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Pastor's Page

Love One Another

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)



Spring has come when all things are reborn. Grass and trees bloomed and changed into green clothes. Our Lord Jesus also passed through the dark tunnel of death and came to us in the form of resurrection. We should also be reborn with the joy and hope of resurrection and live the joyful resurrection life.

There are Mother and Children's Sunday in May. May is the month for families. In South Korea, where I lived, May 5th is "Children's Day" and May 8th is "Parents' Day." May is the month when we think about our family members and pray for our families. Without our parents, we wouldn't have existed. Without the love and commitment of our parents, we would still wander on the dark street. We learned God's love and grace through our parents and became the children of God. I hope it will be a good time to remember and appreciate our parents' virtues.

God also gave children to our families. We have tasted the Lord's joy and hope through our children. He also gave us spiritual children as gifts through the church as well as our own children. The children of faith sent by God are also our own children. We must establish God's family by sharing the grace and love God has given to our children and spiritual children.

St. Paul wrote a letter to Timothy that reads like this: (1 Tim.1:1-2) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith, St. Paul calls Timothy his son and puts two words in it for him. One said "in the faith" and the other said "my royal son." The word "in the faith"

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means "son of faith." Timothy accepted the gospel that St. Paul preached, and St. Paul raised him with faith and love like his own son. Also, in terms of age, St. Paul called him a "son." This would mean that St. Paul regards Timothy as a real son. Maybe Timothy called St. Paul "father" too.

In the community of faith, young children are our spiritual children, people who are similar in age are brothers and sisters of faith, and older people are our fathers and mothers. God has allowed us a family of faith that loves and cares for each other. On Mother's Sunday, we must thank God for giving us mothers of faith and thank them. Also, on Children's Sunday, our children will host the service. I pray it will be a good opportunity for our children to learn and practice their spiritual leadership. Also, we will have an infant baptism for Maverick O'Brien on Children's Sunday. Another spiritual child of our church will be born. We give thanks to God for giving us children of faith.

This coming Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd will be a time for all the church members to wear something in red and wear the power of the Holy Spirit. Please, come out and receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

At Easter season,
Pastor Yongyeun Lee

Faith In Action

Lasagna Love Helping Hand

By Susan Powers,
Lasagna Love Coordinator



In May 2020 Lasagna Love began. The program was created as a way to help alleviate the negative impact of the pandemic as families experienced greater difficulty meeting very basic needs. Now nationwide, the non-profit program was created by a woman from CA. Lasagna Love exists to deliver comfort to the family dining table and to prove that even small acts of kindness can have a profound and lasting impact. The mission of the group is to help address the rise in food insecurity among families but to also provide a simple act of love and kindness during a time of uncertainty and stress.

There are two sides to the organization — being a volunteer and being a recipient. Volunteers use the Lasagna Love portal (lasagnaloveportal.org) to establish an account. A volunteer can choose the frequency of deliveries, the number of lasagnas to be made and the farthest distance they are willing to travel for a delivery.

Anyone can request a delivery. Basic information needed on the Lasagna Love website (lasagnalove.org) includes: name, address, contact information, any dietary restrictions and household composition (number of adults/children). A Regional coordinator 'matches' the requestor with a volunteer and the volunteer gets an email announcing the match. The volunteer then contacts the requestor and arranges the delivery.

If you know someone who experiences food insecurity, tell them about Lasagna Love. Asking for help can be difficult. There is no judgment on the families requesting help. If you feel called to be a volunteer, check out the volunteer portal and offer to help someone in your community. Kindness is powerful — use it!

There is a link to Lasagna Love on the church's website. Check it out! If you have any questions, please contact Sue Powers (susanlpowers925@gmail.com or telephone 860 919-3888).



*"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law."*

Romans 13:10, NRSV

Middle Ages

Relay for Life

Luisa Gladu, Team Captain PUMC and Cancer Survivor

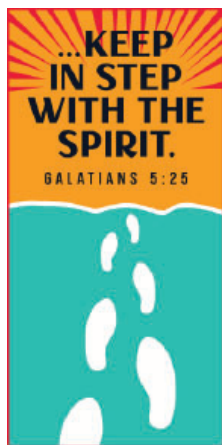
The Relay for Life date has been changed to Saturday, August 28th from 4 to 9 p.m. 9 p.m. at Norton Park, Plainville. Although it will look different this year it will still go on. The event leadership team has been working within the state guidelines to make sure everyone stays safe. This year's event will focus on the the survivors, caretakers and those who we have lost.

The Relay will be open to team members, so if you haven't signed up to walk please go to www.relayforlife.org/plainvillect and sign up and join Team PUMC. We will have themed laps, the survivor lap and the luminary ceremony. At the present time, we will not be able to have our normal booths to sell food to raise money during the Relay.

If you would like to donate you can go onto the website and donate to team PUMC or please make a check payable to The American Cancer Society and mail it to my attention at: Luisa Gladu, 600 Clark Ave #39, Bristol, CT 06010

You can always drop it off at church with my name on the envelope and I'll make sure it gets to where it needs to go. Luminary Bags and Purple Hope Bows are available for \$5 each. For more information please contact me at TheGladus@comcast.net

Cancer doesn't stop during a pandemic, we need to raise funds to keep services going in our community. Thank you to those who have already supported our team, we appreciate it.



Member Nurture Committee

■ Painting Invitation

Mary Rogers, Chair, Nurture Team

The Nurture Committee asks, "Have you felt shut in over the last year? It has been over a year since our painting group was together. Now that the Covid numbers are looking better and the vaccine has been available for a while, it is probably safe for us to get together again. To remain safe, I would like anyone who joins us to have had their Covid vaccine(s) and to keep the social distancing rules. So if you are game, please contact me and let me know your interest. You can give me a call at (860) 582-3199, send me an email at day15lily@comcast.net or a text at (860) 818-1309. We can pick up the watercolors, paint rocks, or select other fun things to do."



Easter at PUMC

■ Easter Baskets for Covenant to Care for Children ~ June Schilling

Thank you so much to all who donated to our Covenant to Care for Children Easter Basket collection. Our adopted Social Worker filled her car (in the rain!) with 41 beautiful baskets! She was very grateful. The children will appreciate your generosity.

■ Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, 20 eager children scrambled across our church grounds in search of their share of over 500 Easter eggs to fill their baskets! Thank you to all who donated filled Easter Eggs: Jennifer, Chris, Laura, Sarah, Heidi, & GraceAnn!



A prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Education Corner

By Christa Zaldivar, Education Director



■ Car Wash

The Jr. MYF will be hosting a free Car Wash in the lower parking lot at church. Date to be determined. Donations are welcome and will be sent to Agua Vida, a United Methodist Mission in Costa Rica, providing clean water for those in need! Please bring us your dirty cars!

■ Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to teach Summer Sunday School to Pre-K-7th grade on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the summer months: June, July, and August. No experience necessary, just a love of children and desire to share the love of God with them! All curriculum materials will be provided. Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays starting June 13th! We need 2 adults per Sunday. Please contact Christa Zaldivar at 917-386-8599 or cjw02@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information.

■ PUMC Family Day in the Sun

Save the Date for our "PUMC Family Fun in the Sun Day" at Hammonasset Beach State Park, Saturday June 19th from 11am-4pm, following COVID-19 guidelines! Please bring your own picnic lunch. We recommend a \$10 donation per family to cover the cost of renting the pavilion. Sponsored by the Education Team.

■ Knights of North Castle

We invite all children to Prospect United Methodist Church's "Knights of North Castle" Vacation Bible School, where kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time!

The fun begins Tuesday August 17th and ends Thursday August 19th from 6:00-7:45pm at Prospect United Methodist Church, 99 Summer St. Bristol, CT 06010.

The adventures are intended for pre-k to grade 5. To be a part of all the (free) excitement at Knights of North Castle, contact Christa Zaldivar at 917-386-8599 or cjw02@hotmail.com.



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

“But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power

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