at home; mother-in-law, **Rosalia Keller** died on May 5.

Elvira Gonzalez – rehab at Weinberg Campus;

Glenn Hurst and **Ed Maker** – at home;

Gaetano Castellino Sr. – Waterfront Rehab Facility

John Lopez – health concerns;

Nancy & Frank Annunciata - recovering at home

All who are caregivers for others **New pastor appointment process**

Alex Dunbar, Lindsey Darling & Ian Johnson* (deployed) – all serve in the US Navy

This Week at Christ Church

Tuesday, May 10 – 4:00 pm – UM Women-Exec Board Meeting
7:00 pm – Stewardship & Finance Team

Wednesday, May 11 – 6:30 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 12 - 10:00 am – Life Lessons with Pastor Darryl
7:00 pm – Staff –Parish Relations Team Meeting

Friday, May 13 - Noon - “Caller” newsletter deadline

Saturday, May 14 - 9:00 am – 1 pm – Spring Work Day
4:00 pm – “Filled With The Spirit” Sleepover – FaithXpress children

Sunday, May 15 - **Make A Difference Day Pentecost Sunday**
Worship -9:30 am w/ blessing of work teams
Serving Projects – 10 am -1 pm
**Lunch - 1 pm - Come and share your stories*

**Donations of food to share for lunch and/or donations for food still needed!*
Contact Donna Hammond, team leader (844-8091)

Opportunities to Make A Difference

Food Pantry - suggested items: **May 8** – Canned meat –tuna, chicken, salmon
May 15 – Baby food, formula, diapers

All food items, paper products and toiletry items are welcome anytime.
Grocery carts are available in the church for your donations. Thank you!

We're Collecting! - Check around your home as you do your Spring cleaning!

Baby Clothes – newborn to 6X - *for Baby Blessings*

Clothing Items – new & gently used - *for Clara's Closet*

Women's interview appropriate suits and blouses,

Professional separates, work appropriate shoes, jewelry, scarves,

handbags – reg. & plus sizes - **For Dress For Success**

Clothing & shoes in any condition – **for Planet Aid**

Art supplies for children (paper, markers, paints, etc) - **for University Heights Arts Association**

And don't forget the Shredding truck will be here on Sunday, May 15 to safely shred your documents, papers and files. (Provided by Allaire Financial Strategies)

Offer Hospitality - Host the Cafe

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Café to host some Sunday morning! Invite your family, friends, ministry team or group to join you!

Share in this Café ministry of hospitality and welcome.

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Upcoming event...

Follow along

Not every United Methodist will be a delegate to General Conference, but that doesn't mean that you can't participate in all that is happening May 10-20, 2016, in Portland, Oregon. General Conference is the global gathering of The United Methodist Church, and there are plenty of ways for you to be involved. - See more at: <http://um-insight.net/general-conference/2016-general-conference/every-united-methodist-can-be-part-of-general-conference-201/#sthash.SLHHxiGP.dpuf>

Our computers, phones, and tablets are giving us more ways to stay connected with General Conference than ever before.

Bookmark the website. GC2016.UMC.org is the source for everything about General Conference 2016. News, blogs, resources, videos and photos about everything happening at General Conference are available in this central location. United Methodist Communications will update this page throughout the General Conference with the latest news and daily summaries that share the highlights of each day.

Watch the live stream. Whenever the conference is in session, GC2016.UMC.org will feature live streaming video where you will be able to watch the voting, worship, speeches, and celebrations happening on the floor of General Conference. The feed will be available in English, French, and American Sign Language. The schedule is available online, just remember all times listed are Pacific Time Zone, and you may have to adjust.

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Sleepover!! Children and Youth! – Saturday, May 14 - 4 pm

We'll be filled with the Spirit for this sleepover – preparing the church for Pentecost Sunday – May 15. Projects include banner & pin wheel making, cupcake baking & more! Join us and celebrate the birthday of the church!

Sign up on the bulletin board located at the bottom of the stairs.



**Healthy Living for your Brain and Body:
Tips from the latest research**

Presentation is free and open to the public

Wednesday, May 18

6-7 pm in the Cafe

Appreciation Gathering – Sunday, May 22 10-11am

Christian Education Team members will honor those who have given of their time and shared their gifts as leaders at FaithXpress during the past year. The gathering takes place in the Parlor beginning at 10 am. Join us for this informal time to recognize and express our appreciation for the love and care shown to the children and youth.

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Summer Jazz Vespers

Sunday, May 22

4:30 pm

with the

Ron Corsaro Jazz Trio

Meal to follow

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Sacred, Secular and Comedy Concert

Sunday June 5

4:00 pm – Reception to follow

**With
Valerian Ruminiski**

Singing songs from all genres as well as a preview of music from the musical “SHOT”, a story of the events of the 1901 Pan American Expo and the death of President McKinley, part of Buffalo history.

Contact Carol Teresi (839-4373) for details or if you’d like to help sell tickets.

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“Never forget that you are one of a kind. Never forget that if there weren't any need for you in all your uniqueness to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place. And never forget, no matter how overwhelming life's challenges and problems seem to be, that one person can make a difference in the world. In fact, it is always because of one person that all the changes that matter in the world come about. So be that one person.”

~R. Buckminster Fuller