



Mariners: No meetings until further notice

Women’s Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, August 17th at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Postponed until further notice	
Mariners	Postponed until further notice	
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, Friday Fellowship and Mariners have been temporarily postponed until further notice.

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91:1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Frantz – Returning to Canada
for Cancer Treatment

Suzanne Frantz – Cancer, Eye, husband Don
COVID – Among Us



GOD'S THIRD PRIORITY: **JESUS IS ALIVE**

Jesus is alive! Death has been conquered! Even though we may experience death as far as this physical life is concerned, this isn't the real death. The death of the soul, the real death, has been conquered!

When Christ tasted the second death, He actually experienced the judgment of God upon sin. He didn't taste physical death for us, because we still have to die, but He wants us to know that we don't have to worry about the second death because He has already taken care of that for all who are putting their trust in Him.

The angel reminded me how complete God's plan is, and gave the reference of Acts 2:24 where he referred to Jesus saying it was impossible for death to hold Him. Why was it impossible? Because it was already recorded in heaven that He came out of death and hell. Because it was in God's plan, it was impossible that hell could hold Him. Satan was defeated!

The beautiful story of what Jesus did is told in Hebrews 2:9-15.

When people who had put Jesus to death saw Him living in those who belonged to Him, instead of having only one Jesus to contend with, they had many! In fact, all of those who served Him were reflecting His power and His life! The best way to let people know that He is alive today is to let them see you reflecting His life as He lives in you!



POSITIVE INSIGHTS

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Mark 11:23-24

Confidence is a vital ingredient of living. The Bible regards confidence – faith in God – as necessary to our well-being. One day you may notice a huge obstacle in your pathway. You can’t get around it and you don’t know what to do about it. That is your mountain. It has you licked. But you can knock it down if you have faith, if you believe.

You can overcome gigantic obstacles and have a life more wonderful than you ever imagined if you recondition your mind. Learn to reject small thinking. Never admit to negative thought. Never give utterance to defeatist fears. Talk it up, think it up, believe it up! As you think big, big results will come.

Prayer: *Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for showing us that You are big for sending a big Savior to this world to make big people of us; for giving us big opportunities and the capacity for big faith, big love, big hope, big life. Thank You, Lord. Help us to take it and grow with it. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Norman Vincent Peale



COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!



Beginning this month Coffee Hour will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.



THE FUN-FILLED FAMILY VACATION

By Irma Bombeck



For years, my husband and I have advocated separate vacations. But the kids keep finding us.

We have always said if we could just mail ourselves to where we are going, we might arrive in a gayer holiday mood. But it’s all the miles in between that makes traveling as giddy as the Nuremberg trials. (We once picked up a hitchhiker who wrote us a check to let him out.)

Although each vacation spot is a new, exciting experience, the trip by car is rather predictable.

First, there is Captain Daddy’s “Give ‘Em Hell” speech.

“All right, gang. We’re about to embark on what can be a wonderful vacation together. That depends on you. First, I want to make a few remarks about the car. You’ll notice it has a floor in it. That is for your feet. At no time, repeat no time do I want a pair of yesterday’s socks in my face.

“Second, as your captain, I will make window assignments each morning. If there is any quarrel with these assignments, feel free to file a grievance with the AFL/CIO.

“May I also remind you this car is not a trough. Any candy wrappers, banana peelings, apple cores, broken straws or paper cups must be thrown away. I will not tolerate another fruit-fly assault like last summer.

“Third, Walkmans must be turned off while you sleep. Also the occupants of the car will not be subjected to more than ninety-nine choruses of “Ninety-nine Bottles of Beer” in a twenty-four hour period.

“And last, there will be no reading of “Sweet Valley High” novels, “Mad” Magazine, “Sports Illustrated” (Swimsuit Edition), or comic books while we are touring breath-taking mountain ranges, historic monuments or indescribable cathedrals. Remember, you are going to have a wonderful time if I have to break every bone in your bodies.”

Once Captain Daddy’s speech is out of the way, we are in for five hundred miles of the Disaster Lady, our teenager daughter who didn’t want to make the trip in the first place. Her fatalistic approach to a vacation makes it as much fun as diarrhea.

The car is barely out of the driveway before she lifts her head in a dramatic jerk and whispers, “Did you hear that? I thought I heard a knock under the hood. Cecily Ainsworth’s dad had that same knock under his hood and the car blew up at the end of the driveway.”

When you are half a day out from home, she will stir restlessly in the back seat and yell, “Mom, did you remember to unplug your coffeepot and iron? The last time I saw them they were on.” Or, “I sure hope someone remembered to take the cat next door.”

Occasionally, she will unplug the Walkman from her ear and sigh, “Gee that’s too bad.”

“What’s too bad?”

“About the weather.”

“What about the weather?”

“The extended forecast predicts two solid weeks of rain where we are going. But I don’t mind really because I was exposed to German measles thirteen days ago.”

And there is Happy Mouth, our eleven-year-old who is one of the best testimonials to Planned Parenthood I can think of. There is something disgusting about a kid who wakes up happy and goes steadily uphill the rest of the day.

“Hey, do you want to hear the poem I read on the last rest-room wall?”

“No,” says the car in unison.

“It said, ‘Violets are blue, roses are red, If you can read this, you’re standing on your head.’”

“That’s enough.”

“Can I plug in the electric back-scratcher I bought at the last souvenir shop?”

“No, you’ll run the car battery down.”

“Can I take a picture of your nose hairs?”

“No!”

Happy Mouth may be put down on the average of once every three minutes, but he is undaunted. “Hey, this looks like a neat restaurant.”

“Are you kidding? This place will have to be cleaned before they can condemn it.”

“I want to eat here. There’s a real neat dog inside, see him?”

“I should. He’s sitting in a booth.”

“Aw c’mon, Mom.”

“Okay, but let me give you one word of advice. This place is a filthy dump. I bet they haven’t had a customer since the septic tank backed up. We’ll all be fine if we order something safe like cheese or peanut butter. Remember now, something safe.”

Happy Mouth is the first to order, “I’ll have the roast turkey and dressing.” He grins. Then, “May I use your rest room?”

Happy Mouth is absolutely jubilant when he gets back. “You should see the kitchen.”

“I don’t want to talk about it,” I say, picking at my cheese sandwich.

“It’s got a stove with big pots on it and a neat fire extinguisher on the wall.”

“It’s probably a stomach pump,” snarls my husband.

“And the dog out there is having puppies.”

All eyes at the table focus hard on Happy Mouth. He senses our animosity. “Guess what?” he says cheerfully, “I didn’t sit on the toilet seat.”

Naturally, I have saved the Family Mother of the trip until last. Upon her frail shoulders rests the responsibility of maintaining order, keeping track of mileage, reading maps and of course getting Captain Daddy to make pit stops with some regularity.

“If we’re going to reach Goose Fork by four as I had planned,” he says, “we can’t stop for rest rooms or meals.”

“But I’m beginning to feel like I am in a getaway car.”

“Really,” he snorts, “if you are going to make such a big deal about it, look for a place to eat.”

Two hours later, we are still looking for a place to eat which he finds satisfactory.

Finally, Mother rummages in her handbag. “I’m in luck. Here are two breath mints, one for each child. Here is a sticky coughdrop for me and here’s a piece of chocolate for Daddy.”

Daddy smiles as he devours the square of chocolate. “This should hold us until we get to Goose Fork,” he smiles.

“Don’t count on it,” I replay, taking a deep breath, “I just fed you a laxative.”

EVERYONE HAS A STORY IN LIFE

A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train’s window shouted, “Dad, look the trees are going behind!”

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old’s childish behavior with pity. Suddenly he again exclaimed, “Dad, look the clouds are running with us!”

The couple couldn’t resist and said to the old man, “Why don’t you take your son to a good doctor?” The old man smiled and said, “I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today.”

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don’t judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

JUNE 2021 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 28

Giving:

Local:	\$4,760.33
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	11.45
Total:	\$4,771.78



DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST



ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th –David & Evelyn Hurlbut
- 29th –Victor & Geri Masellis

BIRTHDAYS

- 04th –Mike Radcliffe
- 07th –Nathan Price
- 08th –Terri Johnson



- 10th –Hannah Price
Kay Qualls

- 14th –Eunice Lasater
- 20th –Elaine Azevedo

- 24th –Mari Arellano
Joel Price

- 25th –Lois Frantz

- 30th –Kathy Price
Candice Sheldon



*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.
Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary.
You are important to us!*

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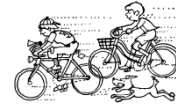
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AUGUST 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 James 2:14-24 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano	2 Galatians 6:7-10 Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo	3 Romans 1:8-17 Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton	4 Proverbs 3:1-6 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.	5 Ephesians 5:1-2 Ron Cadruvi & Fam. Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy	6 John 6:1-14 Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart	7 Romans 5:1-5 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear
8 Matthew 8:23-27 Pastor & Teachers Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz	9 Romans 12:9-21 Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	10 Matthew 17:14-20 Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	11 2 Timothy 1:5-10 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family	12 Psalm 139:1-12 Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Family	13 Luke 12:22-34 Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee	14 Acts 20:32-35 David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason
15 John 14:15-31 Pastor & Teachers Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Mark 5:21-34 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommy Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 Luke 10:25-37 Dennis Peterson Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	18 Psalm 25:1-6 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	19 James 5:13-16 Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam. Joel & Susan Price & Family	20 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Family	21 Lamentations 3:25-33 Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden
22 Matthew 22:34-40 Pastor & Teachers Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer	23 Psalm 46:1-11 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	24 Hebrews 10:19-25 Tony & Laura Snyder & Family Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	25 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Family Veronica Suderham & Family	26 Romans 8:28-39 Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	27 John 11:1-16 Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	28 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam. Roger & Cynthia Welch & Family
29 John 19:17-30 Pastor & Teachers Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam. Derek Wyatt	30 Psalm 31:19-24 Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	31 Job 12:7-10				















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AUGUST 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	 8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	 4:15pmFellowship Singers	6	HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
 Coffee Hour	9	 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	11	 4:15pmFellowship Singers	13	HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
15	16	 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30amWomen's Fellowship Mtg.	18	 4:15pmFellowship Singers 6:00pmBoard Meeting	20	HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
 Coffee Hour	23	 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	25	 4:15pmFellowship Singers	27	HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
29	30	 EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon				

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour