



## KPUMC WEEKLY

January 7, 2021

### PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

2021...it seems like just yesterday it was 2020! As we begin this new year together, we are mindful the new year holds many blessings, possibilities, and opportunities. We naturally think about what might be.

I have a practice of “closing out” one year as I begin a new one. What that means is I put all my receipts and records for taxes together for the tax preparer. John’s annual letter arrives with the Christmas cards. The letter is a motivator. I always have the good intention of having everything he needs pulled together so I can file ASAP. I find as January rolls on I lose momentum in my intention, but by April 15<sup>th</sup> I am done.

It is amazing what I discover in my “receipt box”. There are always surprises. I discover things I wanted to save, but have nothing to do with tax prep. This year was no different.

**“in the stillness, you will find your true being. In the silence you will hear the breathing of your soul.”** Neal Donald Walsch

**“The word of God on our hearts is like water dripping on stone—eventually it will make an impression, maybe even an opening.** Abba Poeman

**“FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION FOLLOWS FAITH.”** This one is interesting. It is printed in all capital letters on ORANGE paper! The sentence is cut out. It’s just a small strip of paper. Then I remember....it was in my center desk drawer in my various church offices. It was a reminder to me of what was important in ministry plans. Evidently it made its way to the receipt box. It was something I wanted to keep.

I was reminded that FAITH leads us forward. FAITH leads us into this new year. The FORM this year takes on is dependent upon the FUNCTION—what it is we desire, how we navigate what comes our way, our hopes and dreams, our goals. When we have identified the FUNCTION, the reason, we can figure out how to get there—the FORM it will take to be able to accomplish what we desire. Yet, nothing of value truly happens without a “mustard seed of FAITH.”

2021 holds changes for KPUMC and for myself. May we allow God and our FAITH to lead us together into this new year. There are blessings to be discovered. There are possibilities to consider. There are opportunities to take advantage of. The FORM this year takes on will be dependent upon what we want this year to be (FUNCTION). Only FAITH can lead. If we give FORM our primary attention—we will not give GOD room to

work in our midst. If we give FUNCTION our primary attention—we will give our attention to important matters, but never put them into action. FAITH must lead us into this new year of possibilities, opportunities, and blessings...because FAITH is a gift from GOD and GOD has great things instore for the church and God's people.

John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist tradition, offered this prayer at the first worship service of the new year. The first worship service was the "Covenant Service." The focus was on renewing one's relationship with God, remembering God says, "I am your God and you are my people." The Covenant service response, "I am yours God. You are my God."

"I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

2021...YES, it is brand new. The year holds tremendous blessings, possibilities and opportunities. May we follow God into discovering them.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE**

Jerry Bair has updated our church directory of addresses. If you would like a copy, please email Jerry and he will email it to you. [grandpabair@yahoo.com](mailto:grandpabair@yahoo.com)

## **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

Plans are in the works for a Lenten study of the book of Romans. We will use Max Lucado's new book, "40 days Through the Book: Romans—in the Grip of Grace". More details will be available when the publisher releases the book for shipment. Class will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays on ZOOM.

LENT BEGINS February 17<sup>th</sup>. EASTER is April 4. I am dreaming of celebrating EASTER with outside worship.



## LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION

With the turn of the calendar and 2021 welcomed, it is time to WELCOME new leaders to the KPUMC Leadership Council and to say, "THANK YOU FOR SERVING" to others.

**THANK YOU:** Jerry Bair, Karen White, Carl Ohrt and Jackie Unkrich for your faithful service and witness during your time on the Council.

**WELCOME:** Rebecca Groff, Mary Etta Zorn, Jeff Stotler and Mary Odegaard.

Rebecca is the new Council chair. Mary Etta is the Nurture Coordinator. Jeff is the vice chair of Finance. Mary is the secretary for the Council.

**THANK YOU** to members who continue on the Council: Pam Landon (Finance), Wes Landon (SPRC), Gloria Bohn (SPRC), Dale Bohrer (Trustee), Rhonda Bohrer (Memorials) Steve Odegaard (Endowment), Warren Western (Lay Leader and Member to Annual Conference), Evelyn Suchomel (Worship Coordinator), David Oliver (Treasurer), Joe Fulmer (Trustee) and Karen White (UMW)

God has blessings, opportunities, and possibilities for KPUMC in 2021. Many decisions will need to be made as we move out of the pandemic into discerning the new future of ministry at KPUMC. The pastoral transition will present decision points. The implementation of the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) will require prayerful discernment and planning. The KPUMC Council will be involved in many decisions.

**THANK YOU** to the many friends and members of KPUMC for your faithfulness in your witness and service to your church. It takes everyone, working and serving together to build the church and to participate in its ministries.

Napoleon Bonaparte said, "**A leader is a dealer in hope.**" Let us all be leaders and voices of HOPE in 2021.



"Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life. Rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in his arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.

St. Frances de Sales (1567-1622)



## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY LISTS FOR FEBRUARY TO JUNE**

### **FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS**

Marilyn Wilson 2/1  
Barb Wilson 2/12  
Jean Bisinger 2/22

### **MARCH CELEBRATIONS**

Tiffany Grout 3/2  
Lorraine Lowry 3/6  
Eva Miller 3/11  
Warren Western 3/16  
Catherine Carter 3/24  
Dick Andersen 3/25  
Dean Willis 3/25  
Rhonda Bohrer 3/26  
Stacy Klesner 3/27  
Mary Etta Zorn 3/27  
Jerry Elsea 3/29  
Fran Elsea 3/30  
Robert Bisinger 3/31

### **APRIL CELEBRATIONS**

Tracy Nemec 4/1  
Joyce Ulch 4/1  
Carolyn DeWald 4/2  
Carole Gauger 4/3  
Janet Schminkey 4/9  
Cindy Lundine 4/14  
Pat Lowe 4/19  
Doris Diakenah 4/26

### **MAY CELEBRATIONS**

Joe Fulmer 5/13  
Wes Landon 5/19  
Jerry Bair 5/20  
Bruce Western 5/24  
Bonnie Hansen 5/26

### **JUNE CELEBRATIONS**

Janet Jones 6/4  
Norma Newmeister 6/9  
Karen White 6/13  
Adrienne Zaiger 6/14  
Lavone Luther 6/15  
Donna Postel 6/18  
Pam Landon 6/30



### **FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS**

Wes and Pam Landon 2/28

### **MARCH CELEBRATIONS**

Jon and Karen White 3/11  
Jerry and Fran Elsea 3/28

### **APRIL CELEBRATIONS**

Carl and Jolene Whiting 4/17

### **MAY CELEBRATIONS**

Robert and Shirley Zaiger 5/8  
Rick and Mary Etta Zorn 5/16

### **JUNE CELEBRATIONS**

Dick and Linda Andersen 6/9

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