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Praising Christ Every Sunday at 8:30 am

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a letter from the pastor



To the 3 churches God has allowed me to pastor.

I want to encourage you that God is building His Church and that includes us!

The devotion below, from Seedbed.com, by Dan Wilt, is great reminder that Jesus Christ is still using His Church to accomplish his plans and purposes through us.

“The Holy Spirit is a Body Builder

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NIV

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

CONSIDER THIS

*How many churches are in the world today? That question may be a bit beyond the scope of our immediate trivia knowledge. Let’s try another question. How many Churches are there in the world today? See what I did there? A capital “C” puts the question in an entirely different category. **There is only one Church, only one Body of Christ**, according to the Scriptures. Jesus alone knows who is in his Church. The parable of the sheep and the goats is a parable for our time, but at the end of the day, there is only one flock of sheep. And Jesus knows each sheep by name (John 10:3).*

The Holy Spirit, in 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, communicates to us that if we were baptized by one Holy Spirit, then we are a part of the one Body of Christ. We all drink the water of God’s love and power at the same fountain. Like little children on the playground, we may try to push one another away to get our turn, hog the fountain, or put our claim on it. But there is plenty for everyone, and, if you look around, there are many fountains at which to drink the same living water.

The Holy Spirit is all about making—bringing together—the Body of Christ. We are one Body, but there are many parts taking their place to embody Jesus’ life and ministry in their unique locales and neighborhoods across the planet. When we start complaining about the rest of the Church, or if we even lose ourselves in a whine-fest complaining in sweeping terms about how broken we as the Church are, I believe we have stepped over a very important line.

First of all, when we complain about the Church as a whole, that is just a sorry, weak, lazy, and distorted replacement for biblical lament. We are welcomed to lament, to grieve, and to pray for the Body of Christ when seeming fractures and relational puzzles emerge. But it seems that God’s Word gives us no quarter to stand as judge and jury over what is happening with our brothers and sisters in different parts of the Body.

Secondly, when we stage a whine-fest complaining in sweeping terms about how broken we are as the Church, it is like declaring: "I know all and see all, and this Body is a mess. It's a hot mess, I tell you." At that point, we are on the wrong side of God. Do we really think the gates of hell are prevailing against the Church, even when Jesus said they would not (Matt. 16:18)? No, they are not. Times are hard, yes. But the Spirit sees the true, robust, and unconquerable Body of Jesus rising with him toward the day New Creation's dawn breaks on the earth. Full stop. The Body of Christ is beautiful, and strong, and always the Beloved of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit is a Body Builder, and that is who we are to become as well if the Spirit lives in us. If we spend our time lost in complaint, we are spending our energies in the opposite direction in which the Spirit is spending the Spirit's energies. Jesus is about building his Church, and the gates of hell will not topple it, divide it, or diffuse its power.

Let's turn our energies to pray for the Body of Christ in all its local forms to learn what it means to live in union with the Father and the Son once more. Then, let's pray for the unity that flows out of that intimacy. It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the capacity for unity in a fallen world. The Body of Christ is designed to be a sign, a wonder, a declaration that unity can occur in any age.

THE PRAYER

Jesus, I receive the Holy Spirit. Forgive me if I have become discouraged about the state of your Church and spoken ill of your Body; I don't see all, and I repent. Come, Holy Spirit, turn the lament and grief in my heart to praise and prayer for your Kingdom to come in the beautiful Body of Christ. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE QUESTION

What good, right, and lovely things do you see happening in and through the Church across the world?"

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.

July 4th -8:30 am— “The Truth” - John 8:31-32

July 11th -8:30 am— “The Wolves” - Acts 20:29-31

July 18th -8:30 am— “The Sheep” - Galatians 1:6-9

July 25th -8:30 am— “The Culture” - 1 Peter 2:9-17

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>
July 4	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
July 11	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
July 18	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
July 25	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

<u>Communion Setup</u>	<u>Pianist/Organist</u>
July 4	Ann Pals

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Aug 1	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
Aug 8	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
Aug 15	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
Aug 22	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
Aug 29	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

<u>Communion Setup</u>	<u>Pianist/Organist</u>
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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



July 4		Communion/ Independence Day
July 11	6-8 pm	Youth Group Meeting
July 15	6:30 pm	One Board Meeting
July 18		Grace Meal– St. John's (PC)
July 18-22	6-8 pm	VBS Starts
July 25	8:30 am	VBS program

August Newsletter items are due on July 21st



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.



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 Pearl City School District is requesting the following supplies for the 2021-2022 school year.

Any assistance acquiring these supplies would be greatly appreciated.

- Post-It Notes
- Post-It Poster Paper
- Earbuds
- Computer Mice
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Markers (washable preferred)
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons

Thank you for your generosity!



The Pearl City Food Panty is currently in need of these items for the month of July. You can also give a monetary donation if you prefer. You can drop off or mail donations to The State Bank of Pearl City (215 S Main St., Pearl City IL 61062) Please make checks payable to Pearl City Food Pantry.

- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Miracle Whip type dressing
- Minced Onion
- Onion Powder



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 June 17th, 2021

Present: Jolene, Janis, Calvin, Jennifer, Phyllis, Dennis, Janine, Ann, Greg, Jason

Calvin called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Checking account balance at the end of May, 2021 was \$6,377.14

The UMW donated \$6,700 to us. Thank you for all you have done, Ladies of UMW, for the church and church family!

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

Trustee items:

1. Remodel work at parsonage continues.

*Waterheater was fixed.

*Basement has a hole in the floor near the base of the stairs that needs to be addressed as it fills with water.

*Landscaping work continues-Pastor Doug taking on some of that work by his choice. He would like some dirt brought over

*Grass seed needs to be spread

2. Construction work in lower parking lot

*Goal for work in lower church parking lot to be completed by end of July

*West wall in lower parking lot was removed. The plan was to replace it with a concrete wall, however, unforeseen issues with the footing came up and would be cost prohibitive to resolve. Plan will move forward with a block wall instead. Bids have been placed with F&H concrete and with Burkholders for that work

*Greg hopes to be able to work with the landscape company that is seeding the Dollar General property and contract them to seed our space as well

Old Business:

New Business:

1. The organ is still needing to be removed. Calvin has another contact he is reaching out to

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Newsletter Cont.

Walk-in Items:

1. VBS is scheduled for July 18-22 this year, however, town baseball/softball will significantly overlap that schedule. Kathy, along with Melissa's input, is considering options
2. The church is considering holding an Ice Cream Social again this summer. One possibility discussed included an ice cream/ root-beer float booth during the Pearl City Homecoming celebration. Janis Sheffey will reach out to those in charge to discuss
3. Greg asked to borrow a table and a few folding chairs from the church at the end of the month. This was approved
4. Pastor Marilyn from the Lanark United Methodist Church asked to use our building for a few hours on the morning of Saturday, August 14th. She would like to use our building as a place for a wedding party to change and get ready for the ceremony at Blackhawk Monument. Discussion was held around logistics, as the Food Pantry is scheduled for the day. This was approved.

Jason made a motion to adjourn, Calvin seconded, and meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm



Office Hours: Megan will be working from home during the week and in the office 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 choose to do so, you can mail your offerings to the church: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236, Pearl City, IL 61062.



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



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.



PRAY FOR HEALING

Those suffering from illness and injury

Those going through hard times, spiritually, mentally, and/ or finically.

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



July Celebrations



Birthdays

Jul 1 Burgundy Barklow
Jul 3 Nancy Edler
Jul 4 Hudson Sheffey
Jul 5 Darrin Voegeli
Jul 7 Devin Martens
Jul 7 Jeff Gravenstein
Jul 8 Laura Eaton
Jul 8 Tera Gravenstein
Jul 10 Alexandria Johnson
Jul 12 Jace Keeling
Jul 14 Sam Howe
Jul 17 Brynlee Voegeli
Jul 18 Brock Gobeli
Jul 19 Sarah Kulhemeier
Jul 23 Gail Dommel
Jul 26 Jennifer Gobeli
Jul 26 Liana Rosenstiel
Jul 28 John Kuhlmyer
Jul 29 Amy Baker
Jul 30 Jessica Roach



Anniversary's

Jul 13 M/M Devin Martens
Jul 14 M/M Mike Sleezer
Jul 20 M/M Gerald Miller
Jul 27 M/M Richard Voss
Jul 28 M/M Jon Rosenstiel

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