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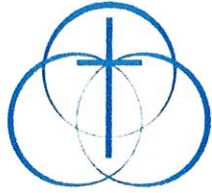
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*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ who
Worship passionately, Love extravagantly,
and Witness boldly"*

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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Dear Snyder's Church Family and Friends,

In the month of March we begin the season known as Lent when we remember the final 40 days of the earthly life, teaching and ministry of Jesus. Let me share some things here with you about Jesus:

- **JESUS DIED PENNILESS.** Roman soldiers cast lots to divide among themselves Jesus' only possessions – the clothes on his back. And He looked at His disciples and said to them, "blessed are you who are poor."
- **JESUS DIED HUNGRY.** There is no record that Jesus had anything to eat on the day of His death. What we call "The Last Supper" on Thursday evening may very well have been Jesus' last meal. He died on the cross on the Friday at sunset with an empty stomach. Looking at His disciples He said "Blessed are you who hunger now."
- **JESUS DIED WEeping.** After His last supper, Jesus headed for the Garden and there in that Olive Grove we call Gethsemane He prayed and He wept. He told His disciples "You are blessed when you weep."
- **JESUS DIED HATED.** Caiaphas, the greatest religious authority in Israel called Him a blasphemer. The crowds wanted a murderer freed before they would see Jesus pardoned. And His disciples deserted Him. Looking at His disciples He said "Blessed are you when men hate you on account of me."

The Beatitudes are a wonderful description of what disciples are supposed to be like. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are you who are poor. They sound so ideal, so spiritual. They probably come right there with all the framed scripture hangings on a wall that we have, just behind the Ten Commandments, Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer. But truth be told few of us ever come close to truly living them out. Why? Here's the reason: It's because they are a call to sacrificial living. [continued on back of this page.....]

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When I think of making sacrifices I think of E. Stanley Jones, perhaps Methodism's most famous foreign missionary. He authored over a dozen books and converted hundreds of Hindus in India to Christianity. He is the only person that I am aware of who was voted in abstentia to become a bishop. When he received the news, he turned it down. One day E. Stanley Jones came to Emory University and spoke to a Systematic Theology class. One of the students asked why he turned down becoming a bishop. He laughingly replied that if he became a bishop he would have to retire at age 70. "I am now 82" he said, "and I am still going strong."

Then someone asked him: "what do you think of the Beatitudes?" Several students picked up their pens expecting something profound and they got it.

Here's what he said: "At first sight, you felt they turned everything upside down. At second sight, you understand that they turn everything right side up. The first time you read them they are impossible. The second time you read them, nothing else is possible. The Beatitudes are not a chart for Christian duty. They are a charter for Christian liberty."

The Beatitudes are admonitions to sacrificial living and sacrificial living is the door to Christian freedom. May the Beatitudes help all of us at Snyder's Church in our Lenten Journey this year. May God bless you truly and may you also truly bless others in Jesus' name.

Pastor Bill

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO DWAYNE BEASTON: For the past several weeks Dwayne made extensive repairs to many of our pews and has now put polyurethane on all the pew armrests. He said he hopes this lasts another hundred years! We are truly blessed with this labor of love and we offer our special thanks again to Dwayne.

MEN 4 JESUS BREAKFAST Saturday March 15th 8:30 to 10:30 AM. Pastor Bob Bishard of Young's GMC on Wertzville Road will be our speaker. The Ladies Aide are providing a delicious breakfast and there is no cost except a free-will basket will be available to help recover the costs of the meal.. Please sign up now on the list on the stand in the Narthex as you enter the Church. Men and boys you will not want to miss this event. Invite others to attend also.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Planning meeting with Roseglen and Dellville will be held Saturday March 1st at 10:00 AM in the Adult Classroom. See Diana Payne with any questions/interest.

SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER – Served by the Ladies Aide Society on March 4th from 5 to 7:30 PM. Pancakes, sausage and hash browns will be supplied. You may bring a hot dish or breakfast Dessert to share if you want. There is a sign-up sheet as you enter the Church so that the ladies have an idea of approximately how many to plan for. Plan to be with us.

DCC LENTEN BREAKFAST – Christ Lutheran Church in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church will be hosting a community Lenten Breakfast on Tuesday March 4th at 9:30 AM. Enjoy breakfast and a short devotional in preparation for Lent. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Loads of Love. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 115 Church Street, Duncannon.

ANNUAL LENTEN LUNCHEONS – being held at the Duncannon Presbyterian Church on Thursday March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10. Lunch at noon followed by devotional time. The theme for the devotions this year is “The people around Jesus during Holy Week.” If you would like to provide devotions contact Pastor CeCe. Whichever Church is providing the devotions that day will be responsible for the soup and sandwich lunch. Drinks and table settings will be provided. This is to be a simple meal during Lent so no desserts will be necessary.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – at Duncannon Presbyterian Church from Noon until 3:00 PM on Friday April 18th. The Seven Last Words from the Cross will be presented. Contact Tina Brunner at 350-2804 if you are interested in providing one of the Words from the Cross.

VALENTINE’S DINNER RE-SCHEDULED from storm Saturday February 15th to Saturday March 1st at 3:00 pm at the Bread Of Life in McAlisterville. Additional persons can sign up by speaking to Dan or Diana.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME returns at 2 AM Sunday March 9th; so set your clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR** on Saturday evening March 8th.



On February 17, during the opening worship service at Banyam Theological Seminary, a group of individuals supportive of the United Methodist Church disrupted the gathering. In an effort to maintain peace, the conference was relocated. Today, these same individuals, expecting to find our bishops and conference members gathered, returned to Banyam Seminary armed, engaging in destruction of property and physical attacks on members of the Global Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God that, while injuries were sustained, there was no loss of life. Bishop John Pena Auta was able to seek assistance from the Nigerian army, which intervened to disperse the attackers.

Bishop Jones has assured us that he, Bishop Auta, and those traveling with them are unharmed and safe.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we unequivocally condemn all acts of violence and reiterate that such actions have no place within the Body of Christ. We call upon the leadership of the United Methodist Church to publicly denounce these attacks and urge all parties to seek peace and reconciliation.

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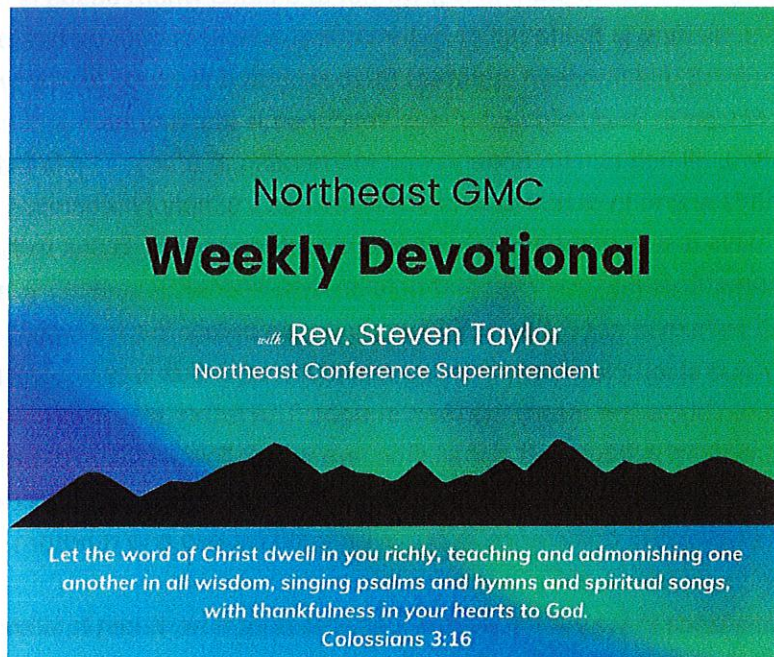
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Devotional from Conference Superintendent, Rev. Steven Taylor

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February 6, 2025

Listen to this week's devotional at the link below.

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**"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."
Mark 9:23"**

Some things in life just seem to be impossible. Whether it's a circumstance in your church or family that simply doesn't seem to resolve in the timeframe we'd prayed for, or a diagnosis that isn't given much hope, even with a second opinion. We often want answers and

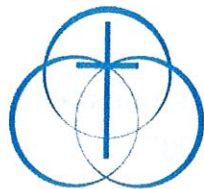
solutions, but we find ourselves wondering how God will make a way where there seems to be no way. I've been in a few of those situations, and I know you have as well.

Our verse for today is set in a larger narrative about a *kerfuffle* that occurred one day when the disciples attempted to heal a boy and were not able to do it. The person asking for the healing of his son was pretty sure that if he could get to Jesus, his son would be healed, despite the failed attempts by Jesus' disciples. In some ways, I can feel for the disciples and their desire to solve this problem but not being able to. Some things in life seem to be impossible.

Setting aside the apparently impatient response of Jesus to the disciples and the crowds ("*You faithless generation*"... Mark 9:19), we get to a place where Jesus is ready to heal this boy. After a few questions to the father to determine how long the boy has been like that, the father finally throws up his hands in apparent frustration and says, "*If you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.*" Jesus' response is immediate and clear, stating that with faith (belief), all things can be done - even the healing of a boy. The father then, in a moment of humility and faith (the size of a mustard seed), simply proclaims, "*I believe; help my unbelief!*" This is one of the most honest and real responses to Jesus that we read in all of the New Testament. This father knows that he's been desperately seeking a healing for his boy and is not sure how to get there. Yet, when he bows before the Healer, this man's faith—as honestly raw and incomplete as it was—is exactly what Jesus was seeking him to express so that Jesus could show the mercy the man sought. The father was in jaw-dropping awe. The disciples learned a lesson. And, for all time, we who follow Jesus are encouraged and inspired by this miracle to keep growing in faith, bowing before the Healer, and to pray and fast for every impossible circumstance in our lives to be healed and reborn.

Whatever circumstance in your life seems impossible right now, begin to allow Jesus to heal that by bowing in surrender to Him. Believe, even as Jesus helps build your faith through His faithfulness. Everything is possible through God.

Blessings,
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