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The Good News

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PASTOR K.C.

This springtime of year is full of hope—especially this year. Not only does the Gospel during Eastertide depict the experiences of glory the disciples had with Jesus upon his resurrection, but as we learn about their relationships, we better understand how powerful and influential the early church became. St. Paul continues to carry the flame of faith, hope, and love. Evidenced in the wedding we just had in our sanctuary, these attributes are illuminating and as written in 1 Corinthians, *the greatest of these is love*.



Let's get excited about the month of May and the changes which are sure to bless our church! My prayer is that you'll learn to demonstrate your love for God in new ways which will bless all of creation. On the heels of celebrating the Earth and sung by the legendary songwriter, John Denver, "Celebrate Earth Day every day," our congregation has a lot of love emanating beyond the walls of this church. That is indeed the vibrant love that resonated in the hearts of the early Christians. Revival begins in our hearts!

We have a lot to celebrate together in May. In addition to more people returning to worship and an exciting kick-off of Children's Education, the following are important dates this month: National Day of Prayer (6th), Mother's Day (9th), Ascension Day (13th), Pentecost Sunday (23rd), and Trinity Sunday (30). Memorial Day is on Monday the 31st. The Spirit will surely lead the way. He is risen indeed!

Amen.



- 3 Barbara Lazzara
- 10 Clara Frangquist
Diane Schuster
- 20 Oz Frangquist
Esther Hornyak—she will be 101 and still enjoys
bingo, playing cards & all activities offered
- 21 Brandon Ebel
- 22 Barbara McAdam
- 23 Linda Ramsey
- 24 Joyce Karner
- 25 Gary Coleman

MIKE & LAURIE GEBERT—MAY 7
CARLA & BRENT GRAUBURG—MAY 22
STACEY & MIKE DEMARCO—MAY 25



ERICH



St. Paul held its April 13th Consistory meeting via zoom. We had a very good discussion that week. As many of you know, Marge has stepped away and I have taken the roll of Consistory President. I was Vice President, so there is some discussion as to who wanted to fill that position. I will let those interested decide. We talked at length about the additional usage of the church outside of the normal Sunday service. We did hold the wedding of Mackenzie and Austin. That was under the same guidelines as the church and we were held to 75 people, well below the 30% capacity of St. Paul. We actually had around 65. Women's Circle meetings were discussed and those guidelines will be communicated to each Circle. No community events at this time (rummage sale, community dinner, etc.). As for the AA and NA meetings, they will be able to meet outside on the lawn like our outside services. The main reason for those groups not to be in the building is the ability to make sure the church guidelines are followed. Hopefully, we will make the turn for the better with Michigan cases and as more vaccinations and treatments improve, the church will return to the welcoming church we always were. As for other things happening in and around the church, the front doors have been refinished, the toilet in the hallway by the Sunday school has been fixed. Boilers will soon be shutdown, covers will be removed off the Sanctuary windows and the Sunday School room will be getting ready in the coming weeks.

Stay Safe—Faith Hope and Love

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you so very much for all the greeting cards and well wishes that I have received. I have saved every greeting card! It means a great deal to me to be loved and thought of every week by you.

Love, Pearl and Bill



BRANDON



Dear Members of St. Paul UCC,

With the very special day of Mother's Day approaching, it is only fitting to wish every mother at St. Paul a very beautiful day!

A realization that has recently blown me away to highlight the virtuous nature of a woman or mother involves the game of chess. Chess is such a wonderful game to pass the time in here and create a level of thinking that can be unmatched. Just a few weeks ago though, it hit me; why in an archaic game like chess is the queen by far the most powerful piece.

Not a complaint by any means from me as I love the activity of a queen on a chess board, but it just makes me wonder, at a time when women were surely so discriminated against, someone decided to create the queen's ability as the most dominant piece on the board.

I of course do not know the history at all, but whomever decided this I suppose they may have come to grips with the reality that a woman is the sole carrier of the continuation of life. Just as God has set a woman's worth vastly apart, so has the creator of the game of chess.

Happy Mother's Day to you all!

SUE

It was a beautiful ceremony for a beautiful couple and a memorable day for our family. As Grandmother of the Bride and Great-Grandmother of the flower girl, my heart was bursting with memories. This church holds my life memories - I was confirmed here, married here, my children baptized and confirmed here and then married here. Then their children baptized and confirmed here and now one of my grandchildren has been married here. This church has deep roots and many branches that are like arms reaching out to enfold and protect, encourage and nourish and most important love us all. Pastor KC made the ceremony so very personal to Kenzie and Austin and we will always remember his smiling face as he pronounced them husband and wife. It truly was a day to remember. (And yes, my heart has room for one more).



SIX LITTLE STORIES

1- ONCE ALL VILLAGERS DECIDED TO PRAY FOR RAIN, ON THE DAY OF PRAYER ALL THE PEOPLE GATHERED, BUT ONLY ONE BOY CAME WITH AN UMBRELLA.

THAT'S **FAITH**

2- WHEN YOU THROW A BABY IN THE AIR, SHE LAUGHS BECAUSE SHE KNOWS YOU WILL CATCH HER.

THAT'S **TRUST**

3- EVERY NIGHT WE GO TO BED, WITHOUT ANY ASSURANCE OF BEING ALIVE THE NEXT MORNING BUT STILL WE SET THE ALARMS TO WAKE UP.

THAT'S **HOPE**

4- WE PLAN BIG THINGS FOR TOMORROW IN SPITE OF ZERO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FUTURE.

THAT'S **CONFIDENCE**

5- WE SEE THE WORLD SUFFERING, BUT STILL WE GET MARRIED AND HAVE CHILDREN.

THAT'S **LOVE**

6- ON A SENIOR'S SHIRT WAS WRITTEN A SENTENCE 'I AM NOT 75 YEARS OLD.... I AM SWEET 16 WITH 59 YEARS EXPERIENCE'

THAT'S **ATTITUDE**