

Joys and Concerns

our prayers are with:

- Marlene Davis' son, who learned his cancer was more serious than originally thought after surgery.
- Family of Sue Whitfield's daughter's friend who passed away following a horse riding accident.
- Kay Jones' niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Mark, whose son, Gavin, is hospitalized with meningitis.
- Jean Lord's great-granddaughter who has an infection in her hip.
- Sue Perry's father who is homebound and receiving excellent care.
- The family of Kevin Mateer who lost his life during the recent storm.
- Jan and Gene Parsons' friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Brady Tripp's mother-in-law who has cancer.
- Eileen Clark, who recently had a stroke.
- Sue Sterling's cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- The LaBella family whose daughter is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Millie Ackerly's daughter who is receiving cancer treatment.

Our Life in Community

Stock Sale—The Youth Group is selling Stocks **TODAY** in-between services. There is a Stockholder level for any amount. Money raised through Stocks helps support our trip U.M. ARMY and other youth activities and missions.

VBS - Would you like to spend a week in the evenings at Gangway to Galilee, helping our children discover the welcoming love of God at work all around us? At Gangway to Galilee, we will help children experience God's amazing grace through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun! Sign up for a **Vacation Bible School** leadership role and join us in the excitement at Gangway to Galilee. VBS will be held August 4-8, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To Volunteer contact Barbara Williams at 860-354-4203 or the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

The Mix—How does the Word speak to your life? Join us for food, live music and scripture on Wednesdays, July 9 and 23 at 6:00 p.m. We will engage in Lectio Divina/Pneuma Divine, letting the Holy Spirit guide our reading.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., June 23 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room
Tues., June 24 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Church Council in Fellowship Hall
Wed., June 25 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
Thurs., June 26 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
Sun., June 29 at 8:30 am Chapel in the Pines Worship Service
at 10:00 am Blended Service in Sanctuary
at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary
at 2:30 pm Youth Group
at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall



The Service of Worship
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor
Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Pastor
Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Chapel in the Pines—Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 8:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Announcements

Processional "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" STORIES OF JESUS
Hymn 277

Call to Worship

Sometimes we just don't understand what God wants us to do.

We hide in our chains of fear away from God's call.

God calls us to service and freedom, and it won't necessarily be an easy life.

There is so much that needs to be done. We can't do it all.

That's the beauty of it. We don't have to do it all. We just have to try and do something to help those in need. Our example will inspire others to service, and so on it goes.

Lord, make us ready to be your disciples. Free us from our fears. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God,
in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen

Epistle

Romans 6:1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 10:24-39
A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Sermon

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

All Sit.

Prayer

Gracious and loving God, come to us in our fears and frustrations. We feel unable to serve and often beaten down by life. Give us courage and strength and help us joyfully serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand if you are able to sing the hymn

Hymn 314 "In the Garden" GARDEN

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

The lay leader will conclude: Lord in your mercy.

The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are so beaten down by life. We see the shadows all around us and shrink away from your light in our fears. We turn our backs on others because we don't believe that we have anything to offer. Our attitudes and our actions often reflect anger and hostility rather than compassion and hope. Please forgive us, Lord. Please heal and restore us to wholeness and hope. Give us courage to be your disciples. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Jesus does not say that discipleship is easy. He says that we are called to serve and that he will be with us. That is truly good news. Our service will be supported and encouraged by our Lord who has healed and restored us. Rejoice! For you have been called and made whole by the love of God. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Disciples have said to their teachers, "I will follow you wherever you go." May the peace of Christ follow you wherever you go: at home, at work, and in the world. Let us turn to one another and offer signs of this peace in our lives.

The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth,
**and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.**

Sermon

"You Bet Your Life" REV. PAUL A. FLECK

Reader's Theater

Reader 1: Ha! The preacher thinks we should go and serve Jesus. Does the preacher have any idea what that means, you know, leaving the comforts of home. People won't understand what we are doing. They will think we are nuts! Even our own families won't get it! Go and serve Jesus? Not me.

Reader 2: Well, now, the preacher has got it right. If we sit here, or stand here, and proclaim our faith, and sing the great songs, but do nothing we are just spitting in the wind. We really need to do something. People don't have to understand. God understands. That's what's really important. You're not doing this for the approval of people; you are doing this for God.

Reader 1: Yeh, right! Listen, God has lots of do-gooders to get things done. What makes you think you can do something special? Are you better than everyone else?

Reader 2: No, I'm not better than anyone else. I just want to serve God. I want to act on what I say. I know it won't be easy. That doesn't matter. I just want to serve. You are welcome to serve also.

Reader 1: Not me. I can't serve. I won't serve. My service is coming to church once a week. That's all I have to give.

Reader 2: Perhaps that's enough for now. Just wait and see. Don't close the doors to service.

Please stand if you are able to sing the hymn.

Hymn 369 "Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE

SENDING FORTH

Postlude