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# TIDINGS

## JULY/AUGUST 2019

Sunday Morning Services at 10AM

Coffee Hour to follow

***From the Pastor's Desk –***

In Paul's letter to the Galatians he wrote something that will always be true. He said that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This not only means that we have a good guide to help us recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit both around us and within us but it also means, and I find this very encouraging, that these things are real and possible and exist everywhere. When I am ready to give up on human beings and the sad history of the world this simple statement pulls me back and restores my hope and keeps me looking for signs of the Spirit. Summer is the time for vacations, for enjoying the beauty of the earth, the warm sunshine, the beaches and mountains and every roadway to adventure and relaxation and rest. As we celebrate summer and take vacations and enjoy the outdoors let us be looking for signs of the Spirit, for love and joy and peace, for patience and kindness and generosity, for faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Annie Dillard said once that we live in what we seek. Perhaps if we seek and if we look, we will find. May we live in peace together and seek peace for everyone wherever we go, whatever we do.

Larry

## Valuing Others

In my studying to decide what to write I kept returning to the subject of valuing others and this quote, "God sees us with the eyes of a father. He sees our defects, errors, and blemishes. But he also sees our value."

What did Jesus know that enabled him to do what he did? Here is part of the answer. He knew the value of people; he knew that each human being is a treasure. Because he did, people were not a source of stress but a source of joy. (From: In the eye of the storm)

In the gospel of Matthew 10:31 Jesus tells us that we have more value than the birds. I love the birds and have several feeders in my yard. I feed them frequently and get great joy from them with all their color and wonderful songs. As I contemplated this I asked myself if I felt the same about the people that God has entrusted to me as your Lay Leader. I can honestly say that I love people and pray daily that my ministry will be one of love and patience. In my early years I would ask how could I possibly love everyone and follow Christ's teaching to love as he has loved me. I argued that there was no way that I could do that. My mother had a saying that has served me well throughout the years. "There is a difference between loving the person and not loving the action". One does not have to love the actions but he

commands us to love one another. The person and the actions are two different things. As I seek to obey his commandments I find great value in others.

I am reminded that I, and all of us, need each other. It is easy for me to bull my way along, see something that needs to be done and rush to do it rather than to pray and ask for help. I have a close friend who reminds me often that I don't need to fix everything. I often find delegating difficult to do. As I take that advice I continue to learn the value of others who wish to help.

We are now into the summer season when there is much comings and goings. I am seeking God for renewed life and energy so that we all get refreshed and reenergized and ready to move into whatever God has for our small church.

We all are of great value to God and I trust you all will realize how much I value each of you.

Blessings

Winnie

## **This and That**

After much prayer and consideration we have decided to rearrange the meeting schedules. We are now having Ad Council every other month. **The next meeting is on August 18<sup>th</sup>**. It is up to committee chair persons as to how often they call a meeting. So far this has worked well.

The Thrift Shop has reached a slow season as there are so many things to do on a Saturday. At the last Ad Council meeting I admitted that I was tired and I did not feel it was in anyone's best interest to keep begging our small crew to cover the hours. After discussion it was decided to close the shop for the month of August to give everyone a vacation.

Julie and I continue to look for different ways to add new life to the congregation. Please pray for this aspect of our church life and share your ideas with Julie and me.

Winnie Martin

### **Missions Meeting**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM**

### **Ad Council Meeting**

**August 18<sup>th</sup> 11:15AM**

### **Recipe of the Week**

#### **ELEPHANT STEW**

**1 medium-size Elephant**

**2 rabbits (optional)**

**Salt and Pepper**

**Cut the elephant into small bite size pieces. Add enough brown gravy to cover. Cook over kerosene fire about four weeks at 465 degrees. This will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected two rabbits may be added. But do this only in emergency: most people do not like hare in their stew.**

## July Birthdays

- 2 Michael Perham
- 7 Jay Schrock, Christina Pohas
- 8 Joan Wolkin, Autumn Wetson
- 9 Don Smith
- 13 Luke Meade
- 14 Roger Perham
- 16 Peyton Sophia Tipert
- 20 Kathy Kirlis
- 23 Jeff Tyner,  
Rev. Larry Wimmer
- 25 Helen Trepanier
- 29 Christen Barton Tipert,  
Cheryl Day

## July Anniversaries

- 14 Carolyn & Steve Walsh
- 19 Linda & Peter Heitz
- 21 Pat & Paul Johnson
- 28 Bob & Kathy Kirlis

## August Birthdays

- 4 John Tyack
- 5 Emma Meade
- 8 Diane Stinson
- 10 Ruth Flumerfelt
- 13 Barbara Sollows-Davis
- 14 Patty Miller, Carol Ann  
Williams
- 15 Rich Stinson
- 18 Charlie Ciaramitaro
- 19 Wayne Grove
- 22 Stephen Zagorski
- 25 Carol Schrock
- 28 Steve Zagorski

## August Anniversaries

- 29 Carol & Jerry Schrock

