



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

"The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith." Romans 4:13 (CEB)

What are you passing on to others? Great question! I think it's important for the season we are living in. This is a time of uncertainty, doubt and even chaos. Our prayer, thinking, words and actions express what we hold to be true. No matter what stage of life we are in, we all live according to what we believe.

Whether you realize it or not, we are always communicating what we believe. We express ourselves through what we say and do. We also express ourselves in non-verbal ways, through our expressions, body language and gestures. We even express ourselves in what we don't do.

That's why authenticity is so important to young people today. Like us, they've grown up hearing people say one thing while seeing them do another. You all know the expression "Do what I say, not what I do." It doesn't carry much weight, does it? I give kudos to our young people for taking a stand.

While studying in seminary I learned an expression, "What we believe shapes the way we worship and the way we worship shapes what we believe." Let me offer a corollary, what we believe shapes the way we live and the way we live shapes what we believe.

This month, we are reflecting on our legacy together through the sermon series. I believe our legacy is God's blessing, passed down through the generations by Abraham's spiritual descendants, the pastors, parents, siblings and children of faith who cared for us, taught us and showed us Jesus' footsteps through their lives. This is the fulfilment of God's promise to Abram (Genesis 12:1-4). There's a catch: to pass something on, you have to believe it to be true. You have to believe there's a God to be right with God. You have to trust God to accept God's love.

No matter what age you are, what your gender, skin tone, sexual orientation, income, job, ability, intellect or status may be, God blesses you. That's grace. But here's the thing. A blessing is a living, active thing. It doesn't want to rest. If you find yourself becoming restless, uncertain, even anxious, I recommend passing God's blessing on to someone else. When you care for someone, you're showing God and others that you believe. Their life will be made better when you show you care and so will yours.

Do you know what that's called? Faith. It's your turn. Pass it on.

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus,
Pastor Eric



October

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

10/1 Christopher S.	10/3 Pat H.	10/6 Tom S.	10/10 Aaron H.
10/15 Loretta S.	10/17 Cheryl T.	10/23 Janie A.	10/28 Linda M. 10/31 Sal M.



Volunteer Corner

Thank you, Fungai, for all you do! Please join us in expressing our great appreciation to Fungai Chinawah! You know her but most of us have little idea of what Fungai does behind the scenes. Fungai always responds with a smile and “yes” when asked to help out. That’s what has led her to serve as a Lay Member to Annual Conference, the Membership Secretary, the UMW, as the coordinator for acolytes and candlelighters, and more.

Please join Pastor Eric and the Council as we say “Thank you!!” to Fungai. Well done!

(Want to recognize an unsung volunteer? Send us a picture and paragraph. We’re grateful to all who serve.)

Message from Council Chair

Hello to everyone,

I have received several questions from church members concerning the Stanley Trust donation to the church which was nearly two years ago now.

The Council instructed that the money be placed in CD’s which are maintained through Bank of America and thus insured to their full value. The money is currently earning interest.

The communications from the attorneys for the trust provide guidelines on the use of the money by the church. We are aware of those items and fully expect to conform with all the appropriate guidelines and rules. There is no time limit on the use of the money. The Council did officially confirm through the attorneys a few months ago that the trust money may not be used to pay down the mortgage on the church.

The Church Council is responsible for the money and the Finance Committee handles the specifics. The church membership will be informed by the Council when there are plans for the use of the money and before money is spent.

The Council had been prepared last February to move forward with research on plans to use some of the money to the benefit of the church when Covid happened. Plans were placed on hold at that time due to the upheaval in our society which changed so many of our routines and plans.

Please be assured that the Council has not forgotten about this money and will resume research in the near future.

Please call me directly with any questions or comments you may have.

Margaret Turner
Council Chair

Seams of Faith Update

Just a quick note from Seams of Faith to update you all on some quilts that were sent out to Church Families in need of an uplifting jester.

1. Three quilts went out to the Strange family. Debra's mother passed away and Debra is caring for her father. Bill in trying to stay clear of the Corona Virus and still be employed. Priscilla is an active 6-year-old being Home Schooled at this time.

Needless to say, they were thrilled with the quilts. Debra's was one made by our ladies that had a cross in the center. lovely.

Bill's was one of our Square male quilts. Priscilla's was a child's quilt I had made with lots of bright colors and Giraffes.

2. In recognition of Pastor Appreciation Week, Eric was sent a large Red, White and Blue quilt. A Big "Thank You" note from the Congregation accompanied the quilt,



The pomegranates on the church's trees are free for the picking. We have all that we need and we need them picked.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	2	3 Church Clean-up
4 Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki	5	6 Messenger Input Due Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F	7 SPRC @5:30pm via Zoom Jan N. Weds. Bible Study @8am via Zoom Ernie	8 Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans UMW Book Club @12pm via Zoom Linda F. Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey	9	10
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