

August Link

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Along with many of you, I have been glued to the television watching the Olympic Games this week. I am amazed as young athletes defy human abilities, jumping, speeding, swimming, and diving. Two top awards for skateboarding were captured by 13-year-old girls! These champions, whether they win gold or not have become heroes back home.

The reality is they became heroes long before the moment we witnessed the glory. They became heroes in early morning hours when they trudged to the training space even if sleep seemed so much more appealing. They became heroes when they fell over and over but came back to try again. They became heroes in tears and frustration and illogical persistence that kept them trying.

Is it possible that someone was so talented that the first time they tried a skill, they completed it? Possible, but not very likely. It takes persistence and perseverance and determination to become an accomplished athlete.

The epistle to the Thessalonians tells us to pray continually. Faith needs persistence and perseverance as well. We need to practice our faith until it is as essential and as natural to us as breathing is. We practice faith by praying every day. We practice faith by finding joy in every little miracle from a glorious sunrise to a soothing, brilliant sunset. We practice faith by finding God in celebrations and tears.

Take time and pray without a word but in glorious silence, knowing God hears every beat of your heart and each beat is a prayer.

Be joyful always

In Christ,

Pastor Barbara

Prayer
is key to heaven
but faith
unlocks the door.



You never really know the true impact
you have on those around you.
You never know how much someone
needed that smile you gave them.
You never know how much someone
needs that long hug or deep talk.
So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for
someone else to be kind first.
Don't wait for better circumstances
or for someone to change.
Just be kind,
because you never know
how much someone needs it.

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Gospels for August

August 1: John 6:24-35

August 8: John 6:35, 41-51

August 15: John 6:51-58

August 22: John 56-69

August 29: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at barb_drew@hotmail.com**

August 1: August 8: August 15: August 22: August 29	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
August 1: August 8: August 15: August 22: August 29	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
August 1: August 8: August 15: August 22: August 29	<u>Children's Message</u>		
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****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

August

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	2	3 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	4	5 6:45PM AA	6	7
8 10:00AM Worship Service	9	10 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	11	12 6:45PM AA	13	14
15 10:00AM Worship Service	16 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	17 8:00PM AA	18	19 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	20	21
22 10:00AM Worship Service	23	24 8:00PM AA	25	26 6:45PM AA	27	28
29 10:00AM Worship Service	30	31 8:00PM AA				



Church Humor:



As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year-old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?"

He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An, ID ten T error? What's that? I want to know, in case I need to fix it again."

Eric grinned ... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: ID10T

I used to like Eric, that little smart alec..

Mrs. Broomfield's dishwasher quit working, so she called a repairman.

He couldn't accommodate her with an evening appointment, and since she had to go to work the next day, she told him: "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you the check. By the way, don't worry about my Rottweiler. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do not under any circumstances talk to my parrot!"

When the repairman arrived at Mrs. Broomfield's apartment the next day, he discovered the biggest and meanest looking Rottweiler he had ever seen.

But, just like she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet, watching the repairman go about his business.

However, the whole time he was there, the parrot drove him nuts with his incessant squawking and talking. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled: "Shut up, you stupid bird!"

To which the parrot replied: "Get him, Brutus!"

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work.

A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water.

She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her and said,

"He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

August Announcements

Note: The Community Food Bank will only be open for 1 week in July and August. July dates are 7/19 & 7/22. August dates are 8/16 & 8/19. The Food Bank will resume regular schedule starting September 13th.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:00AM to Noon, or by appointment.

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