



St. Georges United Methodist Church

Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.

March 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 23:2-3 state, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

This portion of the 23rd Psalm is all about how the Shepherd sustains and preserves His flock. The LORD, as our Shepherd, knows His flock best. Therefore, there will be times when the Shepherd will make His sheep lie down in a place of rest. This place of rest is not just a physical place but also a spiritual refuge. God knows exactly what we need and when we need it.

This scripture also helps us to understand the incredible loving nature of The Great Shepherd. The image of green pastures is rich and beautiful. But, it also represents a special place of comfort and safety where the Shepherd leads His flock for restoration and refreshment.

Philip Keller writes that sheep do not lie down easily, and will not unless certain conditions are met. Because they are apprehensive, they will not lie down if they are afraid. Because they are social animals they will not lie down if there is conflict among the sheep. Finally, if sheep are in need of food or hungry, they will not lie down either. True rest only comes when the shepherd has met all their



needs. Church family, we serve a loving and caring God that meets our every need and leads us beside the still waters of life to comfort our souls. Rest in Him.

The image of green pastures and still waters was a figurative place of restoration for David's soul. David was not perfect by any stretch of the imagination and he knew it. Therefore, he was totally dependent upon The Great Shepherd to restore him. Isaiah 53:6a states, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way." In short, we all need to be restored by The Great Shepherd. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

In Hebrew, the words "restores my soul" means brings me to repentance. Simply put, the pathway to restoration is repentance. And, The Great Shepherd is willing and able to restore as long as we repent of our sins (Acts 3:19). The Great Shepherd is our guide to the green pastures and still waters of righteousness.



God's guidance for our soul is like a moral compass. God will show us the way and remove all obstructions for His name's sake. The Great Shepherd is passionately committed to our wellbeing; not because we've been so good or that we deserve it. But, because He finds great value in each of us and wants

us to be all that we can be.


Let us pray: Lord, renew our heart and restore our soul for Your name's sake in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rudy



Donna Goes Walk About....

 Thank you. To all of you who have reached out to me and my family with your prayers and texts and cards after the news of moms passing. The number of people who came to the funeral service on Saturday and to the celebration of life service on Sunday was a testimony to all the lives she touched in her 99 years. I loved being her caregiver. Did it get frustrating sometime? Yes it did. But it was wonderful having her with me these last three years. We made a pretty good team. Even through 18 months of COVID, we had church on YouTube in our living room and then on some Sundays we'd take a drive in the afternoon. We couldn't stop anywhere...nothing was open! But we enjoyed some time driving around the back roads just to see what we could see and get out of the house. Any time I'd say "Hey mom I need to go to town" or "Hey mom, I need to go to Dover, you wanna go? The answer was always "Well, if you wanna get me in your car, I'll go". She'd greet me at the door when I came home from work and want to hear about my day. She developed her own routine for the day and was able to be the independent person that she had always been. She loved her church family and really enjoyed being involved with all the different activities. When her arthritis got so bad in her knees that she spent most of her day in the wheelchair, she had to decline doing things that, at any other time, she would have been right in the midst of. She loved watching the children at church. She'd come to watch the VBS activities and was always willing



and ready to listen to the kids if they wanted to show her something or tell her something. And babies! She loved holding the babies! And she's been around so long that she's held two generations! And as we all celebrated in 2021, mom was dedicated to playing the organ for the church. For 50 years! Her favorite part of that day was the plaque that was put on the organ with her name on it. She LOVED that. And I am so glad we were able to celebrate her on that day. Thank you to everyone who helped us honor her. I loved that so many people at church just kind of lit up when mom arrived. "Hey! There's Miss Kitty!" They always asked how she was if she couldn't make it to church for whatever reason. I thank you all for making her feel so special. She loved you all.



I'll see you on Sunday.

Donna



Season of Lent Prayer Study with Pastor Rudy via Zoom

During challenging and fantastic times, prayer carries us through. We are in the midst of a 6 week journey in practicing intentional prayer life through the scriptures, reflection, recording and sharing.

Meetings continue on Tuesdays thru April 5, 6:30pm - all via Zoom. Please see Pastor Rudy or Noel Williamson if you'd like to join in.



Happy Birthday to...



Lyndsey Ordorico.....March 7
Devon Cavender.....March 15
Carl Eaton.....March 20

Kelsee Carroll.....March 12
Seab McEvoy.....March 16
Jessie Brewer.....March 25



Scout Update

Enjoying game night!



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

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays from 10 am to 11:30am at the church

For additional information contact Claudia

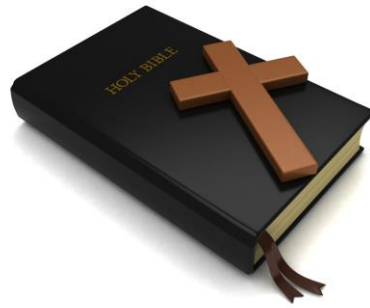
Winward at cwinward1@verizon.net or

Karen Higgins at kvalhig@gmail.com



Men's Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays from 10 am at the church



Special offering for those in need of...

FOOD GIFT CARDS

In lieu of the Food Pantry, we will be purchasing Food Gift Cards.

There's a basket in the back of the Sanctuary for those who would like to participate.

Cash will purchase gift cards or you may donate grocery store gift cards.

*Thank
you!*



Please provide your contact info if you would like a tax receipt.



Think Spring!

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. – Deuteronomy 6:6-7

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Dates to Remember

March 6.....Communion Sunday
March 8..... Friendship Star Quilters 9:30am
March 17.....Women's Society meeting 7pm
March 8, 15, 22, 29.....Lenten Prayer Study
March 9, 16, 23, 30.....Women's Bible Study 10am
March 20.....Ministry Meeting after service 11:30am
March 28.....Ad Council meeting 6:30 pm

Be well and stay safe!