

Word from the Pastor

CHANGE, AN UPSET STOMACH, AND BEING HUMAN...

Summer Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying the summer and have been able to find some time to relax and enjoy the warm weather.

Back in 1987, I began to have to travel internationally for work. It was sometime in that time period that I had to have my first vaccination against typhoid (aka typhoid fever). You can get typhoid from drinking contaminated water, and the symptoms of the infection are not pleasant. Because you can't always know whether the water you are drinking or using to brush your teeth is contaminated, there are two ways to prevent this malady. One is with a shot that makes you immune from the infection for two or three years, and the other is a series of four capsules that are taken every other day. Because the capsules will protect you for five years, every five years I go through the four table ritual.

My five years of protection against typhoid runs out in a few months, so today I took the first of the four pills. It wasn't much more than six hours after taking the pill that I felt my stomach was telling me it didn't like the vaccination. In reading the brochure that came with the capsules, I learned that the pills contain live typhoid organisms. I don't know if it is my thinking about those organisms swimming around my intestinal tract or whether in deed I am having a mini-case of typhoid, but I feel feverish and my stomach is gurgling regularly. According to my body, I'm having some other symptoms that should not be described in the Church newsletter...

The point? We humans don't always react well to change. My stomach isn't reacting well to the change of having some live typhoid organisms floating around in it. Whether just in my head or a true reaction, it's just a sign of my humanity. None of us are perfect. But that's the beauty of the Church and Christ and God. God forgives me for my humanity, and our Church, in emulating our savior, accepts and lives with all my quirks and imperfections.

When it comes to being human, we're just like everyone else in the world. The difference is that through Christ we have received forgiveness. God forgives us. The more daunting question is, "Are you willing to forgive yourself?"

Blessings,
Mike



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The Charles Shultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

Here's a little quiz

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies..Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and

special!!

5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials..the most money... or the most awards.

They simply are the ones who care the most! Be the difference in someone else's life...and most of all...

Be yourself...everyone else is taken!



One Sentence Sermons

Be Fishers of Men.... You catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.
 A family altar can alter a family.
 A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
 Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
 Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
 Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord!
 Forbidden fruits create many jams.
 Give God what's right, not what's left!
 Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.
 God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.
 God grades on the cross, not the curve.
 God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts."
 God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
 Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible!
 He who angers you, controls you!
 He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone!
 Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
 Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.
 Never give the devil a ride! He will always want to drive!
 Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.
 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
 "Pray" is a four letter word that you can say anywhere.
 Prayer - Don't give God instructions - just report for duty!
 The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
 This Church is "Prayer Conditioned!"
 To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
 WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning!
 Watch your step carefully! Everyone else does!
 We don't change the message; the message changes us.
 We set the sail; God makes the wind.

New Addresses:

New Addresses for some of our members:

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June 6 Harmonious Brass Choir

June 13 Collette Hurst Jazz Quintet

June 20 Cindy Rines - singer/songwriter

June 27 Litchfield Dance Party - pop, disco and funk

July 4 - no show today - Happy Independence Day!

July 11 - Special Double Header:

2pm Dark Horse - easy rock & bluegrass

3pm Doug Mahard - singer/songwriter

July 18 Resonant Experts - saxophone quartet

July 25 Kristen Graves - singer/songwriter

August 1 Opening Night - classic rock 'n' roll

August 8 Greg Hoffmann - folk & blues

August 15 The Rivertones - vocal harmony

August 22 Travelin' Trout - folk, blues, country

August 29 Jeannine - sings the American songbook

Sept 5 Jukebox Surprise - singalong w/AM & FM favorites

Sept 12 C Side Alley - country, blues & folk-rock

Sept 19 Valley Swing Shift - big band music



Cradle to Classroom Focus Group to Meet



On September 19, a small focus group, the "Cradle to Classroom" community collaborative will meet at First Church. This focus group will be looking at services and assessing needs for Winchester's children and families to inform Cradle to Classroom's agenda and generate a "call to action" to ensure that all Winchester's children (birth through age eight) will be healthy, safe and successful.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars!

<i>Celebrate With Us...</i>	<i>Board Meetings...etc.</i>		
<p>REMINDER!!</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship <i>Summers Hours!</i> 9:00 AM</p> <p>Come at 10:00 and you come for coffee...ha!</p> <p><i>Church in The Wildwood with Pastor Wu Aug 8th!</i></p>	August 03	7:00 pm	PM Board
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	August 08	7:00 pm	First Church Hosts: Church in the Wildwood
	August 17	7:00 pm	Deacons
	August 17	6:30 pm	Laurel City Singers Bd Meeting
	August 24	7:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting
	August 14-22		Mexico Mission Trip
	September 01	7:00 pm	CDC Parent Orientation
	September 12	7:00 pm	Rally Day & Picnic

Birthdays AND Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02 - Zachary Sibbach
07 - Pauline Fancher
09 - Brandi Gilbert-Corey
14 - Brett McAllister
14 - Nadya Roys
20 - Jaron Morris
23 - Brigitte Smyth
25 - Kyle Jones
29 - Ashley Jones
30 - Ben McCaw
30 - Christine Steele

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

♥ 09 - David & Rhonda LeKang
♥ 17 - Warren & Virginia Hughes
♥ 18 - Gary & Debbie Storrs
♥ 31 - Richard & Barbara Mazzei

IN MEMORY:

✠ 12 - Robert Bensle



Board of Christian Education News...

➤ Sunday School Teachers needed for fall. All it takes is one Sunday a month, we are in need of volunteers to for nursery, K-1 and 2-3. If you have interest please see Tanya Mongitore or call her at 860-738-2279 or on her cell phone at 860-921-8350.

➤ Youth Group Activity Saturday, August 7th we are planning a trip to go see 'Twilight' at the Shoppes at Farmington Valley in Canton's movie under the stars. Meet at the church parking lot at 6:30. Please sign up in the gathering room or email Denise Jones at djones@sterlingsintered.com if you are planning to attend so we can plan for transportation.

➤ Children's Discovery Center still has opening for preschool this fall. Please call the center at 860-379-4838 to schedule a visit or get more information about the program.

➤ Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 12 with a picnic to follow. Location to be announced!

➤ A bear will soon be arriving in front of Children's Discover Center in support of the NW Chambers Believe It or Not Bear Affair this fall. The bear was painted by 11 children ages 7-16, as part of a give back to the community art camp under the direction of local artists, Danielle Mailer and Tina Zampaglione. The children painted the bear with a nature inspired theme and have named the bear "Keepin Faith". We hope you'll all stop by to take a look at the bear when it arrive in late August.

➤ BOCE meets August 3rd in August rather than the second Tuesday due to vacations.

Children's Discovery Center:

➤ Parent Orientation will be held on September 1, at 7:00p.m.

➤ Graduation for 2011 has been set for Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 2:00p.m.



Artist: Karen Delton

August 2010



Artist: Debbie Storrs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 9:00 am Sr Choir Rehearsal 10:15	2	3 Property Maint 7:00 Chris Ed 7:00 (Different Night)	4 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Worship Service 9:00 am Sr Choir Rehearsal 10:15 Church in the Wildwood 7 pm 1 st Church night	9	10	11 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	12	13	14 Mexico Mission Trip Depart
15 Worship Service 9:00 am	16	17 Deacons 7:00	18 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship Service 9:00 am Mexico Mission Trip Return	23 Sr Choir Rehearsal 6:00	24 Cabinet 7:00	25 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship Service 9:00 am	30 Sr Choir Rehearsal 6:00	31	Sept 1 AA/Alanon 7:30 pm	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4