



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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SUNDAY **October 10, 2021**

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

11:00 A.M.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
ONLY

SUNDAY **October 17, 2021**

9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE
In-Person and
Virtual Worship Service

11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL for all AGES

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL will be held this Sunday, October 10th. Dave Platt's adult class will still meet.

COMMUNITY DINNER
Thursday
October 14 - take out only
5:30pm to 6:30pm

The Community Dinner is up and running again! This month will be **take out only**. Everyone is welcome to come for a meal. Please call Grace Gomez (856) 470-0871 if you would like to come and volunteer your help.

FROM THE PASTOR....

This past weekend was pure delight! The dedication of the Tricentennial Prayer Garden. The joy-filled worship with uplifting music. The fellowship time during lunch at Adelphia. It was a wonderful reminder of our history and the many ministries over the past 300 years. Throughout this weekend, we were reminded that our call as disciples is to love our neighbor and we have done that faithfully since 1721, but we have turned a corner.

It is now time to look forward to the next 300 years, and I believe that the prayer at the end of my sermon from Brian Doyle makes it clear to the church that our call is to continue the "original assignment" – to love!! It is my continued prayer that we will look forward and find new ways of demonstrating Christ's love locally, nationally and internationally. Please find Doyle's poem in its entirety:

"Furious Prayer for the Church I Love and Have Always Loved but Which Drives Me Insane with Its Fussy Fidgety Prim Tin-Eared Thirst for Control and Rules and Power and Money Rather Than the One Simple Thing the Founder Insisted On" From: A Book of Uncommon Prayer: 100 Celebrations of the Miracle and Muddle of the Ordinary by Brian Doyle.

Granted, it's a tough assignment, the original assignment. I get that. Love—Lord help us, could we not have been assigned something easier, like astrophysics or quantum mechanics? But no—love those you cannot love. Love those who are poor and broken and fouled and dirty and sick with sores. Love those who wish

to strike you on both cheeks. Love the blowhard, the pompous ass, the arrogant liar. Find the Christ in each heart, even those. Preach the Gospel and only, if necessary, talk about it. Be the Word. It is easy to advise and pronounce and counsel and suggest and lecture; it is not so easy to do what must be done without sometimes shrieking. Bring love like a bright weapon against the dark.

The Rabbi did not say build churches, or retreat houses, or secure a fleet of cars for general use, or convene conferences, or issue position papers. He was pretty blunt about the hungry and the naked and the sick. He was not reasonable; we forget this. The Church is not a reasonable idea. The Church should be a verb. When it is only a noun it is not what the Founder asked of us. Let us pray that we are ever after dissolving the formal officious arrogant thing that wants to rise, and ever fomenting the contradictory revolutionary counter-cultural thing that could change life on this planet. It could, you know. Let's try again today. And so: amen.

May we bring love like a bright weapon against the dark!!

In Christ,
Phil

MASKS: Because of the current increase in COVID cases, Session is now recommending those in worship wear masks while in the building.

BOSCOVS FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS shopping event will be held on Wednesday, October 20th. By purchasing a \$5 coupon from the church, you will be able to save 25% off your purchases for the day. See Betsy Carlson to purchase your coupon.



FALL SUNDAY ADULT CLASS: *Dave Platt's Class*, "Knowing Christ" Sundays, at 10:45 am. This 8-week series featuring 23-minute teaching by RC Sproul on the unique "I Am" statements of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. These include Jesus as: the bread...the light... the shepherd... the resurrection... the way...the truth... the life. Hopefully, a lively discussion will follow. Come join us on an enlightening journey.

Nursery And Beginners Classrooms: We have decided to not offer Nursery and Beginners class on the first week of the month due to lack of volunteers. We are very short on help and have made the decision to have everyone stay in the sanctuary on communion/ first Sunday of the month. We are always looking forward to people coming together to help with the children of the church. If you would ever like to help out and volunteer see Kristen Connell-Franchetti.

CANCELLED: There will be **NO** Fall Rummage Sale this year.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ed Parkin, Dick Hill, Wendy Kunz, John Leone, Al Edwards, Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Alex Jenei, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.



THANK YOU! It is said that many hands make light work and that is a true statement during the last two years of preparation for Sunday's tricentennial celebration. **THANK YOU** to our staff, Phil Oehler, Milt Fredericks, Jack Hill, Kristen Franchetti, Jan Edick, Kathy Federici and Kathi Lynch. We want to thank all those members who served on the planning committee and assisted with making all our moments of celebration happen. This truly has been the work of the entire church family and Sunday was a wonderful celebration for the congregation and its ongoing ministry. Thanks Be To God!!

300th Celebration and Prayer Garden Dedication



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