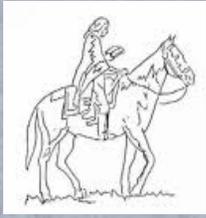
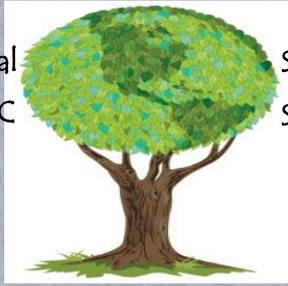


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Is This Your Sport?

By John Strong

Some of us love sports; others of us may not care much about them. Do you enjoy playing them or watching them? There is one sport that many people engage in whether they are young or old or in good shape or not. They participate quite avidly in this sport.

I am referring to judging others. It is very easy to do and very destructive. If we do it in our minds, we damage our relationships with other people because it affects how we think of them and how we view them. If we share our judgments of people with others, it makes them also think ill of others. Judging damages people's reputations.

One of God's greatest desires for His people is to get along. Actually God calls us to love one another.

He tells us not to judge others. He says that we can have different opinions about life (in areas not forbidden in Scripture). He says that all of us will give account of ourselves to Him (cf. Rom. 14: 1 – 12). No one has the right to judge another.

It is so easy to engage in the sport of judging, but God commands us to avoid it. We look at others through our own lens of life, which has been formed by many factors unique to each of us. Our lens on life is formed by the family we grew up in and by all sorts of circumstances and experiences.

When we judge, we forget that other people have different lenses through which they see life. When we judge, we see only part of the person; we do not know what is going on inside the person. We do not know the secret struggles or the private pain. We do not know how overwhelming life might just be for that person.

Instead of judging, pray for others. We will have to intentionally think the best of them instead of the worst since so many of us find it easy to make judgments about others. It will not be natural; we will have to work hard at it.

For those of us who struggle with judging, we need to ask God to deliver us from this sin and from the hurt we can cause. Instead of thinking the worst of people, train yourself to offer them grace.

God offers us grace; He has the right to condemn us, but Christ took our punishment instead. So let us offer grace in our thoughts and then our words to others as well.

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If a member of your family or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the parish office (673-5294) as soon as possible. (you can leave a message after office hours) Pastor Jerry and Kathy would like to make a visit, but since hospitals discharge patients so quickly, we need to know as soon as possible when your family member is in the hospital. Also, if you or a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please let us know so Pastor Jerry can arrange a visit. No one should go without this important sacrament in their lives.

Pastor's Ponderings

By Jerry Schmidt

Having a good Day?

I pray that you are. There are many distractions in this life. But there must be more things that we are grateful for, than things that complicate our lives. Can you see the bright parts of the day, without allowing the negative to smother you?

If you are organizing the garage, and something falls and scrapes your shins and ankle, through the pain, can you see that you accomplished the goal? The garage is organized! If you watch a loved one suffer, are you thankful for the time that you had with them? This also applies to those who have been long gone from our lives.

What are you doing to help others to see the good that God has done in, through, and for us, and others? I read the story of a logger extracting logs from the forest. The load shifted and pinned the logger. He coaxed his mule to pull, but the load was too much. After several attempts, the logger thought it was a lost cause. The logger tried once more...hearing the urgency in his master's voice, the mule grabbed a tree limb with it's mouth and was able to pull the load off the logger's body.

This is a great lesson for us. When we learn of a need from someone in our church, do we exhaust every avenue to help them? Do we sacrifice ourselves, our resources, and our energy? When we need help, do we exhaust every avenue to receive help? This may mean humbling ourselves, admitting some wrong we've done, or maybe it means simply being nice to those from whom we are seeking help.

We have celebrated Easter, the Master giving His all for us. Have we learned from the example of Jesus? We will soon celebrate Ascension and Pentecost. Two churches will celebrate confirmation and membership into their respective churches. What a pleasure it has been for Kathy and myself, watching these young people grow in their faith, make some new friends, and share their journey with us. When you have a few moments, talk with these young people about your faith journey. Tell them how your faith has allowed you to rely on God for God's help in whatever situation that you thought would define that day, and maybe even the rest of your life.

What are you willing to do to help these wonderful people of youth?

There is an opposite story of a young boy blowing leaves to clean up the yard for the arrival of Spring. He came upon a group of ants bringing some crumbs back to their den. He watched them for a moment, then he revved the blower motor and directed the blower nozzle to the center of the ants, scattering them to parts unknown. This could have been a group of close knit believers in Church on a Sunday morning. Satan works his destructive magic on us through the negativity of others.

We certainly wouldn't want this outcome for our confirmands, our friends, family, or brothers and sisters in Christ. What will you do to protect and help those you know, to walk a path of faith? How will you enlist the help of others? By blowing steam and showering words of hurt towards those from whom you seek help? Are we truly being the church that Christ calls us to be?

Many of us can read these thoughts and relate it to our own situations. We may take a sentence or concept and claim that which I didn't intend. I miss the message sometimes. So, I must go to God for clarification and listen to God's voice in the stillness of the moment. If life is too loud or busy to do this, or if you can't sleep at night, perhaps God is giving you that time to turn to Him. Talk with God and listen to God.

If we have learned nothing else in life, we know that knee-jerk reactions do no good. God is the key for a life that recognizes more good than bad in each day. Be the blessing that someone needs, but don't be badgered into it. Bless each of you as you do God's will, not the will of people who think that you owe them. Don't spread your goodness so thin that you suffer.

God's peace to you, Pastor (Grandpa) Jerry

Pastor Jerry

Minister's Musings

By Kathy Miller

M- m-m-m! Warmer days, picnics, and lots of celebration days – beginning with May Day! Followed by National Day of Prayer on May 3rd, Nurses Day on May 6th, Ascension Day and Ascension Sunday – May 10th & 13th, Election Day – May 15th, Mother's Day – May 13th, Armed Forces Day - May 19th, Pentecost on May 20th, Aldersgate Day on May 24th (the day John Wesley felt his “heart strangely warmed” while attending a group meeting on Aldersgate Street in London), Trinity Sunday on May 27th – when Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and May 28th, Memorial Day – a federal holiday celebrated by remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces.

This will be an extremely busy month, and even more so for those of you who also have family birthdays, anniversaries or weddings to celebrate as well! God rejoices with us for each event in our lives, and is the creator of the family unit – both physical and spiritual. Enjoy!!

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart
of God is the heart of a mother.
St. Therese of Lisieux

A mother is clothed with strength
and dignity, laughs without fear
of the future. When she speaks
her words are wise and she gives
instructions with kindness.

--Proverbs--

Happy Mother's Day

To all our

Mothers

Grandmothers

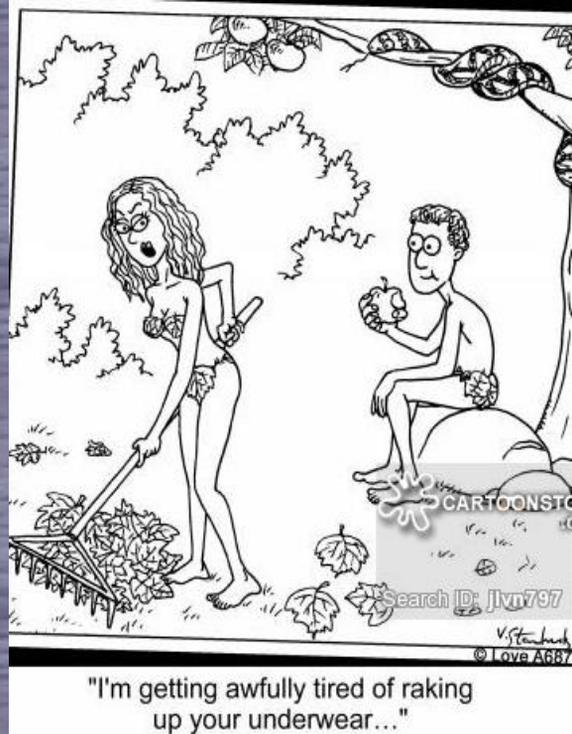
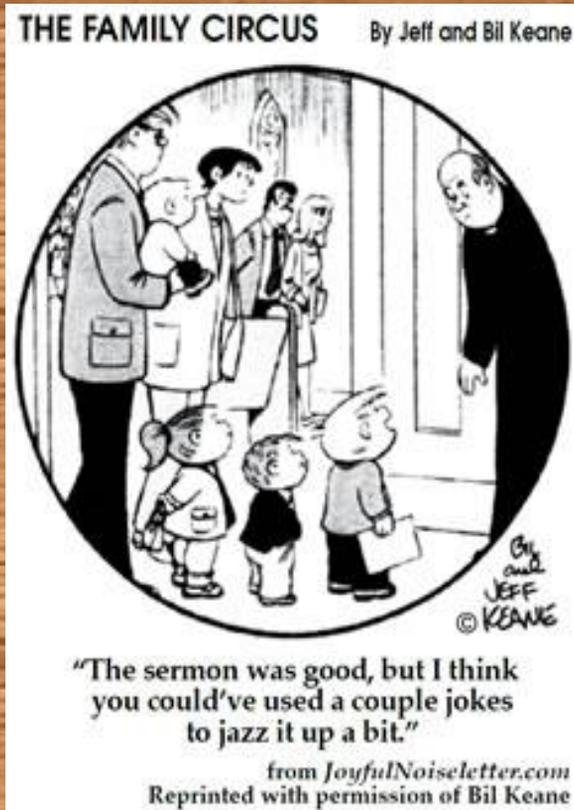
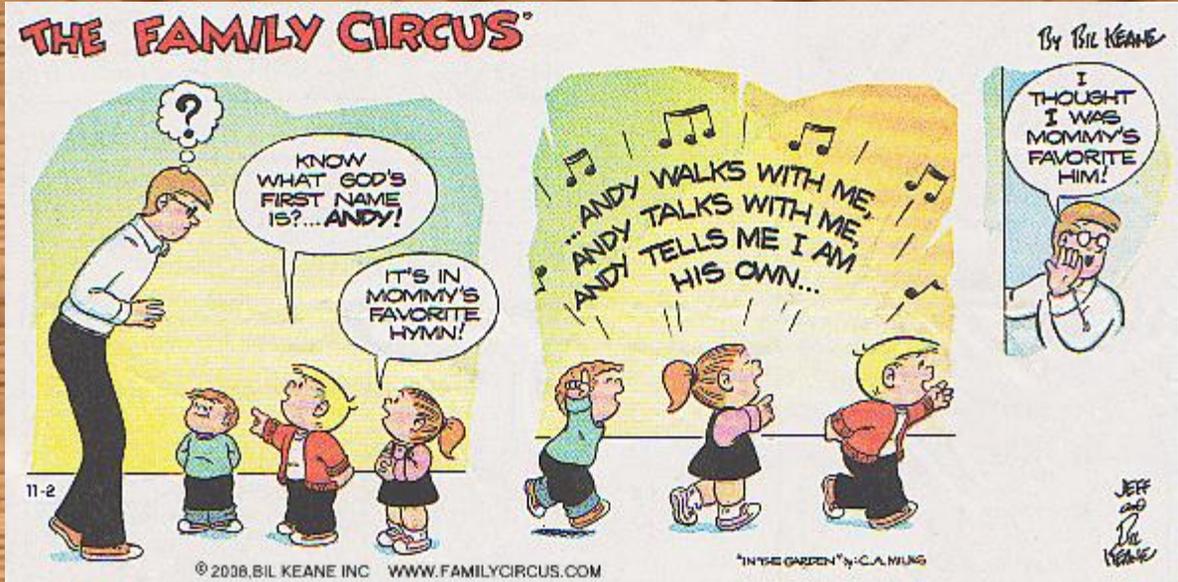
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Great-Grandmothers !

A Bible Study on the Book of Acts will begin on Wednesday, May 9th, 6:30pm at St. John's UMC. Everyone from the Tri-County Parish is invited to participate in this study authored by Max Lucado. Please let Pastor Jerry or myself know if you plan to attend so that we may order a sufficient number of books.

Blessings, *Kathy*

You Gotta Laugh!



Prayer Warriors Sponsor Fundraiser

The Tri-County Parish Prayer Warriors recently sponsored a fundraiser for a family in need. The Kopetan family has a young son with a rare illness. We had been praying for little Ben and decided to raise some money to help his family with expenses. The Tri-County Parish and their generosity exceeded all our expectations. At last count we had collected over \$1,000 from all four churches!

Thank you so much for your generosity!

We received the following from Ben's family:

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Thank you so much for blessing us with your generous gift. Ben is home and doing well. He goes to dialysis 3 days a week at Danville. He is a very happy and energetic boy with a great attitude. Please continue to pray for him. He surely needs it. God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

David, Angela, Robert & Ben Kopetan



Photos courtesy of Angela Kopetan



Happy Birthday to the United Methodist Church!
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Canton Ecumenical News

By Paula Schmidt

The Canton Food Pantry item for May is one pound boxes or bags of Elbow Macaroni. Thank you for your faithfulness to this local ministry, helping people in need right here in our community! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the needy in our town.

Join us for Adult Sunday School Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Shunk News

By Suzi Fisher

A great way to start your day of worship is with **Sunday School** at 10:00 AM.

May 3-National Day of Prayer; Daniel 9:19 “*O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...*”. Pray for our country and its leaders!!!

May 13 -Wishing all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and special women in our lives a very Happy Mother’s Day!

May 28 - Memorial Day.. Take time to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all of our servicemen & women plus their families.

May 31-June2 -Annual Conference Better Together with Christ! Please pray for those attending that the Holy Spirit will guide the decisions made.

Thank you to all who contributed to the **EMPCC Baby Bottle Campaign!!!** Your generosity is much appreciated! You donated \$178.99 to this campaign. Please remember our young people and the EMPCC volunteers in your prayers.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.....Psalm 139:14a

Remember our Shut-ins. They are church members who were active in our church, but now they for whatever reason cannot come to church, Sunday School, meetings, Bible Study, potlucks. They may not communicate as well anymore. They miss doing the activities in our church community. It only takes a few minutes to stop by and visit.

Congratulations to all of the high school and college graduates!!!!

St. John's News

By Andrea Sutton



The choir sang beautifully on Easter Sunday!
Thank you choir for your dedication!
Photo courtesy of Paula Schmidt

As usual we enjoyed the breakfast at Unruh's. Everyone had a good time and fellowship. Come join us next month.

A group from the church took a trip of the Family Life Ministry in New York to hear the Martin's in concert. This was a dinner/concert and we heard that everyone really enjoyed the message in song. Maybe next time, a few more can go.

We are preparing for spring as we "spring" into action with Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and then graduation is coming up. The next few weeks are busy, but fun.

First we are happy to have Sydney Crawford in the Confirmation Class. She is now taking donations for a walk which is sponsored by the United Methodist Conference on May 6. (see page 12 for more information) Anyone interested in helping her, please let her know.

Speaking of Sydney, she will be participating in the state competition for bowling the first weekend in May. Good luck Sydney!!



Speaking of Mother's Day. Here is a poem.

*A mother's love determines how
We love ourselves and others.
There is no sky we'll ever see
Not lit by that first love.
Stripped of love, the universe
Would drive us mad with pain;
But we are born into a world
That greets our cries with joy.*

*How much I owe you for the kiss
That told me who I was!
The greatest gift--a love of life--
Lay laughing in your eyes.*

*Because of you my world still has
The soft grace of your smile;
And every wind of fortune bears
The scent of your caress.*

Ward News

By Dana Vermilya

Thank you to everyone who helped and provided items for the Easter breakfast. It was wonderful, as always. Three care packages are being sent to college students for finals week.

Being May, it is the anniversary month for the church once again. I was thinking about what to share with you and decided to share a story that was written by Karen Coles in July of 2016. At that time, I asked for any memories people wanted to share about the church. The thought was that we might put them all together for a special service or some other kind of sharing. I never received many, so nothing was done. Because of that, you never got to see or hear this story. I hope she does not mind that I am sharing it in this platform, but am sure you will enjoy the story.

When I think of Ward Church I have about 6 decades of history rolling around in my head. This little church has definitely been and continues to be a cornerstone in my life. In fact, I just can't imagine my life without all the memories of family, friends, love and support it has provided me through the years. So many changes for me, I remember the old siding, roof and windows, an old two seater outhouse in the lower corner of the yard, no bell, no carpet, organ or addition on the back. The old wallpaper, hanging lights and wood stove in the back; I can picture it like yesterday. So many improvements we enjoy today came through hard work and many hours from our dedicated members.

Remember the movie "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"? I do believe I can fill in all those categories. Thank goodness there was only one "ugly", a couple of "bads" and a whole lot of "goods". My parents were married at Ward in 1953, in fact the second wedding ever held at Ward. John and Leah Osipovitch were the first couple married there. I remember mom telling me she started to attend Ward in 1950 while she was dating Dad. Mom said the routine was to get the cows in the barn, eat supper, do the evening chores and go to church. In the early days I remember Dad telling me that his Grandpa Boyd (Robert Boyd) would walk to church most Sundays. Now there's a challenge....lets park at the farm house on Lower Mountain Rd. and walk to church, it's only a two mile hike up the mountain and back. I also find it hard to believe that my Great Grandpa never had a drivers license, something my Aunt Dot told me. Mom said back in the 50's church services were held in the evening, Rev. Bachman was the minister at that time and everyone couldn't wait for Sunday as they enjoyed church so much. Many times everyone would stay after church and visit on the porch and enjoy the nice weather.

One of my first memories was how active Sunday School was. My Grandmother, Betty Boyd was the Superintendent and took her position very seriously. My mom taught Sunday School for a number of years as well. When Sunday school was over all of the classes reported what they had learned and recited memory verses.

Then in 1966, exactly 50 years ago Ward Church was very short on piano players and my teacher Mrs. Blanche Hallett thought I was ready to step up to the plate. I was 11 years old and in the 6th grade. As I look back, that was a pretty big job for someone my age. On Monday Rev. Winstead would call mom with the hymns for the following Sunday and I would practice my heart out to play them just right. Everyone at my house definitely knew what we would be singing on the following Sunday. Mom remembers one Easter when I was dressed to the nines with white gloves and all, she



looked at me and I was playing for church with my white gloves on...and never missed a beat. I can't explain, maybe my hands were cold?? Barb Boyd also helped out, she would play the prelude, offering and doxology. Marty Cole, my second cousin and Carol Machmer also shared in these duties from time to time. There was one beautiful voice I will never forget, it was like none other! She was my great aunt, Louise Rice. She made playing for church much easier when I was young, she helped me keep a steady beat and gave me confidence when I needed it the most. A lot of times Barb and I would practice and play duets for the prelude. One Sunday Grandma didn't attend church (she had been on a trip), so she questioned Barb and I what we played for the prelude. We told her "Turkey in the Straw", I can still see the color drain out of her face. It was a bold face fib and we fessed up rather quickly as she was not impressed.

On a good Sunday when Barb and I were quite small, we were allowed to sit together with Grandma. It's all fun and games until someone gets the giggles, the evil eye from Grandma and consequently separated....I hate when that happens!!

For some reason my brother Ken couldn't go to church without ending up in the ER. When he was 2 1/2, he jumped off the church porch and broke his leg. Not too long after that on "Old Home Day", a yearly church picnic, he was playing down by the bridge with Marty Segur and a couple of others. Again, it's all fun and games until someone falls over the bridge. Yep, that was Ken! The boys were having fun dropping large stones over the bridge and making large splashes in the creek below. Ken's rock was so big that it pulled him over the bridge. He fell several feet head first, striking his head on the rock and knocking him out. Mom remembers holding Amy, just an infant, and someone saying "Kenny is hurt down by the bridge". As she turned around to see Dad carrying him towards the church, Ken was as limp as a dish rag and white as a sheet, and Dad wasn't doing much better. Russell Machmer drove them down the mountain reassuring Mom that he knew CPR. They stopped at Dr. McCallum's and he sent them to Troy Hospital. Ken spent the night and was released the next day. Dr. Brown showed Mom the X-rays and she said she never saw so many cracks (which is normal) in one skull in her life! She was about to pass out when Dr. Brown said all looks well!

Here's my last injury report on Ken, I promise! My Mother didn't really need another job with 4 kids, a farm, a store, a garden, a yard to mow....well you get the picture, but we cleaned church a lot. When we all pitched in, it usually went pretty quickly. Ken should have been sweeping the front porch but instead he was riding his bike, and wrecked! He came to me and said "Don't tell Mom", and then proceeded to show me his thumbnail that was ripped off....well not completely off, it looked like a swinging door barely hanging on. When the blood curdling screams started, Mom wasn't too far behind. So much for "Don't tell Mom", that plan never did work for me.

Time to move on to the other two, Angie and Amy. Ask the girls "how loud is a hockey puck when it is dropped on a bare floor and rolls to the front of the church during prayer time?" Not to mention how long it takes to get there!! Sure glad my hands were clean on this deal! Moral of this story, don't bring a hockey puck to church if you want to live to tell about it.

And then there is the classic story that has been the talk of our family for many years. Let me set the stage for this one....Early 70's, In the middle of Our Christmas Program we had practiced for weeks, scene one is over, curtain is drawn and Angie is suppose to play "Away in the Manager" as we are to change the scene to continue with our play. Betty Thoren was our director and Ang had promised to play this song, however she never seemed to be around for practice, I guess her plan was to "Wing It". Bad plan!!



Thank God I was part of Scene 1 and was behind the curtain to begin with. Now if any of you know Angie at all, music was not her strong suit, nor did she claim it to be! She was more on the athletic side for sure. Ok, so here we go....when she starts to play, it sounds like anything but "Away in the Manger", more like falling face first into the keyboard. Big sister here can take just so many clinkers before leaping into action. I ran/tiptoed across the stage as fast as I could, reached my arms around her as she sat on the bench, pushed her hands out of the way, stood behind her and began to play. I'm whispering in her ear when to press and release the pedal and thought.....who would know the difference? Well I'll tell you who knew the difference, my parents for starters! They knew that when things started to smooth out, I was playing.

Well, there are some of the goods, a couple of Bads....maybe I should just forget the Ugly. But what the heck! It's probably one of the reasons why we are still here every Sunday. Back in the early 70's, C David Jones was sent to Ward to be our minister. We did so many things as a family to make him feel welcome and included in the community. However, C David's true colors soon surfaced. I don't know if it was his idea or Conferences idea, but he was making plans to close our church and sell it for a hunting cabin. Whoa!! Those are fighting Words!! There was a meeting at the church to discuss this matter and to make a long story short, my Dad called him a liar to his face and marched all of us out the door. I can't remember all the details that far back, but I'm sure glad everything worked out and Ward Church still remains on the hill.

And now I will close with one of my most heartwarming and touching moments many of us witnessed. In 2009 Dad had open heart surgery, which most of you remember. Before surgery, the staff insisted Dad take off his wedding band, which by the way had not left his hand since 1953. They got their way, but this bothered dad so much. After a few weeks and the swelling went down, mom asked dad if he was ready to put his ring back on. He simply said "No" and that was sort of it for a while. However he was making plans to have a special day to put it back on. He got in touch with Pastor Jerry and made arrangements to renew their wedding vows on their 56th wedding anniversary right there at the altar at Ward Church. Dad always referred to this plan as getting his ring "reinstalled". I had no idea Dad was so sentimental, but how special was that? So both times Mom placed his wedding band on his finger it was at Ward Church with a minister present. It was such a special evening. Aunt Dot was there, she played for their wedding years ago, mom's Aunt Cleo was present, all of mom's sisters and husbands were there, and even dad's best man Charlie Brannaka came with his wife, along with all of us and most of the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dad suffered a mild stroke one month prior to this, but everything went off without a hitch. I don't know, I just felt like everything came full circle that evening.

There is so much more, but this is a start. God Bless our little church with a big heart on the Mountain. ♥



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Why Pray?

By Brenda Williams

Jesus is our perfect example. He prayed throughout His entire time here on earth, and although He is now in heaven, He is yet making intercession for us. (Rom. 8: 34). Jesus prayed about every interaction with God's people. The number of instances noted in the Bible regarding prayer is noteworthy. Jesus prayed for Himself, His disciples, and all believers. He even advised us to pray for our enemies.

Prayer is simply conversation with God. You talk to Him; He talks to you. It just makes sense to include prayer in our daily walk with God. As straightforward as prayer is, some are still not convinced that it is necessary. Here is the sum of the argument:

“If God is all-powerful and all-knowing, why is it necessary for us to pray to Him?”

We pray because conversation develops relationship. We all need fellowship with our Creator. After all, fellowship is a key reason we were created. Any relationship with hopes of growing stronger must have the investment of time spent together. Prayer promotes communion.

The act of prayer affirms our belief in God. By seeking an audience with Him, we are deliberately admitting our frailties and acknowledging God as supreme. Praying to God gives Him glory.

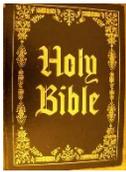
Although praying for yourself is not unusual, prayers for others are important. Praying for others is a great ministry. Anyone who sincerely prays for another individual fulfills James 5: 16.

We pray in faith and look with hope to God to accomplish the things for which we pray. He has made promises. So praying in expectation reinforces our faith that He will do what He has said. Over time, we rise to a level of greater trust in Him.

Prayer develops Christian character. Praying consistently establishes perseverance, humbleness, and meekness in our hearts, which are all necessary attributes for Christian living.

Effectual, passionate, righteous prayer benefits all (James 5: 16). God hears heartfelt prayer. Prayer offered with this kind of intensity brings about change. Prayer changes people, events, hearts, and minds. These changes begin first in the one who chooses to pray, then radiate outward to all those with whom he or she comes into contact.

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(Mother's Day is May 13)

Here are two classic recipes from Vintage Recipes' Facebook Page

Barbara Bush's Cole Slaw

2 medium heads of cabbage, finely shredded (may add some purple cabbage for color)

2 medium white or purple onions, chopped

4 scallions, finely sliced

2 teaspoons salt

1/3 cup sugar

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1/2 cup cider vinegar

3/4 cup vegetable oil

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

4 heaping tablespoons light non fat mayonnaise or salad dressing

Sprinkle cabbage with salt and let drain in a colander about 2 hours, squeezing as much water out as possible before continuing. May drain overnight if desired. Add onions. In a small bowl, mix remaining ingredients and stir into cabbage mixture. Adjust seasonings if needed by adding a bit of sugar first and, if necessary, more salt. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Watergate Salad

As sent to Elsie Linder

1 package (3 1/2 oz.) instant pistachio pudding

1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple with juice

1 container (4 1/2 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed

1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

1/2 cup chopped nuts

Combine dry pudding mix with pineapple; stir in Cool Whip, marshmallows and nuts. Place in serving bowl and refrigerate several hours or overnight.

**Tri-County Parish
May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Canton Ecumenical

- 1- Ken Robertson
- 4- Doyle Morgan
- 21- Amy Buchanan Buck
- 28- Earl Ridall
- 29- Misty Scott Theobald

Anniversaries:

- 17- Paul and Jenny Schmidt

St. John's

- 10- Don Blazer
- 15- Aaron Unruh
- 20- Kameron Stettler
- 28- Rose Lloyd

Anniversaries:

- 17- Paul and Jenny Schmidt
- 22- Arlan and Brenda Higley
- 24- Carl and Andrea Sutton



Ward

- 2- Ruth Ward
- 3- Gene Segur
- 14- Glen Griffith, Nancy Fisher
- 15- Joy Winkler
- 19- Jacob Shedden

Anniversaries:

- 17- Paul and Jenny Schmidt

Shunk

- 3- Alice Bown
- 6- Eunice McIlwain
- 13- Bob Shisler
- 14- Gerry Brown

Anniversaries:

- 17- Glenn and Rosanne Swartzentruber,
Paul and Jenny Schmidt



**If you have corrections or additions to this list,
contact Pastor Jerry or Paula immediately so
we can keep this list as accurate as possible.**

Tri- County Parish Events - May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 May Day EGP Troy 6-9pm <i>Ken Robertson</i>	2 Prayer Warriors 11 am EGP East Canton 1-4pm Order of Elders Mtg. 1:30 <i>Ruth Ward</i>	3 Natl. Day of Prayer Canton Spring Band Concert <i>Alice Bown</i> <i>Gene Segur</i>	4 <i>Doyle Morgan</i>	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 Walk for Missions Camp Susque <i>Eunice McIlwain</i>	7	8 EGP Troy 6-9pm St. John's Ad Co. 7pm	9 Prayer Warriors 11 am EGP East Canton 1-4pm	10 Ascension Day Canton Spring Choral Concert <i>Don Blazer</i>	11	12
13 Ascension Sunday Confirmation Class 2pm <i>Bob Shisler</i>	14 CEP Ad. Council 1:30p <i>Gerry Brown</i> <i>Glen Griffith</i> <i>Nancy Fisher</i>	15 Election Day EGP Troy 6-9pm <i>Aaron Unruh</i> <i>Joy Winkler</i>	16 Prayer Warriors 11 am EGP East Canton 1-4pm	17 <i>Glenn & Roseann Swartztruber</i> <i>Paul & Jenny Schmidt</i>	18	19 Armed Forces Day <i>Jacob Shedden</i>
20 Pentecost Confirmation Class 2pm <i>Kameron Stettler</i>	21 <i>Amy Buchanan Buck</i>	22 EGP Troy 6-9pm <i>Arlan & Brenda Higley</i>	23 Prayer Warriors 11 am EGP East Canton 1-4pm	24 <i>Carl & Andrea Sutton</i>	25	26
27 Trinity Sunday Grover COC Mem Day Service- St. John's and Shunk Closed. Confirmation Class 2pm	28 Memorial Day (observed) <i>Earl Ridall</i> <i>Rose Lloyd</i>	29 EGP Troy 6-9pm <i>Misty Scott Theobald</i>	30 Prayer Warriors 11 am Annual Conference	EGP= Equipping God's People Prayer Warriors is at the Parsonage until further notice		

All events are subject to change.
 Birthdays and Anniversaries are in italics.

Lectionary May 2018

May 6: (The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10: 44 – 49

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1 – 6

John 15: 9 – 17

May 13: (The Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – 26

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9 – 13

John 17: 6 – 19

May 20: (Pentecost)

Acts 2: 1 – 21

Psalm 104: 24 – 34 , 35b

Romans 8: 22 – 27

John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b – 15

May 27: (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

Psalm 29

Romans 8: 12 – 17

John 3: 1 – 17



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