



St. Georges United Methodist Church

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May 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 23:6 states, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

In the previous verse, David seems to shift his view of God from being The Great Shepherd to a magnificent Host that prepares a table in the presence of his enemies. The Host's love and care has brought goodness and mercy into David's life. As a result, David lives each day with great expectation.

Church family, you too have been a magnificent host. You have shown radical hospitality toward our guests. As a result, on Resurrection Sunday, we had 4 baptisms, 2 confirmations and welcomed 13 new members. And, in May, we are planning to baptize 2 more children.



In addition, church family, your love and care has also provided goodness and mercy to the lives of so many. When I think about the missions and outreach of St. Georges, I know that the folks from the Seaman's Center, folks that receive our quilts of love, those who are blessed by our Garden Ministry as well as other ministries are thankful for your hard work and dedication.

Mercy is a covenant-word that indicates God's devotion. Together with goodness, David can depend upon God's committed support. Spurgeon refers to goodness and mercy as twin

guardian angels. Wherever we go, goodness and mercy are there to aid and assist us along the way. Consequently, we are well escorted throughout life with The Great Shepherd in front and our guardian angels behind.



This image is powerful. Like the Greek word *agape* (love) in the New Testament, goodness and mercy involve actions rather than just feelings. The sense of this verse then is that, because God is good and merciful, God's people can expect God to provide goodness and mercy throughout life. My prayer is that we will be reminded of this promise when we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

This amazing psalm ends with the calm assurance that we will enjoy the presence of the LORD forever – both in our days upon the earth and beyond. Whether you relate to The LORD as The Great Shepherd, Host or both, God has created an awesome opportunity for us to live together for eternity. So, on that faithful day, when we ascend from this lower level to the upper chamber, God will welcome us with open arms.

Our challenge: continue the work of the Great Shepherd and magnificent Host.

Lord, I thank You for Your goodness and Your mercy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Rudy



Donna Goes Walk About....

I don't know about you, but I'm still looking for some warm weather! God did an amazing job once again with the early spring flowers in my yard like daffodils, hyacinth and tulips. My azaleas are breaking out in bloom, but it hasn't been warm enough to plant my flower beds with vinca and marigolds yet. Patience Donna! Patience! God's timeline is not yours. 😊 Here we are at the beginning of May and I'm thinking what happened to April and March?! But we have been busy here at St Georges UMC. There have been inspirational Bible



studies throughout the Lenten season, the choir has begun to sing during worship again, Easter Sunrise service was well attended and beautiful, and Sunday service at 10am was jam packed with celebrations of Christs resurrection, new members, confirmations and baptisms! Whew! What a day. Welcome to all of you to the St Georges UMC family! And then cake in fellowship hall to complete the celebration.



The children are preparing to do some planting around the church, more members will be joining this month, and the ladies of the church will be getting together for the Women of Hope Banquet for the first time in two years. May is shaping up nicely!

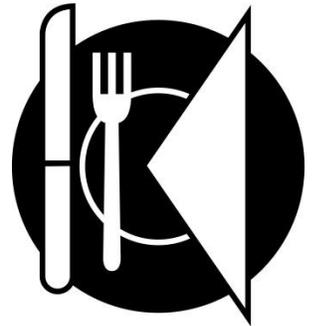
I'll see you on Sunday.

Donna



Methodist Women

After not being able to meet for two years, the Methodist Women are so excited to once again host our Annual Women of Hope Banquet and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 12th. All ladies of the church are invited to join together at the church starting at 6pm, with dinner being served at 6:30pm. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance and the cost is \$15 per person, \$8 for girls under 10 and should be purchased by May 1st. Proceeds from the auction will benefit "Sean's House" in Newark, a place where young adults ages 14 - 24 who are experiencing mental health problems or considering suicide can come and get help from peer specialists and connect with other health resources. As well as offering a safe haven, they also educate college and high school students about suicide and mental health problems. A portion of the ticket sales as well as all the money from the auction will be



donated to this worthwhile organization. So make this a "girls night out" and invite all your friends, neighbors and relatives and enjoy the evening.

Your help is needed: We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction. If you can spare one or two items, we can use any unique items that are new or gently used, including antiques, jewelry, decorating pieces, handmade items, plants and baked goods (please no clothing). A collection box will be in the social hall or give items to Kris Foltz, Donna Cavender, Sue Tobin, or Anita Mokienko. Thanks for your help.

Greetings Church Family,

During the Season of Lent, we had six amazing weeks of discovering meaningful ways of relating and sharing our prayer journey. Therefore, I am extremely happy to announce that we will be resuming our journey with three additional weeks of study and reflection on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30pm through Wednesday, May 18th via Zoom.

Our Prayer Covenant Group will breakout into smaller groups during our time together each week to share and reflect on that weeks daily focus and how it impacted our daily prayer life. You will also receive a Facilitators Guide via email to help guide our group discussions each week.

1st weeks daily focus: Psalm 23

2nd weeks daily focus: Amazing Grace☞

3rd weeks daily focus: The Apostle's Creed☞

I look forward to seeing each of you next week. Meanwhile, pray daily using the suggested resources above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rhwhitejr@aol.com or (302)632-8065.

Blessings,
Pastor Rudy



Youth Update:

5 youth and 8 adults helped make delicious chocolate covered Easter eggs. A profit of over \$450 was made! Well done everyone! 7 youth and 3 adults did a great job sharing the Easter Resurrection story on Easter morning. The youth started to serve in different roles during the April 3rd service. The youth will continue to serve during the service on the first Sunday of each month. Be ready to smile when you see them on May 1st.



Friday Night Movie Study:

A 4 week study began on April 22 and will continue thru May 13. We are watching and discussing biblical themes in the film "The Way". Themes of "Choosing to Walk or Walking with Purpose", "Traveling Companions - Walking Together", and "Lessons Learned Along "The Way"". Please join us. We meet from 6:30 to 8pm.



Mission Update

Yes --Mother's Day is just around the corner and our tradition of planting flowers around the church to celebrate God's creation-"Mother Earth" will continue on Mother's Day-weather permitting. The rain date will be the following Sunday. Parents, dress your kids prepared to get dirty and warm if the weather is cold. This year, the children planted seeds and the plants are growing. If you have a few extra planting tools, kids garden gloves or an extra watering can, please bring it along. It always warms my heart to see our kids get excited about planting. I guess you could say we're planting not only flowers but a love of nature :)



In June the Methodist Women's group will be preparing "Welcome bags/kits" for women either entering into a shelter or those already living in a shelter. These bags will contain personal care items, reading materials, notes of encouragement and much more.

Please donate personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, dental care products, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, soaps/body wash, lotions, combs, brushes, nail files, hair ties, new socks, bags to fill for the women, Christian literature. Please avoid items that contain alcohol.



We are all so blessed, let's share some blessings:)
Carole Jaques
Mission/Outreach Chair



Happy Birthday to...

Donna Cavender.....May 7	Jim Stewart.....May 7
Angela Williamson.....May 14	Heidi McEvoy.....May 15
Kyle McEvoy,.....May 15	Jack Harmon.....May 18

Happy Anniversary to...

Doug & Melissa Cavender....May 16	Jim & Sue Tobin.....May 19
Kent & Heidi McEvoy.....May 20	Earl & Carole Jaques...May 31

Pastor's Office Hours & Contact Information

If you have a prayer request that you would like sent along on the prayer chain,
please contact Rudy White by phone at 302-832-2211,

by email at pastor@stgeorgesumc.com,

or use the prayer wall at www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall

Church office: 302-832-2211 Phone: 302-632-8065 (texting ok)

Email: office@stgeorgesumc.com, Office hours: M-Thurs 9 to 2

Scout Update

Congratulations Jason Breidenbach, on his Eagle Court of Honor.



Also, The Troop Car Wash Fundraiser is May 7th from 12-3, at Brusters in Middletown. Bring your dirty car to the scouts and take a sparkling clean car home! And grab a tasty ice cream cone while you're there!



Making Easter Eggs



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Dates to Remember

- May 1.....Communion Sunday
- May 1.....Garden Blessing at the Williamsons
- May 4, 11, 18.....Prayer Covenant Group
- May 8.....Happy Mothers Day!
- May 8.....Mothers Day Tea after service
- May 12.....Women of Hope Banquet
- May 24 thru June 2....Pastor Rudy on vacation



Be well and stay safe!