



Week of: May 22, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter

Weekly Communique

Words of Encouragement From Pastor Gina

Scripture: Throughout the Month of May Our Weekly Devotions Will Focus on the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23: *By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.* The Greek word translated “fruit” refers to the natural product of a living thing. Paul used “fruit” to help us understand the product of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside every believer. The fruit of the Spirit is produced by the Spirit, not by the Christian. The Greek word is singular, showing that “fruit” is a unified whole, not independent characteristics. As we grow, all the characteristics of Christ will be manifested in our lives.

Paul uses 9 characteristics to describe the fruit of the Spirit in the book of Galatians.

Let's take a look at: Generosity and Faithfulness

Generosity is defined as noble in behavior or actions; principled, not petty; kind, magnanimous. It is willing to give and share unsparingly; showing a readiness to give more (especially money) than is expected or needed. What we believe about God is what is stored in our heart and is the lens from which we see the world. How attuned are you to God's generosity? Our God is a lavish, overflowing, generous, bountiful, magnanimous God who loves to give good gifts to God's children. When we look at God's creation, we can catch a glimpse of God's overflowing, lavish nature. God created billions of galaxies and stars. The sun, the moon, the planets...God didn't create just one simple kind of star. God is over-the-top creative...generous. The heavens declare the glory of God, including his abundant, bountiful nature. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit when we see God as a generous God.

Faithfulness. “I'll believe it when I see it.” Do you ever find yourself thinking this way? It's easy to slip into the mindset of doubt and cynicism. We live in a broken world, and we may have gone through painful experiences that cause us to lose our trust in others. For this reason, faithfulness can be a challenging trait to possess. Faithfulness comes from a place of trust and loyalty. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is a confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” As a Christian, it is important to be faithful to God. It is one thing to simply believe in God, but another to be faithful to God. When we are truly faithful to God, this shapes the way we live. For example, we are able to be loyal in our relationships here on Earth and truly love others. Faithfulness requires us to submit our ways to God.

Generosity and faithfulness go hand in hand. What areas of your life have you not given over to God? Through spending time in prayer, ask God to make these things clear to you, so that God can grow you in your generosity and faithfulness.

Praying with you and for you, Pastor Gina



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.
Regular 9:30am Service Resumes.

May 22nd, 9:30 AM Worship Service: In-Person with Live Streaming. An interactive Children's Message will be provided.. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship to follow.

Sermon: “Listen Eagerly”
Scripture: Acts 16:9-15



May 29th: 9:30 AM Worship Service In-Person with Live Streaming .An interactive Children's Message will be provided.. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship to follow.

Weekly Communique ~

Children, Youth, Information, Connections

Thank You To All the Recycling Volunteers



Dick Goeken, Margaret Hansen and Janice Von Heim worked the second shift. Next Volunteer opportunity will be on Saturday, August 13. Thank you for helping the community.

Summer Schedule

Last Sunday, May 15, was the last day of Sunday School for the season. Beginning May 22nd, Pastor Gina will involve students in an interactive Children's Message during Worship. Nursery will be provided for Grade 1 and under. 2nd Grade on up is invited to share in worship. Busy bags will be available at the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion

We will now be offering two options for Communion in future. For those who feel comfortable, they may come forward and receive from Pastor Gina. The other option is remaining in your pews and partaking from the communion cups that are prepared ahead of time. Ushers will assist and direct the congregation.



Save the Dates:
VBS
July 18-21

Morning Vacation Bible School: Time TBD.
Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Ways to Serve . . .

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Donate to the Diaper Drive

Items Needed Include:

- Diapers (larger sizes preferred)
- Little Swimmers -The Bridge gives families a Pool Pass so they can swim!
- Feminine Hygiene Products also appreciated.
- Monetary donations will go towards the purchase of Tracphones and Minutes

Breakfast Fundraiser, June 11 During Gateway to the West

We will again be hosting a vender fair in the back yard and serving Breakfast Burritos for a fundraiser. We will need lots of help with the food, set up and clean up.

We also need Pop-Up Tents - Call Craig Folkers to help or to lend a tent.
(402) 306-3730

Thank You for Saving Your Receipts

For every \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts we have we receive a check from Spartan Nash for \$1,000.

We have collected \$116,000 towards our goal.. Receipts can be turned in at the Information Station by the Church Office.



Weekly Happenings

(Please submit any entries to the office by Wednesday, 3:00pm.)

Sunday, May 22: 7:00pm Piano Recital for students of Jan Mount (Sanctuary).

Thursday, May 26th: 10:30-2:30 WIC (Fellowship Hall).

7:00pm T.O.P.S. (Fellowship Hall).

Friday, May 27th & Monday, Memorial Day, May 30th: Office Closed.