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Families Of Our Community!*

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“Do something that you must rely on God for and God will show-up.”

I heard this during a webinar I recently participated in last week. I was immediately reminded of our own journeys that we are taking this year. Who do we rely on the most? When it is only our strength or our hope or our desires, then we are always going to fall short.

Could Elijah have called down fire without relying on God when he faced the priests of Baal?

Could the people of Israel have survived in the wilderness without relying on God to provide for their every need?

Would Jesus have been born if Mary and Joseph had not relied on God?

Could Paul have traveled throughout the ancient world spreading the message of the Gospel, if he had not relied completely on God?

Yet, we are in the habit of praying for God's guidance, support, and help when we are in trouble. When the trouble has passed, we typically return to being who we were before the trouble began. From the Exodus bible study, I keep hearing the words from a question raised once, “Why do the people keep making the same mistake?” This was referring to the lack of faith that the people had in God and in Moses. They were only interested in their own wants and needs. As long as those wants and needs were met, all was well. Once they were not met, the complaints would begin.

“We are in the season of miracles,” a pastor friend of mine would tell me. He was referring to the time between Easter and Pentecost. Let us expect one. Let us look for it. This is impossible, however, if we do nothing but use our own power. Let us all rely upon God. Let us take steps to do things in which we must rely upon God. God will show up.

How do we do this????

We must be willing to give up control. Yup you read it, ...give up control. This is particularly difficult for those of us who are used to being in control. It can be done. Martha is a very strong type A extrovert who is used to being in control. Yet, she was able to let go of that control and she saw her brother return from the dead. The church is at a crossroads. You can turn toward total reliance upon God or keep to the well worn and very familiar path of relying on your own strength. We are also at a crossroads, and we also must rely on God. Trying to go it alone without God is impossible.

Ok, how do we begin???

You begin with prayer. Together, you discern the direction that God is calling you toward. It is not a simple 30 second prayer but an intense vigil with intention and purpose for the entire community of faith. I would recommend a 40-day prayer vigil that would involve everyone.

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BIRTHDAYS

1	Jeff	Cabanaw
2	Zacharie	LaPlace
3	Irene	Cook
4	Becky	Buss
5	Marcia	Cook
	Kelly	Gaugler
	Marty	Richard
8	Julie	Koets
9	Ray	Hochstetler
	Jason	Wrathell
12	Melanie	Clark
13	Stacie	Remaly
14	Carl	Lechlitner
23	Hannah	Skibbe
	Renee	Wenger
24	Rodman	Bender
27	Dylan	Milholland
	Shana	Kretchman
	Jameson	Ullery
28	Shannon	Sciba
29	Tyler	Wenger
30	Curt	Wenger

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Denny & Linda	Miller	1977
20	Curt & Renee	Wenger	1991
26	Brad & Jackie	Ullery	1975



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Start relying upon God now! Do not wait! You will get answers. They may not be answers you want to hear. You may have to step outside your comfort zone and try something new. You may be like Elijah where you must commit to action knowing God will show up. You might have to travel in the wilderness for a while to learn to rely on God completely. You might be entrusted to act in order that something better will come later. You might even be required to travel to distant places in order for others to know the joy of the Gospel message. Whatever your path will be, it will start with prayer. I know our path would not exist without it.

PEACE, PASTOR ED

THANK YOU

On behalf of Riverview Adult Day Health Center, I would like to thank you for your generous gift. Your commitment to helping seniors and older adults in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Nicole Hardy-Pagels Executive Director

You're making a difference in my life... Letter from Tara
Thank you for your help! SPA Women's Ministry

From Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Safe Sanctuary training is scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd after our church worship service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a 45-50 minute **mandatory meeting for those working with youth & children**, but all are invited.

Announcement from Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Diana Cook has accepted the position of Pianist and offered to continue on a volunteer basis.

Sandra Metcalf will continue as Pianist for the choir anthem and Organist for hymn sings through May 2023. She has offered to continue to do this on a volunteer basis.

We are looking for an Organist and a substitute Pianist. Please help spread the word and have anyone interested contact Sharon Shinn at the church. 574-293-3905

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

April	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
2 nd	Jeff Clark	Steve Squibb & Larry Pappas	Pastor Ed	LuAnn Pontius
9 th	Jeff Clark	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Patti Fisher	LuAnn Pontius
16 th	Jeff Clark	Alex & Jacob Pyfer	Kristin Farwig	LuAnn Pontius
23 rd	Jane Rapp	Nancy Mahler & Cheryl Cabanaw	Deb Beehler	LuAnn Pontius
30 th	Jeff Clark		Gail Greenlee	LuAnn Pontius
	USHERS	Mark Cook, Maria Moleski,		

WHAT THEY DIED FOR

Most people are willing to die for something important to them.
Match each person with the thing for which they died.

1.		Jezebel	1 Kings 21: 15-19	a. An offering
2.		Saul	1 Chronicles 10:13	b. witnessing
3.		Absalom	2 Samuel 15: 10	c. To avenge the Philistines
4.		Achan	Joshua 7: 20-26	d. Naboth's vineyard
5.		Ananias	Acts 5; 3	e. Spoils of Jericho
6.		Stephen	Acts 7: 59	f. Hatred of a Jew
7.		Uriah	2 Samuel 11: 14-15	g. Denouncing Herod
8.		Samson	Judges 16: 28	h. deceit over land
9.		Haman	Esther 5: 13	i. power
10.		John the Baptist	Mark 6: 18-28	j. his transgressions
11.		Abel	Genesis 4: 5-8	k. to cover David's sin

NAME _____

Return Quiz March 24th

Answers for "Speech" 1. Peter, 2. Paul, 3. Eutychus 4. Joab, 5. Solomon, 6. Job, 7. The Psalmist, 8. Solomon, 9. Jesus, 10. Paul. Those persons challenging themselves: Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitner

UNITED METHODIST MEN

April 2nd at 7:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON (FORMERLY Senior's Lunch)

Tuesday April 4th at Noon

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (Formerly United Methodist Women)

April 23rd at 7:45 a.m.

TRUSTEES

Parsonage: Electrical inspect. done; looking for drywallers

Lawncare: Dave Pontius will be contracting for the yard work.

Next meeting April 13th at 7:00 p.m.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: April Loose Coin will go to **Center for Community Justice**. CCJ provides re-entry services for persons returning to the community after incarceration through transitional and recovery coaching. We also provide conflict resolution services through processes such as mediation and conflict coaching. You may donate all month. Just write on the envelope "Loose Coin". March donations of \$76.00 went to Habitat for Humanity. Thank You for your generosity.

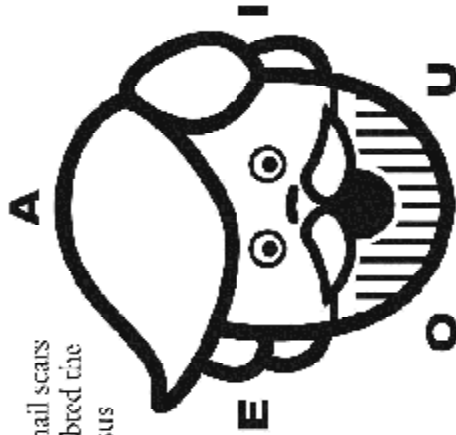
CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

April giving; Baby items; diapers, lotions, food, shampoo & items for Teens. The need for donations now is critical. We leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!



SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?



Directions:

Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete.
John 20:29, NIV.

"B_c_s_y_h_v_s_n_m_,"

y_h_v_b_l_v_d;

bl_ss_d_r_th_s_wh_h_v_n_t

s_n_nd_y_t_h_v_b_l_v_d."

JOHN 20:29, NIV