

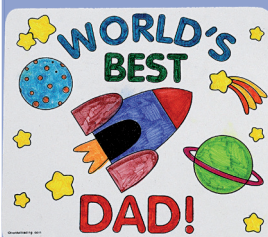


**MAY/JUNE
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**Pastor's Column
– Spring 2019**

*Now may the God
of hope fill you
with all joy and
peace in believing, so that you will
abound in hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13 NASB)*

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome many deep things concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps he sensed that he would be delayed in coming to them in person. In fact, Paul eventually arrived at Rome in chains. He spent some time there, under house arrest, and therefore was able to preach and teach in the Roman Church after all. He was beheaded by Nero in Rome.

After the glorious appearance of the risen Christ, the apostles began to travel farther and farther out from Jerusalem to meet the Gentile world – in Europe, Asia, North Africa and India. They established

congregations, preaching and teaching all along the way.

The verse from the Letter to the Romans quoted above has become a favorite benediction of mine. It expresses the legacy Jesus left us, the Church, when He promised the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Once Jesus ascended to His heavenly realm, He and the Creator God dispatched the Holy Spirit to live among Jesus-followers. And, though we sense in our times, the chaos of a rebellious order rising up against the kingdom of Christ, we can look to the Scriptures to lay hold of joy, peace and hope by the evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit in the world.

Creation Power - The work of the Holy Spirit in creation is shown in Genesis 1:2. The Spirit of God moved over the formless world and when the Father spoke, light came into being. The power of

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God to continue the creation is expressed in Psalm 104:29-30:

*You hide Your face, they are dismayed;
You take away their spirit, they expire
And return to their dust.*

*You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
And You renew the face of the ground.*

When God decided to launch His plan to send the second Person of the Trinity into the world, it was the Holy Spirit who hovered over Mary of Nazareth to create in her this new life.

The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

Resurrection Power - *But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)*

It is a bit ambiguous in Scripture just who performed the ultimate miracle of raising the body of Jesus of Nazareth to New Life. Father, Son or Holy Spirit. It was the will of God the Father that He be set free from the bonds of death. Justice had been secured for all creation – the Law had been satisfied. Jesus had received majesty and power from God, so that it was His right to come out of the tomb. Scripture declares that after three days He was raised by the Spirit's energy in His cold, lifeless frame. (*Holy Spirit Power*, Charles

Spurgeon, Whitaker House, 1996, p 33)

Power of Witness – Jesus performed many signs of healing, control of natural phenomena and removal of evil from persons He touched. Scripture tells us He performed these miracles by the presence of the Holy Spirit. After He ascended, the disciples, including the Apostle Paul, were given this amazing gift of healing and restoration [the raising of Dorcas (Acts 9:40-41) and Eutychus (Acts 20:9-10)]. These gifts were imparted to the disciples by the Holy Spirit.

Works of Grace – The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth that the Holy Spirit has in store for all who seek Him amazing works of transformation. Imagine a household where there is strife, shouting, bitter accusation and blame. If, by the witness of caring neighbors, family or even strangers, the Gospel and the prayer of faith are introduced into that scene, the course of that family's life can be changed for good. If the adults or the children in that setting learn by grace who Jesus is, there is the potential for a complete change of world-view – from fallen Babylon to the glorious realm of New Jerusalem.

So, the kingdom of Christ on earth grows by the work of the Holy Spirit in, through and among us His obedient people.

Yours in Christ,
Margot

CALENDAR FOR MAY/JUNE:

05/01, 12 Noon: Senior Lunch

05/05: Administration Council meeting follows the service.

05/12: Mother's Day

05/19: Dexter Danielson to give the Message

05/25-27: Memorial Day Weekend

06/05, 7:00 PM: Baccalaureate Service at BCUMC

06/16: Father's Day celebration follows the service.

06/24-28: Vacation Bible School for children ages 5-10. Come visit the Bug Zone!

MONDAYS:

7:00 PM: Evening bible study at Leola Stigleman's home.

WEDNESDAYS:

9:30 AM: OGC a "retired guys fellowship" meets at the Café 47.

10 AM: Women's Bible study at Dianne Harrang's home. Formal class for the season ends May 29th. Summer months will be occasional gatherings, but no lessons.

SUNDAYS:

5 - 6 PM: Banks Community United Methodist Youth Group meets, for students grades 3-8. Contact Mariana Haboush Knifer, Sarah Howard Boswell or Jimmy Boswell for more information.

May

05/08 Arne Harrang

05/14 Jimmy Boswell

05/17 James Fonua

HAPPY

June

06/08 Anika Peters

06/17 Ellen Sadler

BIRTHDAY

GOING TO THE GONE

A checklist for Memorial Day

by Greg Asimakoupoulos

Go look in on your children still asleep within their bed.

Remind yourself they're safe and warm because of some long dead.

Go for a walk through cemeteries lined with little flags.

Take time to ponder homebound heroes flown in body bags.

Go stand between those granite stones engraved with names and dates.

Imagine all who died defending our United States.

Go on and kneel beside a marker offering a prayer with gratitude for those who gave their lives defeating terror.

Go home and count your blessings from the hands of those now gone. Then vow to the Almighty that their mem'ry will live on.

Vacation Bible School 2019

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Hello all from “The Bug Zone”! This year at Vacation Bible School we will be exploring how God can change us. “A fuzzy caterpillar crawls along a leaf, attaches itself to a twig, hangs upside down and spins a chrysalis. It emerges, transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Our great God transforms people in even bigger ways. We will look at Joshua, Gideon, Naomi and Ruth, Zacchaeus, and Saul and hear how each of their lives was changed.

Our own beloved Andy will be reprising the roll of “Buzz” our friendly (yet frightened of bugs) exterminator. When we used this program some 7 years ago, Andy played the roll to much enthusiasm and enjoyment from the children. To this day when some of those past students see him around town they still greet him with “Hi! Buzz!”. Thank you so much Andy for your spirit and willingness to take on this roll.

As always there will be delicious and nutritious thematic snacks created by our wonderful Gail. Crafts designed (and tested) by Sarah Boswell (and kids- they usually help out by doing test runs to make sure the crafts work well for each age group). And music led by Mariana and Anika. There are many others that come together as teachers and helpers in many capacities. If you would like to help out in any way contact Laurel Medinger at

This year V.B.S. will be held from June 24-28 from 9:00a.m – 11:30 a.m. I would ask for your prayers that God would send a whole compliment (40+) of children to this year’s program, that preparations continue smoothly, and that he bring just the right people to fill all positions still needing to be filled (also, asking for nice weather, no rain, is always helpful too).



“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people”
(Psalm 105:1)

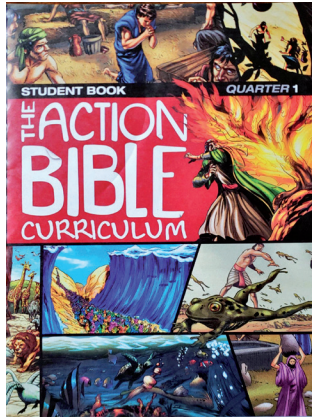
(VBS theme Bible verse for the week)



Banks Community United Methodist Youth Group

The Banks Community United Methodist Youth Group has been going well! We had 8 kids on Sunday 3/17 before Spring Break. We purchased the study called “The Action Bible Curriculum” that enables our students to use the Act Bibles they are gifted with after they leave 3rd grade. So far we have studied “God Creates the Universe” (God is Powerful and Wise), “Tempted in the Garden” (God is Redeemer), and “Brother’s Blood Cry” (God is Just and Merciful). In April we will meet twice before Easter to cover “A Rainbow Promise” (God Keeps His Promises) and “God Calls Abraham” (God Shows Grace). The lessons consist of an introductory video showing the Action Bible in action, a lesson on the scripture of the day, and a group activity tied to the lesson. Renee Walker, who has joined in this ministry, teaches the older students, while Mariana Knifer teaches the younger kids. Snack time is always full of great conversation and getting to know each

other better and the lessons have been really interesting as we connect the Bible teaching to our everyday lives. We will not have a lesson on Sunday 4/28, but will be doing a fun activity together in its place. Sarah Boswell has done a wonderful job of setting up the schedule of lessons and events and keeping us all organized. We will end this quarter on 6/9 with a final fun activity.



We are thankful for the grant money that will allow us to purchase the remaining quarters in The Action Bible Curriculum. So far we have purchased quarter 1 at the cost of \$99. That includes the instructional DVD, Leader Guide and student workbooks. We will be ordering next quarter’s materials this summer so we can plan out our fall session. Any and all are welcome to see what we’re up to! Please support us with your prayers as we work to minister to the youth in our community.

Blessings!
Mariana

**Put “eat chocolate” at the top
of your list of things to do today.
That way, at least you’ll get one thing done.**

You're Invited to the SPRING SENIOR LUNCH

sponsored by the
Banks Community United Methodist Church

Wednesday,
May 1, 2019
42451 NW Depot St.
12:00 noon



See You
There!



Come enjoy
delicious food,
warm fellowship
and entertainment.



THINGS ONLY A MOM CAN TEACH

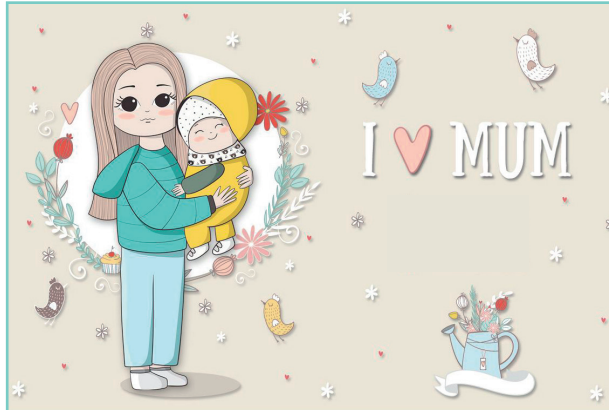
My Mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**:
"Just wait until your father gets home."

My Mother taught me about **RECEIVING**:
"You are going to get it when we get home!"

My Mother taught me to **MEET A CHALLENGE**:
"What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you...Don't talk back to me!"

"My Mother taught me **LOGIC**:
"Because I said so, that's why."&
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My Mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE**:
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."



My Mother taught me to **THINK AHEAD**:
"If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job."

My Mother taught me **ESP**:
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you're cold?"

My Mother taught me **HUMOR**:
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My Mother taught me how to **BECOME AN**

ADULT:
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My Mother taught me about **SEX**:
"How do you think you got here?"

My Mother taught me about **GENETICS**:
"You're just like your father."

My Mother taught me about my **ROOTS**: "Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My Mother taught me about **WISDOM OF AGE**:
"When you get to be my age, you will understand."

My Mother taught me about **JUSTICE**:
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you. Then you'll see what it's like."

My mother taught me **RELIGION**:
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**:
If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**:
Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

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My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying and I'll *give* you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS:

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM:

"Will you *look* at the dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA:

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is finished."

My mother taught me about WEATHER:

"It looks as if a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me how to solve PHYSICS PROBLEMS:

"If I yelled because I saw a meteor coming

toward you, would you listen then?"

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY:

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times: Don't Exaggerate!!!"

My mother taught me THE CIRCLE OF LIFE:

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION:

"Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about ENVY:

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

(Courtesy of "Mikey's Funnies")

PASTOR MARGOT'S OFFICE HOURS

Banks Community UMC

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cornelius UMC

Monday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(At all hours, and any day Sunday through Thursday, please use her cell phone number.) She is also available for urgent or emergency matters at all times via cell.

BANKS TELLER

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