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Discipline for July/August

Our discipline for July/August is prayer. Why would we call out prayer specifically when we all pray every day anyway? Because sometimes, paying attention to the basics is what equips us to face the bigger challenges.

Two specific aspects of prayer I want to encourage you to focus on.
1) Listening. Take time during this season to listen to God. Ask Him what He would like to see happen in your life, say to you, or have you do. Then wait. Really work on paying attention to the different ways God might be speaking to you – circumstances, conversations with friends, scripture, and heart felt nudges. If we slow down, ask for discernment, and focus our attention, we can often see and hear what God wants of us.

2) Act. When you hear God speak, do what He says! Is He prompting you to contact someone? Make a call, send a card, pay a visit. Does He want you to allow the Spirit to transform your character? Then be humble, ask those closest to you to help you and hold you accountable, and trust Him to be a loving Father. Is He calling you to a vocation or task? Then explore that idea, talk with trusted advisors, experiment with the idea.

A third emphasis for us as a church family is to pray for our transition. As the Search Team begins their work, remember them regularly in your prayers. Take time to pray the Vitality prayer in our weekly email update. Look up the weekly prayer focus on our website and reflect with the congregation on what God is saying to us as a body.

Think of one thing you can do to be a prayer prompter for you. Be guided by that prompt to listen for God to speak. I've got a daily alarm set on my phone to remind me. What can you do to encourage your heart in prayer?

Sidewalk Project

The Consistory has approved a project to revamp our rear entrance. The project will include replacing the six windows on the west side of the education wing, regrading the sidewalk to insure better drainage away from the building, and redoing the stairs with an easier rise to make them more user friendly. On the landing, we will put in more vertical poles to increase safety. We also plan to add privacy screening so people in the Sanctuary are not distracted by traffic at the back door.

We will be using significant volunteer help to accomplish the project. We have removal of old windows, sidewalk, and stairs. We have installation of new windows, setting forms for concrete work, installation of a drainage system, and enhancements on the stairs and landing. Watch the bulletin for work parties and schedule.

The project is being funded by a generous gift from the family of Bert and Hattie Kamps.

Search Team

Sunday, July 1, we will commission our Pastoral Search Team. The members of the team are: Leanne Bough, Ray Dimino, Bill Hatfield, Lu Shao, Carole Shaw, and Edie Tye. The team has had a preliminary meeting. The next six months will primarily be spent developing a profile for our of generosity. church and for the Lead Pastor position. Formal search for a new pastor is projected to begin after the first of the year. Regular updates on their work will be shared on Sundays, in the Faith-builder, and in special communication, as needed. Please hold this team up in your prayers.

In late August and early September, we will be asking the congregation to complete an on-line assessment called the PULSE. Some have participated in this previously. It is designed to give us an up to date picture of our congregation for the church profile. We hope people will make every effort to participate. Membership is not required to participate. Watch for the formal announcement of the launch for our PULSE.

Communion

Sunday, July 1 and Sunday August 5, we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion. We hope you can enjoy these Family Sundays with us.



100 Days of Prayer

To help our church prepare for a pastoral transition, we are inviting the church to unite for 100 Days in prayer. Several people are joining triads to intentionally pray together. Each week, our scheduled email will have a related prayer everyone can use to participate. The triad worksheets will also be posted on our website as they are distributed. We encourage people to share their thoughts and ideas from this engagement with the Search Team.

Klahaya Celebration

Our annual Baptism, Swim, and Picnic will be Sunday, August 26. Following our morning worship, we will move over to the swim club for a celebration of baptism. At 10:45, the pool will be open for an hour of free swimming. At noon, we will have a potluck picnic on the club lawn. Lunch guests are asked to bring a salad, chips, or dessert. The church will provide meat and drinks. Family and friends are welcome.

If you are interested in being baptized this summer, please contact Pastor Phil. This can be at the swim club or as a part of our regular worship service.

Pre Teen Retreat on Camano Island

There will be a Pre-teen Retreat for kids entering 4th through 6th grade on July 13 through the 15. This will be held at the As-sink cabin on Camano Island. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex. Friends are invited also.

Inquiring Minds

This summer, we are bringing back the Inquiring Minds sermon series. This is a series based on questions from the congregation, young and old, and from pastoral conversations with those outside the church. We will have some lighter and some deeper topics included. Here is the list of titles:

July 1 - Why did God Make Us?

July 8 - Does Anyone have Corner on the Truth?

July 15 - Why?

July 22 - Are We Chose for Heaven or do we Opt In?

July 29 - Who Goes to Heaven?

August 5 - Are Dinosaurs real? Are their Extraterrestrial Creatures on other Planets? This Sunday includes a spectacular creation DVD.

August 12 - Does Science Explain away God?

August 19 - Who Can Go to Church?

August 26 - Christianity – Rules or Relationship?



Church Camp

Church Camp for kids 5 years old to 6th grade will be held July 9 through the 13. If you haven't already signed up please do so ASAP. This promises to be a fun-filled, action packed week full of learning, friendship, and spiritual growth. The kids will be engaging in science projects, creating art, learning to cook, and studying how the Bible is relevant to their everyday lives. There will also be a daily picnic and play at Hickman Park. Encourage your children to invite their friends too. There are registration forms on the table in the Narthex or on line at www.fathedmonds.org.

Christ's Worship Center

Beginning July 1, we will be hosting a second church family in our building. Over the past few months, our Consistory has had meetings and conversations with leaders from Christ's Worship Center. They are a group of Christians who use Mandarin and Taiwanese as well as English. Most are able to communicate well in English. Please welcome anyone you meet.

While their worship services will be separate, we anticipate scheduling some joint activities that can be mutually encouraging and beneficial. They will be meeting at 11 AM on Sunday mornings, following our service.