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# The Good News

September 2019

REVEREND K.C. LAZZARA



Fall is here at last! Once the weather breaks, the cool air will soothe us just in time for Sunday morning worship, Monday evening spiritual reflection, and of course Wednesday afternoon community dinners! Have you guessed that this is my favorite time of year? As a congregation, not only have we had a productive summer with regard to the various tasks of *doing church*, but as a community of worship, we've gone

deep into scripture exploring a range of topics from enduring the long-haul of faith to taking responsibility for our own testimonies of how God is working in our lives. We've learned the delicate nature of integrating our individual spiritual journeys into the collective soul of who we are together—the Body of Christ. *Our testimonies bear witness to God's presence in the here and now.*

As we intentionally live into the New Covenant of Christ, I'm thrilled to witness the contagion of origami Peace Cranes settle into the hearts of St. Paul! Along with so many around the world, I believe we love big enough to make 1,000 Peace Cranes for our Japanese brothers and sisters in Hiroshima. This era of peace is happening precisely in the here and now *and* resonates in all of eternity. Just as God is transcendent, we must believe that the nature love itself transcends both time and space. In this way, our willingness to love and how we show our love manifests in the majesty of each Peace Crane.

As Japanese tradition goes, one who folds 1,000 cranes will have a special wish come true. Invite your family, friends, and enemies. Together, let's make some Peace Cranes along with one big wish: PEACE.

SUE REGIER

Rummage can now be brought in and put on the stage in the large dining room. We are hoping this will make it easier when we move and sort the rummage. Please stack your rummage as neatly as possible on the stage. Also, it would be helpful if glass items were packed separately and labeled GLASS, so items will not get broken before we get them put on the tables. Another request—please don't make the bags of clothing so heavy it will take a body builder to lift them. The rummage sale is a great fundraiser, but we must conserve our strength and our backs. We have the rest of the summer to clean out those closets, basements and garages. We all have lots of good stuff just waiting for a new home. Let's make the Fall sale as great as the Spring sale (or maybe even greater)!!!





1	BARBARA STEPHENS
8	BARBARA RADKE CHRISTINA GRAWBURG
9	BONNIE BURK
19	TRUDY CALABRESE
22	REV MARY ALICE PURCELL

Sunday, Sept 8



## Happy Grandparents Day

Grandparents are  
a delightful blend  
of laughter,  
caring deeds,  
wonderful stories,  
and love.

BRANDON EBEL

*"And beginning with Moses and the Prophets,  
Jesus explained to them what was  
said in all of the scriptures concerning himself." Luke 24:27*



Dear Members of St. Paul UCC,

This passage was written about Jesus's resurrection and appearing to two people on the road to Emmaus. My curiosity springs alive from these words. What did Jesus share with them in the Old Testament?

I have always read the Old Testament in anticipation for what is to come. A foreshadow of the Savior being born. And there are numerous accounts of scripture to point to that Jesus could have shared with them. These two had to have been the greatest theologians at the time. What do you think Jesus taught them from the Old Testament?

I want to go to a very familiar story and this one I'm referencing happens to be the first time the Bible mentions the word 'love.' My mind tells me that Jesus used the story of Abraham being tested with his son Isaac in Genesis 22. There are so many typologies within this story that can represent the story of Jesus.

First of all, God asked Abraham to take his only son, Isaac; whom he loves, and sacrifice him. Abraham remained obedient knowing his faith in God would deliver Isaac no matter what happened. A donkey is mentioned, wood to place Isaac upon is written about. These can relate to Jesus in a lot of ways, but the overwhelming similarity is God asking Abraham to sacrifice his only son.

Thankfully, God did intervene and Isaac was not sacrificed. Nevertheless, there are occurrences within this story that point to Jesus.

Again I ask, what scripture do you think Jesus enlightened these two travelers on Emmaus about? What did he use for a reference that gives evidence of His purpose? Seeing the Bible as such a connected source has helped me in a lot of ways make sense of the Old Testament.

God bless and keep you all. I'm always praying for God's favor to be overwhelmingly displayed in your lives.

*If you would like to write to Brandon or send him a card, his address is:  
Ebel, #752523, Thumb Correctional Facility 3225 John Conley Drive, Lapeer, MI 48446*

**Almighty God, we give you our schools. We give you all the teachers and staff who work there. We give you all the children who study there. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love. A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



### **Window Restoration Fundraiser**

Please rinse bottles/cans  
before putting in box  
outside church office.





*Circle 1* – Diane: We will have our meeting on Sunday, September 15 due to the Bake Sale on September 8.

*Circle 2* – Joyce: We will host Coffee Hour in September, starting Sunday, September 1. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 3 at 12:30 pm in the Library.

### **OVERALL MEETING—Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:00 am**

Speaker: Sue Franklin

Southeastern Indians, 26641 Lawrence, Center Line, MI

“American Indians” and “What’s Going On”

Luncheon to follow meeting provided by Circle 2



### **BAKE SALE—Sunday, Sept 8**

Mark your calendars and bring in your “goodies” to help support our Window Fund!

TRUDY CALABRESE

### **THE STORY CONTINUED...**

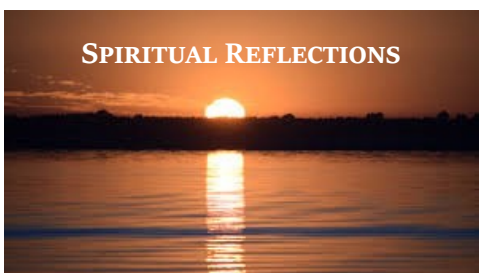


I want to thank the ladies of the Women’s Fellowship for the \$50.00 check presented to me by a smiling Beth. I appreciate your assistance very much with the expenses for the kid’s program. Thanks again.

Note that a few of the left over items from the program were donated. There were a couple dozen patriotic wands still in packages that I brought over to the First United Methodist Church on Chicago Road for their “Messy Church” kid’s program for arts and crafts. Their church secretary was appreciative and I told her where I came from, St. Paul UCC!

Secondly, after hearing a request from Community Choice Credit Union, also on Chicago Road in Warren, in need of many items for a school teacher’s collection, I brought the leftover new hand sanitizer and Kleenex packages to donate. One of the tellers helped me place my items in a big tub and thanked me. I made sure to tell her where I was from...St. Paul United Church of Christ, we are right round the corner!

I was thinking of hostessing a fun afternoon game on a Saturday that includes the use of quarters. Sound interesting? Peace be with you!



September 16  
September 23  
September 30  
6:30 pm

I want to thank my Church Family at St. Paul's for the wonderful words of Love and Prayers that I have received. I really appreciate it so much! I will continue to need your support and know I am getting it from all of you! *Love you, Pearl*

