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The Grapevine

May 2012



Prayer's power

Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between his will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer.

—Elisabeth Elliot

The Gentle Gardener

I'd like to sow the barren spots
with all the flowers of earth,
To leave a path where those
who come should find but
gentle mirth;
And when at last I'm called
upon to join the
heavenly throng
I'd like to feel along my way
I'd left no sign of wrong.

—Edgar A. Guest

"The Holy Scriptures ... are
nothing less than the ongoing
Pentecost miracle."

—Martin Kähler

"The heart of a mother is a
deep abyss at the bottom of
which you will always find
forgiveness."

—Honoré de Balzac

"Courage does not always
roar. Sometimes courage is the
quiet voice at the end of the
day saying, 'I will try again
tomorrow.'"

—Mary Anne Radmacher



"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you'"

(Genesis 12:1)

"The total crazy thing is that Abram went! He didn't know where he was going; he didn't really even know the God who was calling him but he dared to risk everything he was and everything he had for the sake of faith." (Claiming the Name)

On Sunday, May 20th, we will celebrate Confirmation Sunday as we listen to eight young women and men confirm their faith. But, what is confirmation?

To begin with, confirmation is not a time that one "joins the church." A baptized baby of one of our members is as much a member of the church as a person who has belonged to this church all of his or her life. Following confirmation we simply change the designation from "baptized member" to "professing member." Confirmation does not mean that those who are confirmed have a complete understanding of their faith. No, in fact, they may have faith only the size of a mustard seed...but Jesus says even that minute amount of faith is blessed by God.

Confirmation is a recognition of and a response to God's grace at work in our lives. Prevenient grace is that nagging presence within that helps us to recognize our hunger for God's presence even before we have faith. Justifying grace is the recognition of the amazing love and forgiveness of God. Sanctifying grace is the on-going experience of God's presence in our lives. Through sanctifying grace we are able to grow in our faith and become more Christ-like in the way we live our lives.

On May 20th we will listen as these confirmation students affirm their faith. Persons are confirmed as part of a of a worship service in front of the congregation. Just like a Sunday when we baptize a child, the congregation will be asked to remember their own baptism, affirm their faith, and promise to support these youth with their prayers, presence, and example. You may want to present a note or a card to each student and/or plan to attend their cake reception in the dining room. There will be baskets out to collect those notes and cards.

The confirmation students are:

Kayla Aanderud
Jillian Driver
Paul Falling, Jr.
Gregor Fraser
Kaitlyn Reiner
Mason Nemitz
Mitchell Reiner
Cody Wright

Confirmation is not an ending, but the beginning of a new phase of a life of faith. As our faith grows and matures there may be times that we re-examine our faith and even times that we would like to witness to that faith. While we don't have a formal "adult" confirmation service I encourage you to consider sharing your faith during a worship service. I know, I know! You're too shy and can't speak in front of people, your faith is personal, this sounds too "Baptist!", you're too old (remember Abram was 75 when God first called him), your faith isn't as strong as someone else's. I know the excuses. Yet, just as families grow closer when they share their lives with one another, the community of faith also grows and is strengthened as we share our faith with one another ...strengths and limitations. You are not only invited, but encouraged to write your faith statement. And if you are willing to share that statement either with me privately or in front of the congregation, please let me know.

In the meantime...please come to the worship service on May 20th ready to celebrate these confirmands as we worship God.

Pastor Kaye



My sincere thanks to everyone who visited me while I was in Harmony River. Thanks for your telephone calls, get well cards, and your prayers. It was deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mildred Gregor



Martha circle will be held at the church, 9:30 am, Thursday May 3rd.

Circle of **Friends** will meet Thursday, May 10th, 7 pm, at McCormick's restaurant

Sewing circle meets every Monday morning, 9 am at the church

May 6th

5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
John 15:1-8

May 13th

6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
John 15:9-17

May 17

Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 20th

7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Spread
the Good News



May 27

Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27



John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Golden Fellowship
will be held at
Squeaky's restaurant
Thursday, May 24th
Noon.



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A verse for Pentecost

God is like the wind, something no one sees;
Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze;
With a hidden power no one can deny

as the days go by.

—From the hymn “God Is Like a Rock”

by Natalie Sleeth

Sunday, May 27th

If you have the color red in your wardrobe, please wear it to worship this day.



church garage sale

Vineyard & River of Hope Garage Sale!!

Hopefully you have been spring cleaning, sorting and saving some donations for the church garage sale on Saturday, May 5 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

(We do request no electronic such as computer monitors or old TV's since we have to pay to dispose of them.)

Donations will be accepted on Wed. May 2, Thurs. May 3 & Fri. May 4 from Noon to 8pm in the church dining room. Sign up sheets to work these dates and the day of the garage sale are located in the Narthex.

All of Vineyard UMC proceeds will go towards the "Imagine NO Malaria ".



If you have items you would like picked up please call Judy Rube @ 234-6614 or the church office at 587-2200.

Lunch will be served on May 5 by VUMC youth group to earn funds for mission work this summer.

We will also have PASTIES available to sell!!



Monday, May 7th there will be a benefit for the new sound system at PaPa Murphy's pizza in Hutch. We will receive 20% of sales from 4 to 6:30 pm. So come and get a pizza for supper that nite...or you can freeze and eat at a later date. Also, we will be selling the Peel-a-deal cards. (it's a card with sticker coupons for PaPa Murphy's pizza).




Vineyard's connection with Boy Scout Troop 587 goes beyond enjoying pancakes and sausages at their annual pancake breakfast. We're the charter organization for the Troop and one of the requirements is that a Vineyard member serve as the charter representative or liaison between the church and the Troop. For the past 16 years Val Rogers has served in this position but he's unable to continue doing so. Can you help? The position entails attending Troop meetings at least monthly, learning a bit about the Troop and the Scouts, and maintaining lines of communication between the Troop and the church. The Troop has been enjoying renewed growth the last couple years and needs our participation to continue to serve Scouts and their families. In order to continue as a Troop they must have a charter representative from Vineyard.



BOY SCOUTS

If you'd be willing to share your time to help the Scouts of Troop 587, please contact the church office for more information.

Martha Circle encourages everyone to plan for the County Store to be held again with the Annual Turkey dinner this fall. If you have worked on crafts of any kind this winter please consider donating some of your work for sale on Wednesday, October 10. If you are planting a garden this spring, put in some extra squash or pumpkin plants. Also canned pickles, jams, jellies and salsa sell well. As usual baked foods will be a welcome donation when the dates arrives, Thanks!



Rosetta Knutson is a Great Grandma!

Alexander Pestalozzi Knutson was born Sunday, April 22nd at 12:03 p.m. *Just Boys* Knutson are the parents. Pestalozzi is Christine's maiden name. Dave and JoAnn Knutson are the proud and happy grandparents.

MISSIONS-- CAN HELP YOU & YOU CAN HELP OTHERS

In May there are several opportunities for everyone. The calendar includes the following:

May 6- 6 PM- You are invited to the HUNGER FREE MEETING at Christ the King Church.

May 17- 4 PM- FOOD OUTREACH at the Fair Grounds

May 24- Serve HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH at Shalom

May 26- SERVE A MEAL at the SIMPSON SHELTER in Minneapolis

If you have never participated in any of these events, please consider being a part of one of them. You will find them interesting. IF you have any questions please call Mavis at 320-587-2058.

Mavis Schwanke

Thanks, Mom

Dad came home to find toys all over the living room, dirty dishes stacked in the sink, clothes piled in the laundry room, beds unmade and kids still in their pajamas. The house was a wreck, like nothing he'd seen before.

Worried, Dad rushed upstairs to find Mom reading a book in bed.

"Are you okay?" he asked. "What happened?"

"You know how you always ask what I do all day?" Mom replied. "Well, today I decided not to do it."

MUSIC & MEMORY . . .

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God." -- Col 3:16

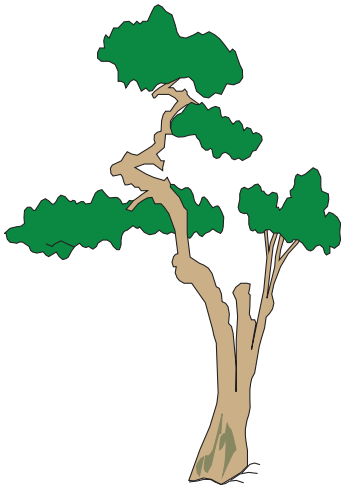
Someone has said that music is the language of the soul made audible. United Methodists who remember our origins in England of the 18th c. --know this. The Wesleys were a unique combination. John working on the message and means --organizational- of the movement; with brother Charles writing the songs -- over 10,000 at last count. The hymns expressed their faith which united many different human beings; e.g., children and adults, poor and rich, etc.

One of the "practical" courses for seminary years ago was the study of hymnody. The professor -- known as a genial, friendly "unintellectual type -- always reminded us that Wesleyan Christianity did not write creeds to memorize, but songs to sing. More and more we realize that the songs we sang years ago are deeply imbedded in our brain. It seems that those memories of spirit life express our relationship to God. And even with "memory loss," in aging; singing brings those experiences forward to our life now. . My mother who took some pride in her memory of literature, said we must memorize, especially music, to be able to recite our faith as we age and become less active.

So faith is born, is nurtured and lives now in our singing. If we want to know what passionate spirituality looks like, no better place to begin than with the songs and music of a congregation. And especially for United Methodists. Some might have heard me say: "If we don't sing, we have little to offer the body of Christ that is uniquely our heritage." In that we have and are certainly blessed. As Ella Fitzgerald said some time, "the only thing better than singing is more singing."



-- Duane Grage



Branching Out

Take this time of transition as an opportunity to listen for direction from God for yourself and for the church. Get to know Pastor Kaye, and her tremendous gifts. Get involved in the planning

and events leading up to the 150th anniversary celebration. This is an exciting time in the life of Vineyard Church; don't miss what God is up to by looking back or sitting on the job. Stay focused on the mission Jesus gave us, to love God with everything we have got, love one another and reach out with that love, seeking to make a difference through Christ. If you do that, you will live, really live, because that is always the key to life for all of us. Remember you don't go to church, you are the church. God bless you Vineyard Church!



GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP

Thursday June 28th at 12 noon. Please join us for delicious food and great fellowship. Bring a friend & small dish to share.

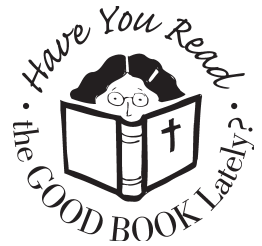
Suggested Bible Readings

June 03

Psalm 8
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 17

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 21:1-21a
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

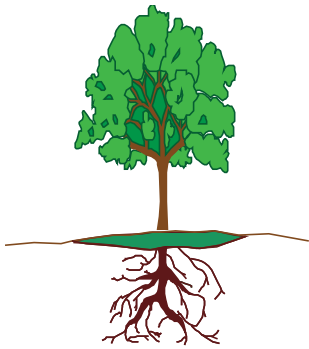


June 10

Psalm 146
1 Kings 17:8-24
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 24

Psalm 42
1 Kings 19:1-15a
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



Deepening our Roots . . .

Great passages for focusing on God's guidance in times of change include Ecclesiastes 3:1-15,

Isaiah 40, Luke 24:13-49 and Romans 8.

*From our
Lay Leader*



What makes you feel welcome? Summer is a time for vacations and new experiences. As you visit other churches, see what special preparations have been made for you, how are you welcomed and how do you feel received.

June brings a great deal of activities in the United Methodist Church. Pastors are moved to new churches, new plans are put in place for fall and new opportunities to serve will come our way.

The Annual Conference starts right after Memorial Day. Darlene Benjamin will represent Vineyard's interests this year. There will be elections for delegates to General Conference, which takes place every four years. Changes in our denomination come about in 2008 from this gathering.

June will bring lots of changes at Vineyard. Our students will be graduating and we will celebrate Scott's family's new direction in ministry. Life changes and new memories are made. On June 10th, part of the celebration for Scott will be your memories and experiences from Scott's time with us. Please share them with me as soon as possible to have them prepared for the program And don't forget: June 17th will be Scott's last time to share worship with us.

July brings the arrival of Pastor Kaye. We need everyone's involvement to help Kaye understand what we have been doing, what our goals are as well as for us to learn how this all works with her plans.. The Trustees and the 150th Anniversary Committee also will be asking for our help in getting the building prepared for the September gathering.

This is an exciting time in the life of Vineyard. Be a part of the effort. Come celebrate with Scott and welcome Kaye. Help with the 150th Vineyard Celebration. Share your faith and model the kingdom of God.

Roger Klinghagen

Lay Leader

A jar for tears

When our children were small and began to cry excessively, I'd say, "Keep crying, but wait until I get a jar. I want to catch your tears and save them." Then I would pretend to search for the suggested vessel.

The ruse worked every time. The children would quiet down and begin laughing at my ridiculous antics.

A jar for tears? In biblical times there were such things. Biblical scholar James Fleming makes several suggestions about the possible use of tear jars by biblical characters.

Remember the woman who cried at Jesus' feet? The sorrow she felt about her wayward lifestyle may have caused her to bring a jar of her tears, and then add to them as she cried near Jesus. She would have plenty of tears to wipe up with her hair afterward.

When the author of Psalm 23 wrote about his cup running over, Fleming suggests he may have meant his tear cup was filled with tears of joy due to God's goodness.

Tear cups are still available in Old Jerusalem antiquities stores. And at the Vatican Museum in Rome, a large glass cabinet is filled with ancient tear cups.
—Charles Ferrell

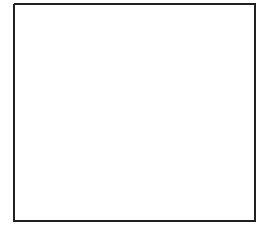
- Man wishes to be happy even when he lives as to make happiness impossible.
—St. Augustine of Hippo
- The miracle is this — the more we share, the more we have.
—Leonard Nimoy
- We must all work to make the world worthy of its children.
—Pablo Casals
- Lord, make me see thy glory in every place.
—Michelangelo



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Address Service Requested

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:30 am



2nd Annual SPRING PICNIC!

What? Food, fellowship, and fun

Where? Right here at Vineyard.

When? Following worship

on Sunday, May 6th.

Who? All of you! And your friend too!

free will offering for food and

Imagine No Malaria.

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