



Steeple Notes

First Presbyterian Church

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A Message From Your Pastor:

The Wee Little Man

By: Rev. Sara Hodsdon, Pastor, FPC Huron

One of the more pleasurable aspects of Little Wonders Chapel has been to look again at Scripture through the eyes of a child. After 53 years of light, my vision has become clouded by life. But when I sit down and prepare for the children, I try to imagine that the story we are sharing is a story I've heard for the first time.

This week we had the opportunity to revisit the story of Zacchaeus. You probably know the song: *"Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he. He climbed into the sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see. And as the Savior passed that way, he looked into the tree, and he said, 'Zacchaeus! You come down! For I'm going to your house today!'"*

The story has an obvious connection point with children. They all understand being too short to see something and the need to be on a step, a chair, or Mom or Dad's shoulders to get a better view.

They also understand another aspect of the story--Zacchaeus was a sad and lonely person. Zacchaeus was not a popular person for two reasons. First, he was short, which made him a target of ridicule. Second, his job was to collect taxes for the despised Romans (and pocket a good portion of it for his wealth). As a result, he took things that didn't belong to him, making people dislike him. He was a jerk, and he carried himself like Napoleon in high heels. As we say when people become pariahs, "Well, he brought it on himself."

Zacchaeus didn't deserve to have Jesus choose him as a dinner companion. But, because Jesus chose Zacchaeus, he was transformed. He vowed to repay everyone four times over what he took from them. Or, in preschool language, he gave the people four pieces of candy back.



So what do we do when someone we do not like becomes transformed by Jesus? What is our response?

A colleague of mine was a pastor in a small southern town. Through the church's ministry, a woman who was a known prostitute encountered Jesus, and he changed her life. She joined the church and participated in worship, mission, and Bible studies. One Sunday, my pastor friend assigned her as liturgist. Before the entire congregation, a former prostitute whose life had radically changed by the power of God was reading the Word of God to the people. What a testimony!

But instead of joy and celebration, there was murmuring and clenched teeth. "Hookers shouldn't be reading God's Word," they said.

I imagine that the people in Jericho who saw Jesus invite himself to Zacchaeus's house might have felt the same way. We see similar responses to Jesus offering grace and love to outcasts throughout the New Testament. Even God's people, who have themselves sensed the grace and mercy of God, bristle when a sinner we don't like or approve of becomes a saint.

Jesus operated this way. He focused on unlovable and unrespected people and spent less energy on the movers and shakers. How much time and resources do we spend on those deemed "unacceptable" by our culture? How much room for forgiveness do we allow for those people?

May God transform us into people who can look beyond the likeability factor and see God's image stamped on the unlikeable. May our hearts be open to the transformation and redemption of the Zacchaeus types. And may we celebrate every time the power of God changes a Zacchaeus.

GOD BLESS MOMS

"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. she looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness" (Proverbs 31:25-26; KJV).

A Mother

comes with all different names

Aunts

who love, worry and play

Teachers

who help you, guide you and set your aim

Sisters

who listen, cry and put your worries at bay

Grandmas

with warm cookies, hugs and prayers so you'll never stray

Yes, a Mother does come with all kinds of names

Thank You

to all women for being a mother to someone's child,
but most importantly to

His Child

-Jenelle McBride

Prayers & Praises

We have Prayed "Upon Rising" and "Before Workday". Now here is his third daily prayer:

Midday: ***For Presence and Recollection***

O Lord God, thank you for sustaining my physical life through food and shelter; for giving me new life through the gospel; for the assurance that my bad things will turn out for good, and that my good things cannot be taken from me; and for the certainty of the best and perfect life, which is yet to come. Now give me a joyful sense of your presence, and freedom from my characteristic sins of perfectionistic works-righteousness, fear of criticism, and self-comfort. Don't allow my affections to be tangled in inordinate desires for the things of this world, but let me set my heart on things above, where Christ, my life, is seated at your right hand. *In Jesus's name.* (Recollect morning Bible insights.)



Prayer Group will meet in the church parlor unless otherwise determined, on May 9th and May 23rd. Please put your requests in the Prayer box or call them in to the church office, or email to any member of the prayer group. However you want to get them to us, know that we will pray! And if you would like a Prayer list, let the office know.



Spring Rummage Sale

Saturday May 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall starting May 2nd after 2 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to set up on May 6th (9 a.m. to noon), during the sale (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and to clean up (1 p.m. to 2 p.m.) after the sale.



A special thank you to my church family for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during the transition from hospital to nursing home. Your love and support has been very gratifying. God Bless

~ Margaret Swords

Thank you!!

Mother/Caretakers luncheon

Thank you to all who donated easter baskets and candy for our local nursing home. We had a wonderful time putting together 84 easter baskets. We enjoyed the fellowship of each other. We truly felt God's love, we are excited for the next luncheon!

A very special THANK YOU, to the ladies (Nurture & Mission) that helped make this all possible! We at FPC are truly blessed!



Before



During (Fellowship)



After (Delivery)



Little Wonders



The children had a very busy and exciting month!

***academic learning*

*** hatching of chicks*

*** parties*

And so much more!!

Their last day of school is Wednesday, May 25th.

Preschool Graduation is Thursday, May 26th, at 10:00 am for both classes.



What's Happening

** Election May 3rd, 6 a.m.—7 p.m.

** Rummage Sale

~~ Drop off Monday, May 2nd ,after 2 p.m.

~~ Sale Saturday, May 7th , 9 a.m.— 1 p.m.

**** Christ Community Meal lunch every Monday at 12 p.m.
Evening dinner Wednesday, May 11th & 25th at 5 p.m.**

**** Session May 11th, at 7 p.m.**

**** Scouts spaghetti dinner Friday, May 13th, 4 p.m.—7 p.m.**

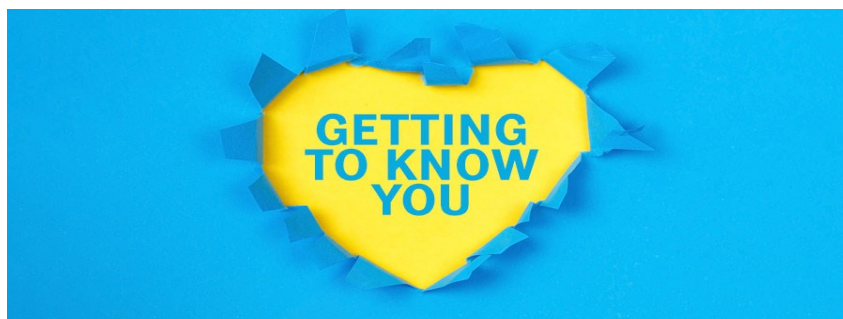
**** Scout Sunday May 15th**

**** Presbytery Meeting Tuesday ,May 17th ,at 2 p.m.**

**** Graduate Sunday May 22nd.**

**** Little Wonders Preschool last day Wednesday ,May 25th &
graduation Thursday May 26th at 10 a.m.**

**** Office Closed Monday, May 30th ,in observation of
Memorial Day.**



LET'S GET BETTER ACQUAINTED !!!

Who are these people who pray with you, and sing God's praises with you? Some are people who have been part of this church's life for over 50 years. Some are new members. Some are visitors who are here occasionally. -- many are here regularly and have become an integral and greatly appreciated part of the congregation.

There are also many you can't see. Many who prayed and sang in this same sanctuary – whose voices still echo with ours . They are those, for whatever reason, cannot attend services. But they are with us.

What do all these people have in common? Each one has a story to tell. Wouldn't you love to hear some of them?

Let's ask them.
Some might be:

- Tell us about your family
- Tell us about adventures you've had
- Why have you chosen Huron Presbyterian Church?
- Do you have talents or skills you would be willing to share?
- Would you like to share your own ideas and attitudes of faith?
- What has been your part in this church's history and mission?
- Have you had your own “God Thing” happen to you? Would you like to share it?
- What do people not know about you that you think would surprise them?
- Tell us about your most “Belly-laughing” experience
- Do you have a favorite verse or story from the Bible? What does it mean to you?
- What do (did) you do in your career?

The list could be endless. We have a remarkable congregation, let's learn more about them.

So----- get out your pencils and paper, and start sharing your stories with us all .

Happy Birthday

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5/3 – Margaret Swords, Jane LaFace

5/5 – Carolyn Culbertson

5/8 – Alice Roehers

5/11 – Tamara Boos

5/12 – Becky Koenig

5/13 – Sharon Carnal, Lise Cook

5/16 – Harper Hagy.

5/19 – Bob Muntz

*5/20 – Joel Hagy, Betsey Luipold, Stephanie Schippel,
Nick LaFace*

5/21 – Lee Marsh

5/22 – Ann Pullano

5/23 – Jeanne Schafer

5/29 – Tom Kirby

5/3 – John Bickell

5/31 – Genette Solomon

Flowers

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5/8 – Drumm family

5/22 – Rubble family

5/29 – Kirby family

Prayer Calendar for the Churches of Huron

*5/1—Pastor Kristine Schroeder
Zion Lutheran Church*

*5/8 — Pastor Sara Hodsdon
First Presbyterian Church*

*5/15—Pastor Michael Floyd
Christ Episcopal Church*

5/22—Salvation Army

*5/29—Father Jeff McBeth
St. Peter Catholic Church*

Liturgist

5/1 — Rachel Pratt

5/8—John Blakeman

5/22—Ann Pullano

5/29—Casey Wittmer

Help wanted



Looking for a Highschool Student, young teen, or college student wanting to earn some extra money this summer.

Rev. Clair Brewer's family is looking for someone to mow his yard once a week.

For more information , please contact the Church office.

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May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 Worship 11 Coffee Hour Communion 2 cent meal	2 12 Community Lunch Rummage sale drop off after 2 p.m. 7 scouts	3 Election 6 a.m.—7 p.m. Kids Chapel 7 scouts 7 AA	4	5 8 AA	6 Rummage sale SET UP	7 Rummage Sale
8 10 Worship 11 Coffee Hour	9 12 Community Lunch 7 Scouts	10 Kids Chapel 7 scouts 7 AA	11 5 Community meal 7 Session	12 8 AA	13 Scouts Spaghetti Dinner	14
15 Scout Sunday 10 Worship 11 Coffee Hour	16 12 Community Lunch 7 Scouts	17 Presbytery meeting 2 p.m.	18	19 8 AA	20	21
22 Graduate Sunday 10 Worship 11 Coffee Hour	23 12 Community Lunch 7 Scouts	24 7 scouts 7 AA	25 Preschool Last Day 5 community meal	26 8 AA	27	28
29 10 Worship 11 Coffee Hour	30 OFFICE CLOSED 12 Community Lunch 7 scouts	31 7 scouts 7 AA				