

JACOBS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CHAPEL CHATTER

NOTE: We are back to in-house Worship services. Praise God!! Due to the increase in # of Covid cases, we are again requiring everyone to wear masks. Also continue to follow all CC and Health Department Guidelines and use common sense!!

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Fortified Faith!!!

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation. (Romans 5:1-11 RSV)

Trust that the scripture "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" is indeed true.

To be fortified means that something has been added to make it better or secure. Cereals are fortified with the essential vitamins so that they are healthier.... Buildings are fortified with bearing walls so that they can withstand various stresses.... We fortify our plants with various plant foods to help them grow.... Fortification allows a particular item to be improved. A faith that is fortified simply means that it has been made better. However many of us as Christians have the blessing of God's initial gift of faith that He has given, but we have not taken the necessary steps to increase or to fortify our faith.

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If we become content and complacent in our relationship with God (or lack thereof) when trials come, we have the capacity to forget where our help really comes from and we get nervous! We stress, we worry.... We weep... we wail... we shut off from the world... we become depressed.... Distraught.... We get angry....and upset.... All because our faith is at that same mustard seed size when God planted it – and if we only call on Him in time of trouble – we never get the chance to fortify our faith – instead we just tend to shake what little faith we have. But the song writer said that faith allows us to see the invisible... feel the intangible... Faith allows us to conquer anything....

But you must desire a relationship with God to obtain this faith that is fortified with the essential stuff. So, my question to you is, “If God can do anything, what’s missing? Why do we worry, why do we fret...why do we argue...why do we complain... why do we lose sleep... why does every ache and pain cause us to moan and groan...what’s missing... What’s lacking.... What is the cause for most of our distractions – dysfunction...and defunct attitudes....

A Fortified FAITH is only achieved with an active relationship! God works with our wills. He created us to fellowship with Him. That is why it is imperative when we pray the desires of our heart...we have a close enough relationship with God we understand if our desire aligns with His will that our prayer will be answered.... And because our prayer will be answered there is no need for us to be concerned about the outcome...because we are confident not in what we see but in what we hope for..... Many of us know the familiar Hymn – My Hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness --- but when trials arise, we fret – I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus’ name – but in time of trouble our response is What Am I Going to Do..... There is a need for fortification.....But when our prayers line up with the will of God – our fortifying begins Even Jesus prayed within the will of God === Luke 22:40 in fact the Lord’s prayer – the model prayer says Thy will be done... so when God says pray the desire of your heart – He is waiting for our faith to become secure enough in him through our relationship with him for our desires to actually be what he wants for us anyway.

Why is “faith” so important?

No faith gives you no hope ---- little faith gives you little hope. Much faith gives you much hope.... how do you build faith --- by knowing the word of God so that you may speak the word of God so you can stand on the word of God....if we are not in the word – we cannot believe the word.... If we cannot believe the word....we cannot pray the word... If we cannot pray the word Our faith cannot increase because we are really uncertain of the one we are supposedly leaning on..... And if we can’t lean on Him totally our faith cannot increase.... If our faith cannot increase.... We cannot decrease.... If we cannot decrease.... We can’t have power.... And without power we remain unfortified.....

Faith is the currency of God. It’s how we obtain the blessings because we are going to Him believing in Him. It’s how we get what He has for us....Faith is the Access Key to Eternal Life. A true faith fortified with a true relationship with God allows us the ability to believe and trust totally in God. So that when trials come, we just say... My faith looks up to thee, though lamb of Calvary...savior divine...

In times of trouble, we will simply say – Father I stretch my hands to thee... no other help I know.....

In times of need we will be able to say I trust in God... I know he cares for me... on mountain tops or on the stormy sea....

When storm clouds come, we can still say the Lord will make a way somehow.....

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When our pillows become wet with tears, we will be able to say weeping may endure for a night but Joy comes in the morning....

When we lose our job, we can still say.... Praise God from whom all blessings Flow

When tragedy strikes, we will still say God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

When heartache comes.... Why should I feel discouraged...why should the shadows come...why should my heart feel lonely and long for my heaven on home... because Jesus is my comfort... a constant friend is he... His eye is on the sparrow... and I know he watches me....

Because my faith is fortified...when I have been talked about, I can still sing because I am happy. Because my faith is fortified... when people don't do right, I can still sing because I'm free. When Satan tries to tell me I'm nobody.... I can tell him Since my daddy's eye is on the sparrow, I know He watches me! Fortified Faith.... Fortified with the essential relationship of God. Built upon a trust. Based upon belief. Supported by the word. Increased by worship. Sustained by conversation. Maintained with praise.

Thanks be to God.

Peace, P John

SUNDAY FUNNIES





TRIVIA QUESTIONS: *(Answers on last page)*

(1) What was Portland, Oregon almost named instead?

A) Salem B) Harborview C) Washington D) Boston

(2) In which state can you visit "Metropolis", hometown of Superman?

A) Florida B) Illinois C) New Hampshire D) Arizona

(3) Which state experiences the highest frequency of rainbows?

A) California B) Florida C) Louisiana D) Hawaii

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"I dwell in Possibility, a fairer House than Prose..."—Emily Dickinson

I've Been Thinking....

OMG, your past is speaking to you. What a validation of your truth!"

Amen. Trust me, that's what I hope for each of you as well. I hope that you will trust your truth and trust your version of what was and what is true for you now. My hope is that you are able to clear out the conflicting versions that are swirling all around us that seek to confuse you, or that leave you doubting yourself—doubting what you see, what you know, what you feel. I hope you

can rub your eyes to see anew. Believe what you see. Trust how you feel. Trust the truth. Be it about the vaccine efficacy, the attack on our democracy or someone trying to tell you something about your life. You've got this. You don't need someone else to tell you that they see it too. Sure, it's nice to be validated, but I've learned that deep in your soul—deep in your gut—you already know who you are. You may have lost your direction along the way (we all do), but you can steer yourself back toward your center. You can let go, leave well, and begin again.

As I prepare for my August recess, a.k.a. my digital break, I find myself looking back over this past decade and looking ahead. At my age, one has to have hope that the days ahead are going to be amazing. In fact, I would argue that you have to have hope about the future at any age. It's inspiring to look ahead. It's also important to learn lessons from your past, but you don't want to dwell there, especially if your past involved heartache, pain, or loss. Many decades ago, the poet Emily Dickinson wrote that she "dwelled in possibility." I love that because I do, too. I also dwell in love, hope, and the belief that you and I are both here to create, to inspire, and to lead ourselves and others forward to a better place.

Do you know where you dwell? It's an intriguing question. I dwell in my tender heart and in my glorious mind, and I am more certain than ever that our world needs both to be working together. Over this past year, I've been listening to the little voice within me that has long urged me to try something new that is outside my comfort zone. For so long, I tried to make an idea I had into a reality by convincing others to bet on me. I got one "no" after another. Yes, I did. I tried to convince others to fund a brain wellness company that could nourish, educate, and empower people my age and in other generations to live a brain-healthy lifestyle. I wanted to empower people to prevent (as best one could) dementia, Alzheimer's, and other diseases that impact you with age. I wanted to create a company that could be delicious, nutritious, successful, and focused on its mission (supporting Alzheimer's research).

Everywhere I went, people smiled at me and then said "Um, no, thank you." I felt the ageism and the fear at every meeting. Then my son Patrick said, "Mommy, just go try it yourself. Bet on you. Do what you believe in. I'll help you. If not now, when?"

Good point. And so now with his support and the support of so many others—be it my colleagues at Shriver Media and The Women's Alzheimer's Movement, or be it the many doctors and researchers who have worked with me over these last many decades—I am launching that very company in the fall. Yes, I am.

So, what is it? It's a brain wellness food company and we are starting with a protein bar for your brain. Why a bar? Because I'm a protein bar fanatic, and no bar existed that was good for your brain and your body while also supporting Alzheimer's research with every purchase. No bar combined the vitamins and superfoods that I take like this bar now does. My hope is that people give it a taste as they say—that people love it and that it can then give birth to other products. It's a vision—one step or one product at a time. So here I am, starting something new with lessons and knowledge from my past. I'm doing this so that I can empower myself to be the best version of myself moving forward. I'm doing this because I believe in the message, the mission, and myself. I know the chances of success are slim. I don't care. I know the field is crowded with young entrepreneurs who work around the clock like I used to do at their age. That's okay. If Jeff

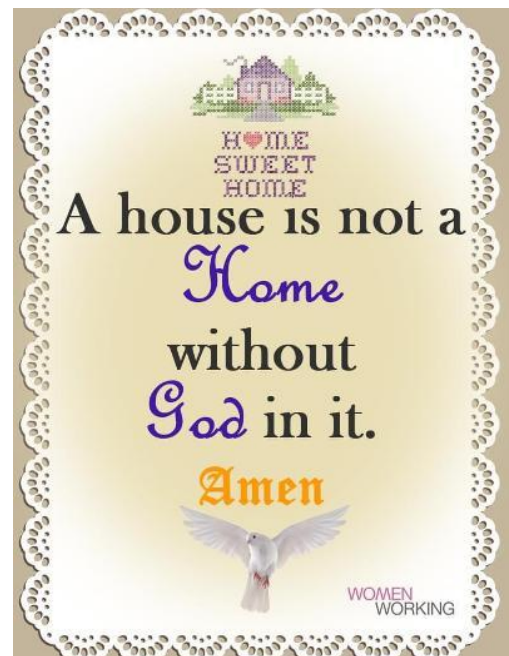
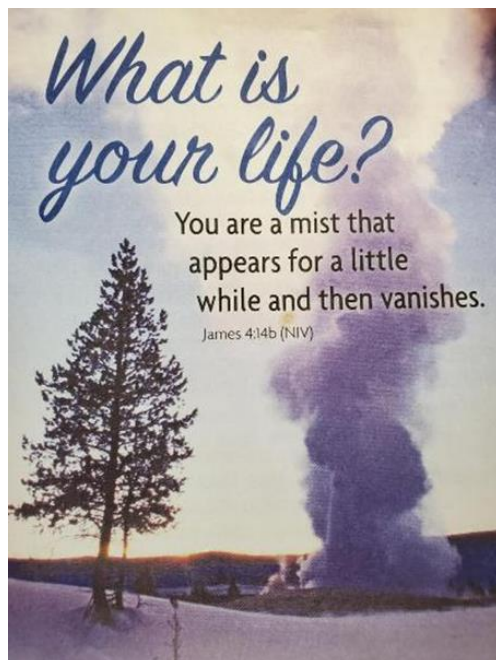
Bezos blasting into space taught me anything, it's to pursue your dreams and to not worry about the detractors or your age (thank you, Wally).

The truth is, we all have our own versions of space. We all have our own dreams. You don't have to be a billionaire to bet on yourself. Our world is filled with those who had no money, who bet on their idea and themselves, and off they went. Falling down or failing is always an option when you step out, but guess what? So is succeeding. And my definition of success is finally my own, one that is good enough for me. Every new endeavor teaches us something, and we learn nothing by sitting still or sitting in fear. So, my fellow dreamers: dwell in the possibility of your own possibility. Trust in new beginnings. Trust that your best days are indeed yet to be lived. Bet on yourself. Let's go!

Love,

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear God, may I never stop believing in what's possible or betting on myself. Allow me to trust my inner wisdom and use the gifts you have given me to imagine what can be and to move humanity forward. Amen.



Jacobs Chapel family and Pastor John
Our Community and Country as the Delta variant surges
All front line workers and first responders
Our Government Leaders
(Our Shut – Ins) Nancy Eiler, Maria Roseberry, Janie Endris,
Melba Jenney, Jerry Lou Hendrickson and Betty Poole
Rhett Horn – Covid 19/related issues
Van Vance, Jr. – seeing heart surgeon
Doug’s friend having PT following Knee Replacement surgery
Car Jackings/Gun violence/victims in Louisville
Phil’s sister – health issues – now has Covid
Ruth Luker’s Brother – Buddy Eckert – health issues
Cindy Wheeler (friend of Joyce’s sister) In ICU for Covid
Lusadia’s sister passed away
Family of Bob Ortensie at his passing from Covid
Pastor Wilma has to move – looking for new place
Family of Baby Charley Rose who has now passed from Cancer
Covid Outbreak at Janie Endris’ nursing home
Pastor John’s Brother, John Wilson, blood clot procedure
successful, now trying to determine cause.

CONCERNS



Family of William Paul Landers III, 46, of
Sarasota, Fla. Great nephew of Melba
Jenney and grandson of the late Edna
Landers Lasher. He was christened as
an infant at Jacobs Chapel.

JOYS

Glenda Riggs – Family visits
Marille Poole – Betty has gained some weight
Norma Chastain is back at church!!



Norma Chastain wishes to thank everyone for all
the cards, calls, visits, food, and flowers she
received while she was unable to attend Sunday
services. She says she feels very blessed!

Note: We all know how special she is!!

*****Note – this list of joys and concerns is not all inclusive. If you know of**
someone you want on the list, please let me know. Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays - Shirley Neely 9/3 John Mantle 9/5 Nathan Wolf 9/6 Joyce Vibbert 9/9 Bonnie Barger 9/14 Betty Zemke 9/17 Mary Jo Smith 9/26

October Birthdays - Alexandria Poole 10/1 Doug Tingley 10/4 Kimber Fogelman 10/8 Barb Bunuan 10/19 Ruth Luker 10/19 Linda Francke 10/21 Linda Smith 10/29

November Birthdays - Glenda Riggs 11/1 Bob Poole 11/5 Marille Poole 11/7 Elizabeth Poole 11/10 Alan Stewart 11/10 Phil Van Winkle 11/10 Ian Allen 11/26 Ava Poole 11/28

Anniversaries - Kimber & Marla Fogelman 9/14 Ron & Shirley Neely 9/15 Kent & Betty Zemke 10/6 Mike & Bonnie Barger 11/2 Phil & Nan Duncan 11/17 Doug and Valerie Tingley 11/21 John & Sharon Jenney 11/23 Carl & Ruth Luker 11/25

**GIVE DOLLY A HOME!!
HELP SUPPORT THE METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION!!**



All proceeds from the sale of this doll will go to the United Methodist Mission.

*Original Owner - Christmas gift in 1960's
Vintage Patti Playpal type unmarked
36" doll*

Wearing Original Dress

*Hair Professionally Cleaned and Curled
at the Indiana Doll Hospital*

This doll does not look or act her age!!

I am hoping to sell her locally to avoid the service fees/shipping charges from an online sale.

Interested early Christmas shoppers and Doll Collectors, please call!!

Valerie 812-987-1310 or vtingley@aol.com

Thanks so much to all who donated to Tracy Patton Ministries Food Drive which was held 9/11 in our parking lot. Again, it was the best one yet!! We received \$525 cash and a 20 foot trailer stacked with food as well as filling up the back and back seat of an SUV. One lady brought food in memory of Dominique Pandolfo, who was killed in the 9/11 attacks on the Towers at the age of 21.



“SIGNS OF THE TIMES” (submitted by Joyce Vibbert)



*SPECIAL DAYS AND/OR HOLIDAYS
DURING SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER,
AND NOVEMBER.*

LABOR DAY



Labor Day 2021 will occur on Monday, September 6. Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events.



Halloween, also known as All Hallows eve, is a celebration on October 31, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the observance of the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions may have been influenced by ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which may have had pagan roots; some scholars hold that Samhain may have been Christianized as All Hallows' Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday.

Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, and telling scary stories. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration.



Columbus Day 2021 is an annual federal American holiday that occurs on the second Monday in October each year. Columbus Day is a day that commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas and his discovery of America on October 12, 1492.

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Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for our veterans. This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars. We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. In the US Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November while in Canada nearly one month and a half earlier (second Monday of October). Thanksgiving has deep roots in religious tradition. Thanksgiving tradition began in early XVII century, but the date and popularity varied between states. First nation-wide Thanksgiving was proclaimed on November 26, 1789 by George Washington. The contemporary date of fourth Thursday of November was set in 1941 by federal legislation.

Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful and appreciate who you have and what you have. It is a time for families to meet, socialize and enjoy each other's company, sometimes the only opportunity in a year. Some prefer it to Christmas because of less emphasis on consumerism. Thanksgiving, for most, is also a start of a four day weekend which is great, too.



TRIVIA QUESTION ONE – ANSWER BOSTON

Portlanders can thank a lucky coin toss for their city’s name. Two settlers from New England, Asa Lovejoy and Francis W. Pettygrove, claimed the land and founded the Oregon city in 1843. Pettygrove was from Portland, Maine, and wanted to name the new Oregon settlement after his hometown. But Lovejoy wasn't from Portland – he was from Boston, Massachusetts, and he was all for naming the settlement after Beantown. The two agreed to settle the friendly dispute with a coin toss. The toss went Pettygrove's way, and Portland, Oregon, was born.

TRIVIA QUESTION TWO – ANSWER ILLINOIS

While Superman’s home in the comic books is a grand city of skyscrapers, the real-life Metropolis is a small farming community, founded in 1839 on the banks of the Ohio River in southern Illinois. Given its connection to the name of the fictional town made famous in the DC Comics universe, Illinois declared Metropolis to be the “Hometown of Superman” in 1972. At one point, DC Comics planned to build a theme park called “Amazing World of Superman,” but the plan was abandoned. Still, the town still boasts a 15-foot-tall statue of the Man of Steel and a smaller statue of Lois Lane. The town also holds an annual Superman Celebration, and in 1993, the Super Museum opened in Metropolis, featuring an impressive collection of Superman memorabilia.

TRIVIA QUESTION THREE - ANSWER - HAWAII

Hawaii is known as the “Rainbow State” for a reason: Science tells us that Hawaii is the best place on the planet to catch a rainbow. Hawaii’s geographic location means the state experiences a subtropical climate that ushers in northeast trade winds, bringing with them frequent rain showers and clear skies – two factors needed for flawless rainbows (particularly on rainy Kauai). The mountainous topography also keeps the frequent rain clouds on one side, creating clear viewing on the other. There is also a lack of pollution in the Hawaiian skies, which allows rainbows to shine brightly and free of contamination. Rainbows hold a special place in Hawaiian mythology, often symbolizing transformation.

Thanks to all who contributed to the newsletter. Please continue to submit pictures, articles or anything you think might interest our Jacobs Chapel Family. My email (NEW) is joycevibbert@outlook.com, cell phone # 502-939-2932 or snail mail address - 8240 Rachel Lane Sellersburg, In 47172. The next newsletter will be in September.

