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The *Ecclesia*

The People of God

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The Reverend Steven Price, Pastor

Pastor's Ponderings ...

Vacations and Spiritual Disconnect ??

I'm writing this short piece while flying back from Ireland. Vacations are great! New adventures, sleeping late, cooking big meals with friends and family are wonderful! What bums me out about vacations though is that I lose spiritual discipline within a few short days. Do you?

It's the change in schedule that does it. While I value time away, the absence of morning prayer and meditation leaves me feeling disconnected spiritually. This vacation provided opportunities to learn about the politics and practices of ancient Roman Catholic religious orders, *daily prayer* included.

Daily prayer, as currently and historically practiced by our Catholic and Muslim sisters and brothers, nourishes and sustains them in a way that Protestants have yet to replicate. Can you imagine stopping at appointed times during your day to give attention to God? While on some level it might seem like a hassle, doesn't it also sound delicious?! Our busyness interrupted for a few moments to bathe in God's presence might be exactly what we need - but don't even know it.

Talk about your spiritual discipline, share with others what's working during the course of your days, vacations included!

Peace,
Steven

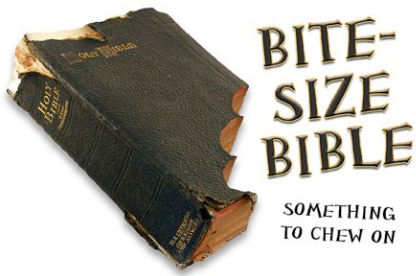
Mark Your Calendar

October 21st



CCC's 3rd ANNUAL
*Holiday Arts &
Crafts Sale*

See all the details on
page 6.



THE BIBLE IN BITE-SIZE PIECES

by Jeannie Strong

No, we aren't going to eat the Bible! But now that I have your attention, here is what it's about!

As the plans were being made last spring for Adult Faith Formation for the year, there was interest in doing a Bible Study that would start with Genesis and go all the way through Revelation! Since the church owns a curriculum that does just that (it was used about 10 years ago or so), we are going to offer it again.

The plan is to meet two times per month on Monday evenings at 6:30 in the Library at church – should be about a 2 hour session. For October and November it will be the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings, December just the 2nd Monday (the 4th Monday is Christmas Day!) and we'll adjust the schedule from there. The Library is handicap accessible and has a VCR and large TV so will work well. With only meeting 2 times per month, we won't make it all the way through this year, but we'll get a good start.

The curriculum involves showing a video each session and discussion. However – it also requires reading the Bible portion at home and answering the questions at home

(yes, it is "homework"!) so that the discussion is productive.

If this interests you, please let Jeannie Strong or Carol Giblin know so we can have enough material available. Start date will be **Monday, October 9th at 6:30 PM.**



An Update: *As many of you are aware, our former minister and his wife, Dick & June White had planned on coming here from Florida to be a part of the 50th Gala Celebration weekend. However, Hurricane Irma had different ideas for them. Here is a note Carol Giblin received from June following Carol's inquiry as to how they are doing:*

"We are doing fine considering how much worse it could have been. Thank you for asking about us. It was such a disappointment to miss something we had looked forward to for almost a year. We especially were looking forward to meeting old friends and new members of Community Christian.

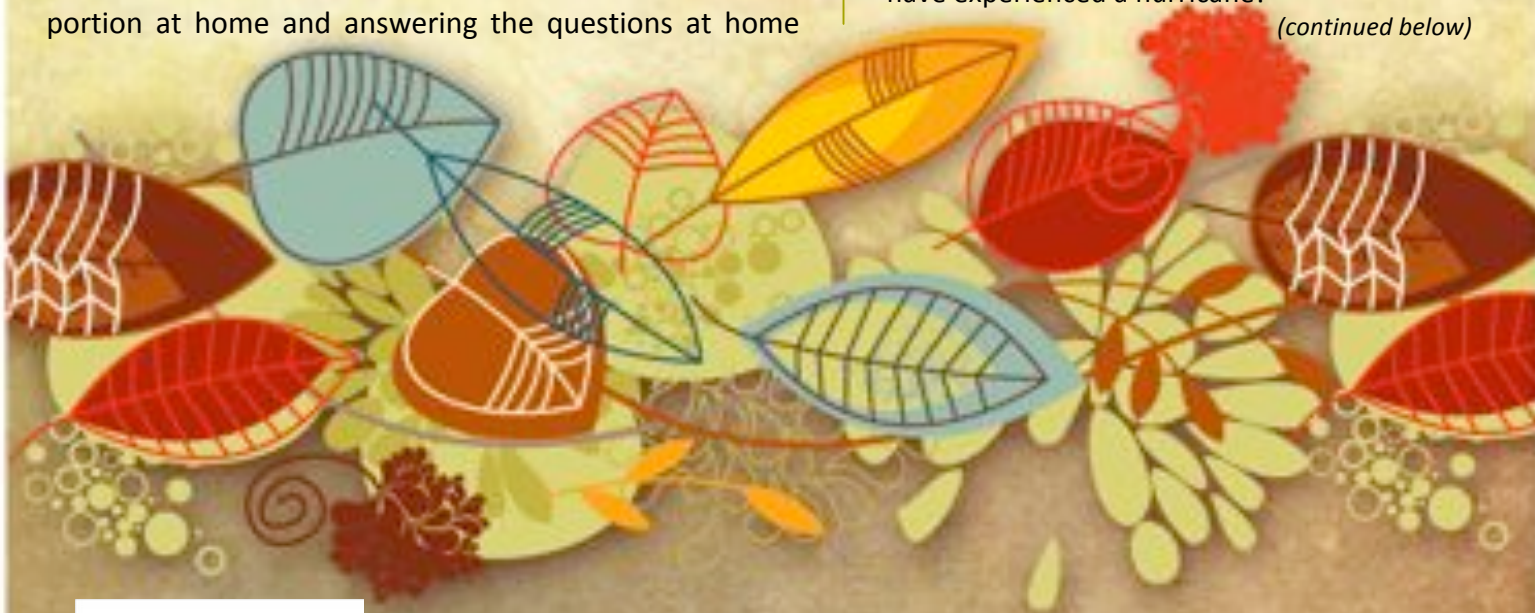
We have lived in this area [St. Petersburg, FL] for 36 years and this is the first time we have experienced a hurricane!

(continued below)

Please give our congratulations to all members of the church in their continuing efforts in reaching out to everyone in their community! We read the newsletter and are proud of the work you are doing! Hopefully sometime in the future we can again plan a visit to Rochester and Mother Nature will be more cooperative!

Dick and June

Worry ends when
FAITH IN GOD
Begins



50th Celebrations Continue // Halloween Party and Square Dance!!

Saturday, October 28th



Any idea who this “Swashbuckler” is?
What about this “Femme Fatale?”
(Hint: One is still with us; one has found a final resting place but has a daughter still very active.)

Our three-day Golden Gala event celebrating our 50th anniversary is over, but the celebration continues!

Our next event will be a Halloween Party and Square Dance and is for everyone – kids and adults. Wear a Halloween costume, a square dance outfit, or simply come as you are! The evening begins with Halloween party activities and **games from 7 – 8 PM** and concludes with **square dancing from 8 – 9 PM**.

Date: Saturday, October 28, 2017



“Swing your partner – dosado”
Any idea who this female dancer is?

(Look for answers elsewhere in this newsletter.)

YOU'RE INVITED

TO A BABY “SPRINKLE”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 – 10:00 AM

Please save Saturday morning, October 14 for a sprinkle for the Greer family. It will be a party at 10AM to welcome Abigail Cathleen – all family members are invited. The Greers have a few items registered at Amazon.com, but anything in the pink or purple family will be gratefully accepted, I'm sure! More details will be forthcoming. Please RSVP to me at 406-1461, or sign up at church.

– Patti Ayers

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Our Joys and Concerns

by Patti Ayers

Our Concerns for:

- **Kathy Schaefer** grieving the recent death of her sister Dee Dee.
- **Jere Rhoda** who has had problems with his leg and **Margaret Rhoda** who had a hospital visit.
- **Brian Ayers'** stepmother, **Alta Smith Ayers** who is beginning chemotherapy for bone marrow cancer.
- **Family and friends** who have lost family members to drug overdoses.
- **Lorena Garmezy** mourning the loss of her mom.
- **Susan Westlake, Sandy Hubbell, Ellie Pratt, Bethany Thompson, Pat Holler & Kathy Schaefer** who continue to deal with health issues.
- **Ron Bottoni, Sandy Hubbell & Helen Sengle**, our homebound friends who we miss so much!
- **Zilla Nelofar**, her husband & her entire family as it is unsafe for her brothers & son in Pakistan.
- **Gail Tregoe, Ron Strong, Jen Michels, Stephanie Calabro, Fran Morse, Diane Ellis, Chris Foote and Norma Polizzi** dealing with aging / ill parents.
- **Christy Cipolla, Brian Ayers' niece, Brittany & Margo Markesteyjn** to remain cancer free.
- **Susan Westlake's and Anne Virgil's nephews** to stay drug free.
- **Brandon Watts** and his sister, **Laura** who are both trying to survive on the streets.
- **John Giffen, Elaine Page, Susan Westlake, Kathy Schaefer, Bob Phillips, Margo Markesteyjn, Denise Sclamo, Carol Cross, Jen & Amy Wanck Kann, Patsy Carpenter, Beth Gobeli, Matthew & Laura Peck, Carol Reeners, Renee & Sarah Judkins, Connie Bottoni, Julia Hickman-Himes and Pat Holler** – all dealing with family members with health concerns.
- **Beth Gobeli** & her family.
- **Marty Gram**, a former church member undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.
- The people of the Ukraine and Iraq and all areas of unrest.
- Those dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters especially those recovering from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria.
- The Northeastern Region of the Disciples of Christ, and that the will of God will be made known.
- Peace in our world, community & lives.
- Our service men & women fighting for our freedoms.
- Those who suffer from PTSD, addictions, depression, or emotional illness.
- Those facing difficult decisions and major life changes, including finding employment.
- All who suffer from illness, cancer or life altering health issues.
- Those who are hungry, unemployed or homeless.
- Those around the world fighting against terrorism and those whose lives have been forever changed.
- All those who are touched by the violence in our city.
- Those who continue to grieve the loss of a loved one.
- All in our congregation who face physical and/or emotional struggles of which we are unaware.

Our Joys for:

- **Amy & Dan Greer** who welcomed **Abigail Cathleen** on September 18th.
- **Denise Sclamo & Jeremy** who recently became engaged to be married.
- **Bob Hunter & Barbara Coe** who became great grandparents to **Norah Lynn** on August 31st.
- The wonderful **Food Ministry** that has provided tons (literally) of food for people who need it; and for those many, many hands who picked up food, sorted food, distributed food, and broke down boxes! Thank you one and all!
- **Reconnecting** with former church pastors and members who came to celebrate our 50th Anniversary here on Chili Avenue.
- **ALL** in our church family who go above and beyond to help others. We are blessed in so many wonderful ways!

*We lift in prayer all requests,
both spoken and unspoken,
for the power of prayer is
immeasurable.*

Reminder: Our Prayer Partners are here to serve. If you have need of prayer during the week, please call Connie Bottoni at 747-4479 or e-mail at connie_bottoni@urmc.Rochester.edu. She will then pass on your request to the caring partners who will hold you and your request close in prayer. All you have to do is ask.



Who's Who in the Pew?

by Patti Ayers

Carol Cross

Carol has been attending CCC since May 18, 2014. She came as a guest of Karen Ware and Patsy Carpenter. Growing up, Carol lived in Bradford, Pennsylvania. She attended East End Presbyterian Church in Bradford. She said our church reminded her of that church. When she first attended, Carol felt like she was home.

Carol spent much of her life in the military and in government jobs. She retired from the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus in 1993. Carol has traveled to many countries while in the military and continues to do so after retirement. Her favorite times are spent at a camp - Red Oak - that her family built in Salamanca, New York, in Alleghany State Park on the

Pennsylvania side. Her family meets there several times a year. Those are really enjoyable times. Carol spends 6 months in Rochester, and her winter months down south. She loves when family visits her in Sebring, FL. Speaking of her house in Florida, she thinks she lost a bedroom off her house and possibly her open patio with a grill and furniture as Hurricane Irma ripped through the area. Our prayers are with her as she figures out what needs to be done.

Carol loves working with her hands and refinishing antique furniture is her favorite hobby. She added that Patsy Carpenter is great at that, too. Carol has even given her some of her projects to complete as she has so many! She also enjoys repairing items and stripping furniture. She fixes things up and then gives them away to family members or women's shelters and yearly gives things to Habitat in Sebring.

We are blessed to have Carol Cross as part of our church. We encourage her to check out our Property Department where she might put her skills to use. We look forward to getting to know more about Carol.



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Ron Strong

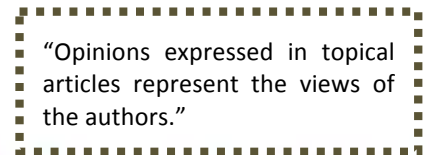
Femme Fatale ...

Albert Weaver

(Carol Giblin's dad.)

#2 – Female Sq. Dancer ...

Mary Sandy



"Opinions expressed in topical articles represent the views of the authors."



Serving This Month

Elders for October

Pam Bakst
Susan Dobbins
Jeannie Strong,
alternate



Deacons for October

Julia Hickman-Himes, chair
Lisa Downing-Forget
Brian Ayers, Danny Dobbins
Myra Fulkerson
Laura Schunk, alternate

Greeters This Month

October 1 - John & Claudia Giffen
October 8 - Al Herman
October 15 - Stephanie & Brayden Calabro
October 22 - Ann & Dan Davison
October 29 - Bob & Holly Phillips



World Communion Sunday - October 1st

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



CCC's 3rd ANNUAL *Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale*

There's still time to include your quality handmade crafts at our church booth. Please, no food items.

ALL proceeds to benefit CCC!

***** Many Volunteers Needed *****

Setting Up / Tearing Down / Greeters /
Parking Lot Attendants.

Also seeking donations for a few food items.

Sign-up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall!



SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2017
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Questions? Contact: Carol Giblin at 585-494-2431 OR Claudia Giffen at 585-889-2290



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Pastor

Jeannie Strong
Chair of Elders

Sandy Hubbell
Office Administrator
Newsletter Editor

11:00am Worship / Rotations
12:15pm Fellowship Time

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OCTOBER

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