



THE CONNECTION

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

Message from the Pastor:

As I ponder recent events in our land and in our nation's Capital city and daily news reports that bombard us with violence, death and/or injury, the word that comes to my mind is *peace*. For me at times, I find that peace is often so very elusive.....

- Peace in our schools and our city streets and homes....where is it?
- Peace in our homes and an end to domestic violence and abuse
- Peace in our world----10 consecutive years of war and still other potential conflicts loom on the horizon.
- Peace in our government and our country ---- there are such deep divisions and unrest
- Peace in our religion and our faith....unity remains elusive

The struggle for peace sometimes seems to be such a huge and global issue that we might wonder what we, as individuals, could possibly do to help. For starters, we can pursue a heart of peace, and live a life of peace towards ourselves and towards others.

What did Jesus have to say about this topic? Well, consider these scriptures:

- *".....to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace." (Luke 1:79)*
- *"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. (John 14:27)*

Frederick Buechner, an ordained Presbyterian minister and author of more than thirty works and a finalist for both the Pulitzer and National Book Award, offers these thoughts about peace:

“Peace has come to mean the time when there aren’t any wars or even when there aren’t any major wars. Beggars can’t be choosers; we’d most of us settle for that. But in Hebrew peace, *shalom*, means fullness, means having everything you need to be wholly and happily yourself.

One of the titles by which Jesus is known is Prince of Peace, and he used the word himself in what seems at first glance to be two radically contradictory utterances. On one occasion he said to the disciples *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword” (Matthew 10:34). And later on, the last time they ate together, he said to them, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27)*

The contradiction is resolved when you realized that, for Jesus, peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle, but the presence of love.”

I encourage everyone to search for internal peace-----beginning with the reading and study of scripture and devotionals and worship and Bible study and your interactions with all of those who God will place in your path. It is a lifelong journey; may it begin now.

Not a sermon, just a thought.

Think about it my friends.

Pastor Jim

Tip of the Halo to:

- ~~Beth, Karen, and Sharon B. for coordinating nursery care during the latter part of worship
- ~~ everyone who helped FISH provide backpacks and school supplies for needy Fauquier students
- ~~ everyone who is helping with nursery care
- ~~ Norma for becoming the new PDF/Food Pantry Coordinator and Shaw for her many years overseeing the food pantry and PDF
- ~~everyone who helped Gineen celebrate her first birthday
- ~~everyone who contributed to the September 5th Sunday Potluck
- ~~everyone who donated Campbell’s “Labels for Education”
- ~~everyone who donated food to the Food Pantry

Birthdays and Special Occasions

Oct. 2	Tom S.	Nov. 24	Harry R.
Oct. 8	Bill G.	Nov. 24	Hannah & Nick Baer (anniv.)
Oct. 22	Paul H.	Nov. 25	Tarah H.
Oct. 24	Libby K.	Nov. 25	Mary T.
Oct. 24	Scott P.	Nov. 26	Nick B.
Oct. 27	Jason P.	Dec. 5	Jesse R.
Oct. 31	Norma H.	Dec. 11	Sharon B.
Nov. 4	Bobby T.	Dec. 15	Larry P.
Nov. 6	Steven H.	Dec. 19	Ethel H.
Nov. 13	Mack B.	Dec. 19	Sharon S.
Nov. 17	James L.	Dec. 19	Sandra & Larry Payne (anniv.)
Nov. 19	Erin & Bobby Miller (anniv.)	Dec. 20	Lorraine & R.O. Updike (anniv.)
Nov. 20	Ken P.	Dec. 22	Melissa W.

Additions

Two Orlean United Church families have been blessed with new additions. Erin & Bobby welcomed Robert in May and Hannah & Nick welcomed Colt in June.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 9 initial meeting for anyone interested in participating in the community choir being formed for the "Christmas In Orlean" event 6:30 p.m. at Orlean United Methodist Church

Oct. 10 Orlean United Methodist Women meet on line

Oct. 12 Praise and Worship IX 4:00 p.m. at O.U.M.C.

Oct. 20 Baptism of Robert Thomas Miller during worship service; reception with light refreshments after service

Oct. 27 Annual Charge Conference after worship at O.U.M.C.

Oct. 24 Ladies Night Out – all women welcome--5:30 p.m., place to be announced

Nov. 3 Administrative Council meeting after worship

Nov. 10 Bell choir from St. John's U.M.C. will participate in worship service at O.U.M.C.; light refreshments following service

Nov. 14 Orlean United Methodist Women meet on line

Nov. 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dec. 7 Christmas in Orlean – Community Family Event – late afternoon – early evening

Dec. 12 Orlean United Methodist Women meet and celebrate Christmas with Juanita Russell at the Fauquier Health Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (aka Overlook); 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm

Dec. 25 for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

PDF

During the 3rd quarter, the Food Pantry was able to serve 6 families as well as help someone else with her electric bill. The escrip program (shopping with the Safeway Bonus Card) donated \$34.05 to the Food Pantry fund for July and August. Anyone who would like to sign-up their Safeway card to contribute to the Food Pantry fund, please talk to Shaw Moffett.

Flag Duty

After the horrible events of 9/11, the Orlean United Methodist Women arranged to have a flagpole at the church entrance. We are looking for someone to raise and lower the flag when current events warrant. There is a website that sends a notice of each event to your email inbox. Go to halfstaff.org to click on the email notification icon to have the information sent to your email address. Please contact Shaw Moffett if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Notice

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