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Praising Christ Every Sunday at 8:30 am

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a letter from the pastor



Grace and peace to all of you, in Christ Jesus.

One of the main points, I have been sharing each Sunday service since I was appointed here in January, is how we “the body of believers” are called to love our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I stated that one of the best ways to reach out to “lost people” is by truly loving one another, within the body of Christ, as Christ has loved us. I want to reinforce this biblical truth by sharing a devotion with you from Seedbed.com.

“Why Community Pantries Will Never Get It Done

*Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **Philippians 2:1-2***

CONSIDER THIS

We have somehow come to equate our Christian witness to the world with the amount of good work we can do in the world. It does make sense, and it’s not wrong. It’s just not exactly right either. I mean, what distinguishes the service of Christians in the world from, say, the United Way or the Mormon Church? Is it just that we attach the name of Jesus to our service, as though that were a value add? Could it be our T-shirts?

Jesus seemed to articulate a different strategy when it came to the way his followers would be recognized and known in the world: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35).

Jesus is not advocating for a different kind of service provider in the world. He’s building a different kind of community in the world. It is a community founded in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, a group of people who are mysteriously caught up in and illumined by the interrelationships of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The reputation of the church in the world will never rise above the quality of the relationships within it. In fact, that is the church. After all, why did Jesus pray “that all of them would be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us” (John 17:21a)?

Answer: “so that the world will believe that you have sent me” (v. 21b).

It makes sense, then, that Paul would put all his eggs in this basket.

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Paul gets it—where there is great love, miracles always happen. Consider this practical example. Why do we put so much stock in community pantries to help the poor? A poor person comes to our upper-middle-class church for help and we dutifully send them down to the community pantry. What if we brought them into our community and loved them out of poverty—helped them get jobs, equipped them with the biblical wisdom to build a household economy, raised our children together, and so on? What if the community of the church, which is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, was a place where the love for one another was so palpable nothing was impossible for them? Think of the witness this would be to the watching world?

Before I get angry e-mails, let me be clear. Community pantries are fine; they certainly help poor people. It's just they will never solve poverty. Only a community of ordinary relationships building itself up with extraordinary love will ever hope to do that.

And yes, these places do exist. In the end, the point of this post is not to do with poverty. It's about creating communities of true abundance."

I believe the bible teaches, as this devotion so eloquently stated, that *"The reputation of the church in the world will never rise above the quality of the relationships within it."*

Let us "love one another as Christ has loved us" so that the quality of our relationships in our church becomes the reputation our community knows us by.

Your fellow servant in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Doug Carroll



Worship SCHEDULE

We are back in person to worship! We will continue to stream the worship service via Facebook live at 8:30 am on Sundays and this service will also be posted on our website by Monday evening.

May 2nd-8:30 am– “Heaven or Earth Bound.” Colossians 3:1-4

May 9th -8:30 am “Holy Living.” Colossians 3:1-4

May 16th -8:30 am “Taking Off Your Grave Clothes.” Colossians 3:5-9

May 23rd-8:30 am “Putting on New Clothes” Colossians 3:12-14

May 30th– 8:30 am “ Let Peace Rule.” Colossians 3:15-17

Those Who Serve

**Greeters and Readers will continue to remain as we have been currently doing due to COVID.*

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
May 2	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 9	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 16	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 23	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
May 30	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

Communion Setup

May 2 (pre-packaged)

Pianist/Organist

Ann Pals

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
June 6	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
June 13	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
June 20	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
June 27	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

Communion Setup

June 6 (pre-packaged)

Pianist/Organist

Ann Pals

If there is a conflict with your schedule, please find someone to trade with you, then contact Megan at the office with the change at 815-443-2177, email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



May 2		Communion
May 3	6:30 pm	Small Group Bible Study
May 6		National Day of Prayer
May 9	6-8 pm	Youth Group Meeting
May 10	6:30 pm	Small Group Bible Study
May 17	6:30 pm	Small Group Bible Study
May 20	6:30 pm	One Board Meeting
May 24	6:30 pm	Small Group Bible Study
May 31	6:30 pm	Small Group Bible Study

June Newsletter items are due on May 24th



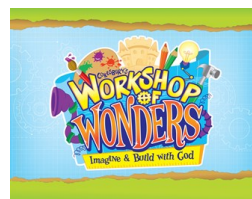
Please Join Us! Small group/ Bible study to be held at Steve and Janis Sheffey's house on Monday nights from 6:30 -8:00 pm. Please bring a Bible and sermon notes.

Dear Parents, Our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God! Your children will become Visioneers at the Workshop of Wonders as they explore how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God and experience the love of Jesus.

Join us at: Pearl City First United Methodist Church Sunday, July 18th to Thursday, July 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

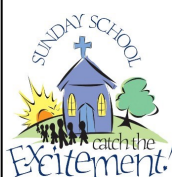
Program will be Sunday, July 25th at 8:30 am

To be a part of all the excitement at Workshop of Wonders, complete a registration form by July 1st.



Many Thanks to everyone who helped and who came to the resurrection Easter egg hunt. Our recruitment manager, Melissa, enticed 43 youngsters to join us for the celebration. Devin and Pastor Doug handled our 4-6th graders while Jolene and Melissa corralled the 1-3rd graders. Katrina and Jaime enjoyed teaching the little ones. We were blessed to have our youth, Kady, Max, Kip, Gracie and Brody, assist our leaders. Kids collected 1271 eggs, played Easter games, and learned about the resurrection of Jesus, in the beautiful outdoors. We had an awesome Easter celebration.

Feeling Thankful,
Kathy Sleezer



Don't forget! Sunday school has resumed. Every Sunday during service, children are welcome to attend Sunday school in the lower level. A short children's sermon is held when they return from Sunday school.



The youth group will meet on the second Sunday evening of the month from 6-8 pm for all 7th-9th grade youth. If you have any questions, please contact Devin Martens, pastor Doug Carroll, or Kathy Sleezer.



Pearl City United Methodist Church One Board Meeting April 15th, 2021

Present: Calvin, Jason, Janis, Dennis, Greg, Jennifer, Janine, and Pastor Doug

Calvin called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Checking account balance at the end of March, 2021 was \$7182.02

Motion was made by Greg to approve the consent calendar, Dennis seconded, motion passed.

Easter Breakfast was nice to have again, Thank you to everyone who helped and donated for it.

Trustee items:

1. We got a quote from Erickson Paving to do the lower parking lot for \$27,060. That does not include the rock we will need to get hauled in for the base. The trustees made a motion to accept the bid from Erickson Paving for the asphalt part of the lower driveway, Dennis seconded, motion passed.

2. Jason made a motion to cash in 2- \$5000 cd's with interest to help offset the cost and will talk to the bank about borrowing the rest that is needed which is around \$7,000-\$10,000. Greg seconded, motion passed.

Greg made a motion to adjourn, Janis seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Jennifer Barklow

Submitting a Prayer Request: Please email prayer requests/ joys to pearlcityumc@gmail.com and we will add them to our bulletin and they'll be included in our worship service. These can be a prayer or even a joy! You can also leave a message on the Pearl City UMC answering machine at 815-443-2177. ***We also have a sheet on the table in the Narthex that you can add your joys/ concerns to before the service begins.***



Office Hours: Megan will be working from home and in office throughout the week with set office hours on Thursdays from 10:30-3:30. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call or email her. You can email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message. She will get back to you as soon as possible.



Offerings: Please remember that if you are financially able, you can continue to mail your offerings to the church: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236, Pearl City, IL 61062.

PRAY FOR HEALING

Cody Hardy Bentley Kurt Mills
Julie Brady Greg Frank Roberta Miller
Connie Drane

Those suffering from illness and injury

OUR SHUT-INS & THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Dortothy Willhite Connie Brady
Marcelle Rosenstiel

Our family and friends in care facilities and hospital

OUR NATION, WORLD & COMMUNITY

Our men and women in uniform and their families



May Celebrations



Birthdays

May 3 Cheryl Phillips
May 4 Cheryl Liebenstein
May 6 Tonya Lower
May 7 Colton Gronewold
May 8 Gerry Miller
May 9 Samantha Gobeli
May 11 Todd Lower
May 13 Ashley Gronewold
May 13 Larry Johnson
May 15 Mike Strohecker
May 16 Elijah Linnemann
May 17 Lucy Tessor Dorf
May 18 Donna Werkheiser
May 20 Linda Blankenhorn
May 21 McKenzie Lotz
May 22 Cherie Kuhlmyer
May 25 Julia Keeling

May 27 Ginnie Townsend
May 29 Ann Pals
May 30 Alanna Pals
May 31 Connie Brady

Anniversary's

May 25 M/M Chad Stephan
May 28 M/M Robert Millward

****If any birthdays or anniversaries have been missed or are incorrect, please let Megan know so she can update our records. Thank you!***



Church Directory

UPDATE

HELP NEEDED! Our church directory is in need of some major updating. We need your current address and contact information to keep you up to date on what's happening in the church. Please let us know of any changes to your family (marriage, births, etc.) so we can keep those record updated as well. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter or would like to only receive it by email, please let us know. If you need to update your information, you can call (815)4432177, email pearlcityumc@gmail.com, or mail this from back to: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236 Pearl City, IL Attn: Megan You can also update your information on or website under Member Access.

-Thank you for your help!

Name(s)

Address

Phone

Cell Phone

Text Yes No

E-mail

Anniversary

Birthday(s):

thank
you!



Website: Stay up to date on events and other information by visiting www.pearlcityumc.org You can see our on line services, upcoming events, announcements, daily messages, view our church calendar/schedule, worship schedule, food pantry information, youth information, and also view the newsletter.

Facebook: Visit our Facebook page and "Like Us" at: facebook.com/pcumcil



You can find our on-line services there, daily messages and many other updates/announcements.

Our church Administrative Assistant, Rhonda Brudi has been offered increased duties at her other job, and as a result has decided to resign from the position here at our church. She sends her love to the church and much appreciates how accepting our congregation has been to her over the past few years. We as SPRC, the Church One Board, and Congregation value all that Rhonda has done to keep us organized, move us forward, and especially this past year when she maneuvered the technology gap for us during our COVID shut down. We wish her nothing but the best as she increases her workload at her other job, and again thank her for everything!

Moving forward, Megan Sheffey will be working to take over the Church Administrative Assistant role. She and Rhonda have already begun the transition to make this as seamless as possible for our church. We appreciate Megan's interest in taking over, and welcome her to the operations side of things. Megan will be working from home and in office throughout the week with set office hours on Thursdays from 10:30-3:30. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call or email her. You can email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com or call the office (815-443-2177) and leave a message. She will get back to you as soon as possible.