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## ***TOWER TOPICS***

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Join us on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after worship for our church picnic. The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish to pass.



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

During one of the workshops I took at Synod school in which we watched movies from the Marvel Cinematic Universe and discussed the theological and social issues that we see in those films, one of the characters in one of the movies said, “Cap is *off the reservation* on this one.” This is a phrase I hear all the time and have used many times I am sure. But in that workshop a woman of Native American heritage pointed out how she felt when she heard that phrase. That phrase comes from the bleak American history of rounding up Native Americans and placing them on reservation lands. Any Native American found “off the reservation” where she/he did not belong was considered hostile and could be shot on sight. Since the entire week was spent considering civility and how we consider others in our speech and actions, it opened my eyes to try to be more careful about the words and phrases I choose that serve to “other” people. Here are some I continue to hear from people of all ages (and perhaps use myself).

The first category of words highlights the “abnormality” of another person in a way that makes him/her not seem or feel normal even if not directed at a person, but rather a situation. Words like retarded (which is making a comeback it seems) to describe things that are off or not right. Lame is similar since it was originally used to describe people with disabilities. “That is so lame,” is no better than, “That is so crippled.” Also, any use of a phrase that makes white seem like the normal such as “colored” or even “exotic.” Exotic might not sound bad here, but when I use that word to describe your skin color or your name or even your accent I highlight the difference of it. It is not normal, it is exotic.

The next category uses someone’s ethnicity, identity, or reality in a negative connotation. To say I have OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder) because I like things a certain way, or that something is crazy or schizoid (short for schizophrenia) because it seems weird is to belittle real medical conditions and stigmatize mental illness. Also in this category, words like gyp (short for gypsy) and Jew (as in “I Jewed him down to the price I wanted”) that use racial/ethnic heritage as negative connotations. A word that became a popular way of showing disgust when I was a kid was the word “gay.” “That is so gay,” was a phrase you would hear all the time to describe situations you did not like, turning the word gay into something for which people should be ashamed.

A final category are just words we really need to consider more before using them to describe anyone, including ourselves. Ghetto, which comes from Italian meaning a place Jews were forced to live (and thus seen as dirty, undesirable places) now gets used of any part of town we think is beneath us. It smacks of racism and classism. I would also include the word illegal to describe people. We speak of “illegal immigrants” and

sometimes just shorten it to “illegals.” Actions are illegal, not people. There are other ways to talk about undocumented people without casting such dispersions.

Now, some of you may think I missed a bunch of phrases and words that push your buttons. I would welcome that conversion at coffee hour. Some of you may think I am going too “pc” (politically correct in this case). I do not think it is too much to ask that we consider carefully the ramifications, the history, and the consequences of the words we choose in community with others who may come from very different places. I used to complain about things being too pc, but then I realized it was only because I was being too insensitive, too lazy, or too ego-centric to use words and phrases that did not offend. That is not pc, it is just courteous and caring. I am glad one woman sitting in a Marvel movie marathon opened my eyes to some of the places I missed the mark. I will not (in all likelihood) call you out on the words and phrases you use, but it is up to all of us to choose language that builds bridges across our differences and helps to incorporate everyone into the Body of Christ.

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**Treasurer’s Report:**

**General Operating Fund**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/2019 | \$52,361.10        |
| Receipts                   | \$19,949.52        |
| Disbursements              | <u>\$19,024.24</u> |
| Ending Balance 7/31/2019   | <u>\$53,286.38</u> |

**Building Reserve Fund**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/2019 | \$60,529.81        |
| Receipts                   | \$ 80.00           |
| Disbursements              | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                   | <u>\$ 5.46</u>     |
| Ending Balance 7/31/2019   | <u>\$60,615.27</u> |

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;

Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism, and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.

We welcome all to our community of faith.

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## **CHECK IT OUT**

After a quiet summer in the library which included a much-needed dusting and organizing of existing books, I have been researching the best of the new Christian-based literature that's out there. I have the enviable task coming up of spending the remainder of the library budget, and I have selected a variety of books including a suggestion from an avid reader from our congregation. If you have a request, please send it to me as soon as possible at [sherylabecker@yahoo.com](mailto:sherylabecker@yahoo.com). If it doesn't make this order, there's always next time!

I also appreciate hearing if you enjoy a book you've read from our library. Lois Van Dahm loved "Educated", Becky Henn enjoyed Elaine Pagels' "Why Religion?", and Sherry Craig found one of the mysteries particularly absorbing. Thanks, gals! Men, I'm also interested in your opinions about what kinds of books you'd enjoying seeing on the shelves.

Please sign the card inside the front or back cover of the book you want to read and leave it in the small, wooden box. When you return the book, put the card back in the box and place the book on the cart. I will re-shelve it if necessary.

Until next month-

Sheryl Becker

IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

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## **DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES**

### **SEPTEMBER 2019**

- Sept 1** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; 1 Kings 8:22-30; 1 Tim. 4:7b-16; John 8:47-59
- Sept 2** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; 2 Chron. 6::32-7:7; James 2:1-13; Mark 14:53-65
- Sept 3** - Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; 1 Kings 8:65-9:9; James 2:14-26; Mark 14:66-72
- Sept 4** – Psalm 147:1-11, 132, 134; 1 Kings 9:24-10:13; James 3:1-12; Mark 15:1-11
- Sept 5** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 130; 1 Kings 11:1-13; James 3:13-4:12; Mark 15:12-21
- Sept 6** - Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; 1 Kings 11:26-43; James 4:13-5:6; Mark 15:22-32
- Sept 7** - Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; 1 Kings 12:1-20; James 5:7-20; Mark 15:33-39
- Sept 8** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; 1 Kings 12:21-33; Acts 4:18-31; John 10:31-42
- Sept 9** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; 1 Kings 13:1-10; Phil. 1:1-11; Mark 15:40-47
- Sept 10** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; 1 Kings 16:23-34; Phil. 1:12-30; Mark 16:1-8
- Sept 11** - Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; 1 Kings 17:1-24; Phil. 2:1-11; Matt. 2:1-12
- Sept 12** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; 1 Kings 18:1-19; Phil. 2:12-30; Matt. 2:13-23
- Sept 13** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; 1 Kings 18:20-40; Phil.3:1-16; Matt. 3:1-12
- Sept 14** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; 1 Kings 18:41-19:8; Phil. 3:17-4:7; Matt. 3:13-17
- Sept 15** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; 1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; John 11:45-57
- Sept 16** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Matt. 4:1-11
- Sept 17** - Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Matt. 4:12-17
- Sept 18** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; 1 Kings 22:1-28; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Matt. 4:18-25
- Sept 19** – Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; 1 Kings 22:29-45; 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15; Matt. 5:1-10
- Sept 20** - Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; 2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Matt. 5:11-16
- Sept 21** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; 2 Kings 2:1-18; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Matt. 5:17-20
- Sept 22** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; 2 Kings 4:8-37; Acts 9:10-31; Luke 3:7-18
- Sept 23** - Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; 2 Kings 5:1-19; 1 Cor. 4:8-21; Matt. 5:21-26
- Sept 24** - Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; 2 Kings 5:19-27; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Matt. 5:27-37
- Sept 25** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; 2 Kings 6:1-23; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Matt. 5:38-48
- Sept 26** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; 2 Kings 9:1-16; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Matt. 6:1-6
- Sept 27** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; 2 Kings 9:17-37; 1 Cor. 7:1-9; Matt. 6:7-15
- Sept 28** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; 2 Kings 11:1-20a; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Matt. 6:19-24
- Sept 29** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; 2 Kings 17:1-18; Acts 9:36-43; Luke 5:1-11
- Sept 30** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Matt. 6:25-34

## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 church volunteers served a hearty meal and soup at the Shalom Center. There were 76 adults and 20 children served. Our next day to serve is on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. John Infante has offered to make the soup for this day. Thank you John! If anyone is interested in serving or making cupcakes, feel free to sign up in the Narthex. Thank you all for supporting this local mission.

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## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will meet on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Julie Iorio will tell us about the very compelling book “Thunder Dog”. It’s the story of a blind man and his dog caught in the towers on 9/11. It’s a fitting story to hear as we near the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our national tragedy. If you can, please bring a paper product – towels, tissue, or Kleenex – for Women’s and Children’s Horizons. They need these things constantly. If you do, please contact Mary Wirch or Julie Iorio.

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## **SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

## **JAM MINISTRY – PROJECT LEAST OF THESE**

The raspberries at Thompson's Strawberry Farm are available for picking at \$10 a quart and the best berry picking is in September. We would like to organize a Pack 'n Smash event for early in September, but volunteers are needed since John will not be available. If you are interested in picking, please contact the volunteer organizer, Shari Infante. The best day to pick is Wednesday, since the field has had a couple of days of rest. However, any day is good, even Saturday, as long as you get there early (the farm opens at about 8:00 a.m.). Shari will have information about the Pick 'n Smash, which involves going out to the farm with the group, picking for about an hour and then returning to the church, where the berries can be washed, drained, crushed, and measured into zip-lock freezer bags.

You don't have to go with a group, of course. We do suggest you take a strawberry basket from the Link, tie a string or shoelaces from each end (if there isn't one already) and hang the basket around your neck; fit two of the one-quart baskets in the bigger basket and get picking. With the baskets easily accessible and with your two hands free, picking is easy and you can pile the baskets high. Pay for the berries and request a receipt (probably a scrap of paper!). That way you can get reimbursed or have the amount credited to your church giving.

If you can, please wash and drain the berries and place them in a freezer zip-lock bag, put them in your freezer, bring the bag(s) of berries to church when you come next, and have someone put them in the church freezer to be processed into jam later. If you have time and feel energetic, you can crush the berries (after washing them) with a potato masher; do not puree them, but crush them roughly; measure out 5 cups of the mash and put them into a freezer bag. If you have another number of cups of mashed berries, just mark the bag that way.

It is great to report that we sent our first gift of \$2,000 to the ministry at the Mexico/US border that we voted to support this year as our Project Least of These. August was a very low period for contributions – the highest came from outside the church! But once people are back from vacations and lakeside cabins, things will pick up. There is a wide variety of jams available, including sugar-free strawberry and strawberry rhubarb. The raspberry jams (regular and seedless) will be ready in early October.

Thanks for your continued support for the Jam Ministry and our important project to treat the hungry and the stranger as if they were the Lord Jesus himself. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and listen to what the Holy Spirit tells you through the scripture.

## **GARDEN MISSION UPDATE**

Our busy summer is winding down, and our garden is entering its fall harvest beauty. I had a wonderful spirit-filled day in our special place yesterday, which reminded me of how lucky we are to have these times to be with nature in God's creation. The garden had greens that are winding down, but the kale and chard are still amazingly resilient and a lasting produce. Time with the arugula, trimming all its eager bolts to seed, showed me still many good leaves under all the seed stalks. The potatoes are ready for harvest, and the first pots gave good yields. The squash have produced several dozen zucchini and yellow varieties. The tomatoes are starting to ripen and look good (keep bringing egg shells for the plant base to help prevent rot in the bigger varieties). The carrots have been nice big guys this year. Green beans are my favorite – you think you have picked them all, but they hide and surprise – more in the same spot!

But the beauty was the glorious sunny 70 degree day, a nice breeze, wonderful sounds and smells. I noticed some companions – some big bumble bees busy pollinating, some various types of butterflies (saw Linda's little white friend Delicate – whose name I always forget and thought this morning maybe it was called Delicious, because it probably was enjoying our delicious greens☺). Even a big daddy long-legs with an unusual red body popped up a couple times. All are part of God's creation and plan, and there for us to enjoy if we just take the time. My human buddy Gail came by to water – so a shout out to all our faithful waterers this year.

Our garden has been blessed again this year. We have had a lot of fresh food to nourish our bodies as well as those sharing at the Shalom Center. Gardens enrich our bodies and our souls!

At this point, however, I want to raise the bar and remind everyone that this church mission involves more than our own circle. Please think of our garden mission as more than a Sunday Farmer's market at church and more than a local attempt to relieve hunger and raise nutrition standards. The other part of our mission, which maybe we have not emphasized enough, is our contribution to improve world nutrition and decrease a worldwide hunger problem. Through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog we have provided seeds, tools, animals, equipment and training to people in developing countries in ways that help them to learn about nutrition and farming that they can apply to provide food and income for themselves and their community. This, I believe, is unique and not covered elsewhere among our own church mission projects. We have donated around \$400 each of the past two years and are close to that this year. However, it would be really great to do much more than that. I encourage you to go online and look into the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue under gifts and Agriculture to see the possibilities. There is a Farm bundle for \$1200, one for \$5000, and various options from \$10 to \$240. So - PLEASE also consider a generous monetary donation to our Garden Mission!!

## **FALL RUMMAGE SALE FINAL PLANS**

Our fall sale will be Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We are making major changes to our set-up schedule to have members available to help by getting most of the set up done on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday morning (28<sup>th</sup>), we will have the tables and fixtures ready in Fellowship Hall and the Link ready for merchandise. We will get approximately 100 boxes of already donated merchandise into two areas and hopefully will get those items displayed.

For those of you helping with the Lake Forest pick-up on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will leave our church as a group shortly after 1 p.m., so we can be in place at the Lake Forest sale to help box and bag our selected merchandise. I will help each of you with an area, and what and how much we will need. We will be loaded up and ready to return to Kenosha about 4:30 p.m., and we will unload the trucks and put the boxes and bags in the assigned areas in Fellowship Hall and The Link.

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> will be a “New Day” for our rummage sale. It’s an answer to our Presbyterian problem of advancing ages and how many people work during the week. We are asking all our members who can help after the worship service until 2 p.m. or so to dress casual. There will be a small coffee hour area for those of you who wish to attend (whether you can help or not). For those of you ready to help display the merchandise, we will begin immediately. At noon we will begin a “rolling lunch”. Eat when you feel like it.

Our set up is one opportunity to participate in what is our largest (and only) fundraiser for the youth funds of the church (Lillian Lundin Scholarship, Camp Scholarships, and Mission Trip funds). In the past two years we have managed to raise over \$13,000 in three sales. Members are encouraged to participate as an individual, couple, and especially as a family, if you have kids. For those of you, like me, on social security, most of the work will simply be moving items out of the boxes and onto the assigned tables. There will be signs on tables to help you.

Also, we need your stuff. The sale cannot happen with you providing merchandise to sell. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors as well, especially those who are “downsizing”, if they have merchandise they would donate to our sale. We now have 75 boxes of quality merchandise. We want more. Please ask your friends and neighbors who might have items for us. I can pick up.

Though we hope to get most of the set up done on Sunday, we will continue to need people showing up for a few hours on Monday through Thursday, as in the past, to help with finishing touches (especially clothes).

Thank you to members who have already volunteered, and please consider helping out on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We need as many people as possible to help make this year's rummage sale the best ever for our mission funds.

Charles Leicht  
262-942-1205

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## **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Amber Langerman, a member of the church and a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Jane Vernon Elementary School (our neighborhood school) is raising money to provide one Scholastic book per month to each of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The cost is \$9.00 per child to receive a book a month. If you would like to sponsor a child at \$9 per month you can give a check or cash to the church (clearly marked for book mission or something like that) and we will send the money on. The Deacons have agreed to cover any amount not covered by sponsors from the local mission line item of their budget. Thank you for helping us provide books for students in our neighborhood.

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## **CHOIR OPPORTUNITY**

If you are interested in participating in a church choir, we need to know. Send an email to the office or leave Lance a message letting us know of your interest. Also, indicate how often your are interested in singing (weekly, monthly, quarterly, special occassions, etc.) Thanks!



## **September Birthdays**

Nancy Quist  
Elise Elmlad  
Keith Rusch  
Kevin Koesser  
Sheryl Becker  
Mary Mock  
Brad Kovachik  
Mark Robinson  
Theresa Kamphuis  
Boyd Frederick  
Paul Spottswood  
Pat Meinhardt  
Nicole Pierce  
Tana Baldwin  
Sandy Billingsley  
Lois Van Dahm  
Jim Langerman  
John Huxhold  
Lois Kronholm

### **DEACONS**

Tana Baldwin, Lori Barnes, Sherry Craig, Teddi Griffin, Lisa Hawley, Penny Ingraham\*, Brenda Langerman, Nancy McGovern



## **ANNIVERSARIES** **September**

Lori & Scott Barnes  
Dorothy & David Thompson  
Kathy & Dave Misun  
Jan & Dale Brandes  
Pat & Kurt Koesser  
Karla & Eddie Piehl  
Elaine & Steve Azuma

### **SESSION**

Gary Anderson (Fellowship, Memorial)  
Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*, Nominating\*)  
Scott Barnes (Building & Grounds)  
Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
Mark Bourque (Building & Grounds\*)  
Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds, Nominating)  
Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance\*)  
Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel, Memorial)  
Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission, Memorial)  
Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*)  
Leslie Pottorff (Mission, Fellowship, Personnel, Memorial)  
Jodi Prince (Fellowship and Membership)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates Team Leaders



# **SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Jourene Frederick

## **September 1<sup>st</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lori Barnes  
Greeters: The Bourques  
Reader: John Miles  
Sound System: Tyler Peroutka  
Counters: Jourene Frederick  
Theresa Kamphuis  
Nursery Helper: Tana Baldwin  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **September 8<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Tana Baldwin  
Greeters: The Putrows  
Reader: Sandy Billingsley  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Nancy McGovern  
Tana Baldwin  
Nursery Helper: Hanna Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **September 15<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Brenda Langerman  
Greeters: Nancy Quist  
Reader: Paige Loveall  
Sound System: Walter Deignan

## **September 15<sup>th</sup> (cont'd)**

Counters: Nancy McGovern  
Tana Baldwin  
Nursery Helper: Darleen Sluga  
Fellowship Host: Fireside Friends

## **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Penny Ingraham  
Greeters: The Rasmussens  
Reader: Walter Deignan  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Mandy Bergeson  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **September 29<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Teddi Griffin  
Greeters: The Rileys  
Reader: Lance Loveall  
Sound System: Todd Kotten  
Counters: Volunteer Needed  
Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Christi Deignan  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**