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It's All About Jesus! - Mark 1:17 - Matthew 28:19

The Bible: IS The Word Of God – Jesus: IS The Only Way To Salvation

Prayer: IS Essential – Evangelism: IS Our Mission



A Global
Methodist Church

February 2024

Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

ADVICE ON HOW TO WAIT!

In the Old Testament, the prophet Amos, tells us what not to do as we wait. Amos brings a complaint from God against the people concerning their worship. God complains against those who think they are ready, who say they desire the day of the Lord.

He complains that they go about worshipping as they always have, not thinking about what their worship means. They don't notice that their worship should turn them in the direction of doing justice, of showing God's love to the neighbors.

God is unhappy with those who are indifferent toward their faith. Amos quotes the Lord: "**I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies....Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.**" [Amos 5: 21, 23].

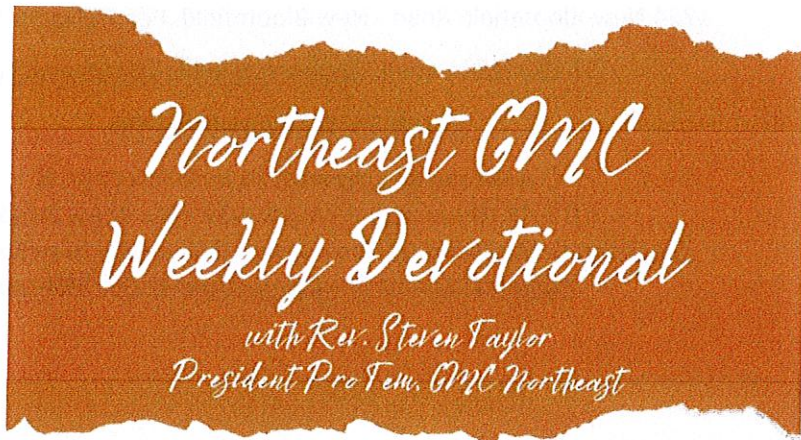
Most of the book of Amos tells us what God hates about our hypocrisy and religious practices. Amos makes it clear what not to do as we wait for the day of the Lord. But Amos also goes on in this passage to give us some positive guidance about what we should be doing as we wait for the return of our Lord. Amos continues to speak God's word: "**But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**" [Amos 5:24]

At Snyder's Church, a New Church For A New Day, our goal is "**To make disciples of Jesus Christ who Worship passionately, Love extravagantly, and Witness boldly.**" You're invited to join us in this journey!

Come and Worship with us as we proclaim "**The Bible Is The Word Of God; Jesus Is The Only Way To Salvation; Prayer Is Essential; Evangelism Is Our Mission!**"

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He [the Word, the One we know as Jesus,] was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. —John 1:2-3

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024! As I reflect on 2023 and look forward to 2024, the word that keeps coming to mind is change. Now, I know that life is a continuous series of changes - family, church, work, culture, technology, and just about everything you can name. Many times, change is challenging and tends to shift the "sand under our feet" a little. There are those who like change and those who don't. There are others who are change agents, who are called to initiate change and lead others through it. There are still others who find ways to avoid change at all cost. In life, change will always come. When we spend a few minutes at the beginning of a new year to take stock of how God is at work in our lives, we also come to realize that God invites us to grow - spiritually, which always requires change.

The Good News is that God never changes! From the beginning, our Triune God has existed, created, loved, and graciously invited us into relationship with God. There has never been a time or place where God has not, is not, or will not be present and active. Often, the times when God is MOST at work is in the changes in our lives. The times when we are not sure of our next step, next meal, next decision, or next moment of obedience. It's in those times when we are called, gently and graciously, to turn our hearts and eyes to a powerful, sovereign God, who has it all in view, even when we don't. It's not something we're always comfortable doing, but when we do trust in the Lord for the next

moment (or the next year) we grow and change and move deeper and deeper into relationship with God. After all, Jesus has it all in his hands, from the beginning to the end. May our trust grow this year, and may that growing trust give us confidence to serve and love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Northeast GMC Weekly Devotional

with Rev. Steven Taylor
President Pro Tem, GMC Northeast

Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

—Colossians 1:9

One of the inspiring things about the earliest churches that were following The Way (Jesus) is that they were small, tight-knit, shared much love, and were passionate about evangelism. They had a message in the Good News that was so incredible that they could not keep it to themselves. That message was about death from life, forgiveness from sin, holiness, and loving God and neighbors. I'm thankful they chose to share that Good News with the communities in which they were located, and with each other as they worshipped, broke bread together, shared what they had, and prayed fervently for each other.

When the Apostle Paul was unable to physically be with the churches he had a hand in birthing through his own evangelism and spreading the Good News, he prayed for them. And not only Paul, but those with Paul, and everyone who Paul could tell about these new gatherings of believers. When Paul prayed, it was more than, "Lord, protect them..." Paul and his companions prayed specifically that God would fill them with knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. That's a very specific prayer for these new believers who were growing in faithfulness and what it meant to leave their old lives behind and follow a man who lived, died, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, AND who was/is praying for them, as well. Paul constantly and consistently prayed that the believers in the churches in that region would have their minds and hearts expanded more and more so that Jesus became more and more the center of all they did and said.

In some ways, the Global Methodist Church is new and we're still learning what it means to follow Jesus together in this new way. Even more so, the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference is but a week old! What that means, specifically, is that we all need to be praying for each other, "...asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding." Just like the early church, we will make mistakes and things will happen slower than we want. Our churches will keep growing and learning how to be Global Methodists, as we center all we do on Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit. And, remember, Jesus is praying for us as well, as we see in John 17. By the power of prayer, we will be inspired to worship, love, and witness as agents of a holy God who loves us and wants the world to know that.

2023 Loads of Love
Year-end Report

- 47 family units from Duncannon and other Perry County communities!
- Many hikers from all over – TN, NJ, MD, Chicago, Australia, Puerto Rico!
- Many one-time visitors who did not know it was LOL night!
- \$4896.50 in clean clothes!
- \$4385.50 in donations from seven local churches as well as individual contributions!
- Many bottles of donated Tide laundry detergent and Bounce dryer sheets!
- Three committed volunteers and one willing back-up!
- Solid relationships built between volunteers and LOL guests!
- Assistance and support such as food, car repair and transportation provided as needed!
- Created a work-in-progress county resource list for those that need extra support!
- Relationships building between LOL guests as evidenced by conversation, sharing food supplies, smiles!
- Supportive Trail Laundry owner on site most LOL nights!
- Two LOL nights and several meet-ups with individuals per month!
- Lots of prayers!
- Love, love, love – loads of it!

Current Balance: \$988.25 (of that, \$399.75 in quarters; \$588.50 ear-marked in the DCC acct)

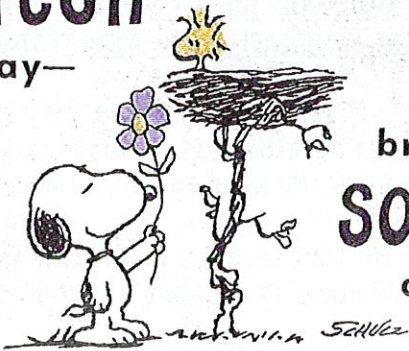
2024 GOALS:

- Open a third LOL night per month with a new team of volunteers
- Offer a simple, mini-worship time at Trail Laundry one time per month
- Apply for a TFEC grant for Loads of Love once DCC has 501c3 status
- Assist in the start-up of Loads of Love in Newport to be supported by churches in the Newport community

On behalf of the Loads of Love team, thank you for allowing us to share the love of Jesus through laundry! Please prayerfully consider how you and your church can be involved.

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Just wanted to
Brighten
your day—



You've
brightened
so many
of mine!

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

The Annual Chili Cookoff and Game Night is Saturday February 24th beginning at 4 PM with games at 5 PM. If you do not like Chili please bring another dish or snack to share. Also bring your favorite board games! We will be setting up a Sequence Tournament.

ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DINNER
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

The Annual Valentine's Dinner will be held this year on Saturday February 3rd at 3:30 PM at the Bread of Life Restaurant, 30644 Route 35 in McAllisterville. This is for adults and a sign up sheet is on the glass case near the office or you can speak to Dan or Diana.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday February 11th you are asked to bring canned soup or money donations to fill the Soup Pot that Jeff provides in the Narthex. All items donated will go to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor food bank for Perry County. Give as you are able and it is most appreciated.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Saturday February 3rd at 10 AM in the Adult Class room we will meet with representatives from Roseglen and Dellville as we make our plans for our Annual Vacation Bible School in June.

PSALMS & PROVERBS READING FEBRUARY

Week of Feb 4: Psalms 13 – 15; Proverbs 3: 1'9 – 35 Week of Feb. 11: Psalms 16 – 18 Proverbs 4
Week of Feb 18 : Psalms 19 – 21; Proverbs 5 Week of Feb 25: Psalms 22 -24 Proverbs 6: 1 – 19

Join Us In Reading God's Holy Word
Our Daily Bread Schedule on next page

OUR DAILY BREAD – BIBLE IN A YEAR
FEBRUARY [ONE OLD TESTAMENT; ONE NEW TESTAMENT READING DAILY]

Feb. 1-3: Exodus 27-28, Matt. 21: 1 -22; Exodus 29-30, Matt. 21: 23-46; Exodus 36-38; Matt 22: 1-22
Feb. 4-10: Exodus 34-35, Matt. 22: 23-46; Exodus 36-38, Matt. 23: 1-22; Exodus 39-40, Matt. 23: 23-39;
Leviticus 1-3, Matt. 24: 1-28; Leviticus 4-5, Matt. 24:29-51; Leviticus 6-7, Matt. 25: 1-30; Leviticus 8-10,
Matt. 25: 31-46
Feb. 11-17: Leviticus 11-12, Matt. 26: 1-25; Leviticus 13, Matt. 26: 26-50; Leviticus 14, Matt. 26: 5 1-75;
Leviticus 15-16, Matt. 27. 1-26; Leviticus 17-18, Matt. 27: 27-50; Leviticus 1;9-20, Matt. 27: 51-66;
Leviticus 21-22, Matt. 28
Feb. 18-24: Leviticus 23-24, Mark 1: 1-22; Leviticus 25, Mark 1: 23-45; Leviticus 26-27, Mark 2; Numbers
1-3; Mark 3; Numbers 4-6, Mark 4: 1-20; Numbers 7-8, Mark 4: 21-41; Numbers 9-11, Mark 5: 1-20
Feb. 25-28: Numbers 12-14, Mark 5: 21-43; Numbers 15-16, Mark 6: 1-29; Numbers 17-19, Mark 6: 30-
56; Numbers 20-22, Mark 7: 1-13; [devotional for Feb. 29]

SAVE THE DATE MARCH 3 FOR GOOD NEWS SINGERS

The GOOD NEWS SINGERS will be with us on Sunday March 3rd at 3:00 PM. Watch for details announced.

DUNCANNON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesday Feb. 13 at 9:30 AM at Christ Lutheran Church. Breakfast formerly sponsored by Asbury Ladies. A variety of casseroles, fruit and pastries along with any other goods donated. Open to the public.

Community Lenten Luncheons Thursday Feb 22 thru March 21st from 12 Noon to 1 PM at the Presbyterian Church. Light luncheon and devotional. This year's theme is: "Finding Jesus In The Psalms." Speakers for devotional are: Feb 22 – Pastor Dee, Watts Wesleyan; Feb 29 – Pastor CeCe, Presbyterian; March 7 – Pastor Jennifer, Christ Lutheran; March 14 – open; March 21 – Pastor Randy

PRESIDING ELDER APPOINTED

Rev. Steve Taylor, President Pro-Tem of the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference of the GMC has announced that Rev. Eugene A. Liddick has been appointed to serve as the Presiding Elder for the Central Pennsylvania District of the Conference. He serves as a volunteer in this capacity while also pastoring two churches at New Jerusalem at Starview Church and the Saginaw Community Church. Many of us will remember Gene who served as Interim at Millerstown after his retirement in 2017; he became an Elder in the GMC in July 2023. We welcome Gene to this new position and he will be assisting a number of our GMC churches primarily in the Juniata and Perry County areas...and any others to be announced. He will be meeting on Tuesday February 6th with the pastors of this area. Please add Gene to your Prayer List and be assured he is praying for us as well.