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Spiceland Friend

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**Living the Faith of Those Who
Have Gone Before Us**

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)*

The well-known passage above from Hebrews 12 follows Hebrews 11, which is known as the Roll Call of Faith – a listing of character after character down through Biblical history – men and women who followed God’s direction without seeing the completion of the promise. God was pleased with them because of their faith in him and his direction even though from a human perspective, it sounded crazy. The writer of Hebrews puts it this way: “Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. For by this our ancestors were approved.” Hebrews 11:1-2 (CSB) Then the writer begins with creation – how God created the whole universe out of nothing. He simply spoke everything into existence. One of the most well-known Biblical characters in the list is

Abraham, who God called to move to a strange land and put down roots. God promised him the land and a great number of descendants who would become a nation called by God. Abraham believed that promise and passed it on to his son, Issac, and he passed it on to his son, Jacob. During his lifetime, Abraham only had one son and that son was born late in his life. Abraham lived in tents and did not own the land during his lifetime. Still, he walked with God and believed what God promised even though he did not get to see it fulfilled.

This year at Spiceland Friends we are celebrating our own roll call of faith down through the 200 years of our history. Our memories are filled with men and women of God who acted in faith – believing that God would reward their faith even though they did not see it completed. A recent example of this kind of faith was on display in 2006 when we planned the new addition and raised money for it. People in our church gave generously and believed it would happen. People approved borrowing the extra amount we needed even though the church generally didn’t go into debt. People believed that this step was important to our community and to our on-going efforts to minister to people and to attract them to our church and to following Jesus. One person summed it up for me when she said, “I don’t really see the need for this building addition, but if the rest of the church believes we should do it, I am giving as much money as I can to see that it happens.” This person and many others who gave and worked for the completion of the building addition passed away before they could see the results and see how much the building has

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improved our ministries. They believed God's call and acted on it.

Call to mind your own heroes of faith and gain inspiration for your own walk of faith with Jesus. Come and join everyone as we celebrate the weekend of September 28th and 29th. There will be a separate mailing that will have the details of that weekend celebration.

David Brock

Join Our Thursday Bible Study

We will be starting a new book on August 15. We will read and discuss Max Lucado's book, *In the Eye of the Storm, Jesus Knows How You Feel*. It's about what Max calls Jesus' second most stressful day! It will help us understand why Jesus can relate so well to all the chaos in our own lives. Join us every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for discussion and then we all go out to eat at noon. We have wonderful discussions that are both meaningful and humorous. Feel free to join us. Let me know if you want to come so I can order enough books.

– Nancy Wadman

Fall Bible Studies Are Scheduled

Be sure to mark each Wednesday in October and plan to attend our great fall Bible studies, fellowship meals, and discussions. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the studies and discussions will start at 6:45. Topics to be discussed will be announced at a later date through emails. Invite your friends and join us each Wednesday in October.

We Welcome Building Care Suggestions

The trustees would like to remind you that there is a suggestions box in the Welcome Center. Anytime you see a repair need, please fill out a card and place it in the box. This helps us keep up with things that might go unnoticed. Thank you!

From the Associate Pastor



As I age, there are more and more days that I awaken and my mind goes directly to the pain in my lower back. It distracts me throughout my morning routine. I sit up in bed, place my feet on the floor, stumble to the restroom, shower, brush my teeth, put my arms in my shirt, my legs in my pants, and attempt to reach down and tie my shoes. My mind continually goes to my lower back pain. Our lives are much like this as we navigate day-to-day life in 2024. We are bombarded with past injuries and bad news for the day.

As a reminder, Jesus' time on earth was not much different. The gospels tell us that he faced family issues, physical struggles, poverty, homelessness, and death. Throughout his ministry, he was bombarded by the needs of everyone that surrounded him. Everything from providing wine for the wedding guest to bringing his friend back from the dead became part of the weight he carried. All of this piled on while at the very same time, Jesus knew that his crucifixion was pending. Like us, Jesus was dealing with life that was bombarding him.

You and I are distracted with old injuries; physical injuries, relationship injuries, financial injuries, and alike. They all can become distracting. It is also easy to pile on problems at work and daily struggles. We can even become distracted by the sadness of our world. Political unrest, violence, abused children, and other evils take our thoughts and minds captive. I just want to encourage you to remember that as followers of Christ, this is not the world that we live for. This is not where our true citizenship is. Don't let your back pain distract you! Refocus!

Paul gives us our focus in Philippians 4:8. *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true (God), whatever is noble (God), whatever is right (God), whatever is pure (God), whatever is lovely (God), whatever is admirable (God)-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy (God), think about such things...and the God of peace will be with you."*

Eric Bowman

Worship Assistants for August and September



Worship Leaders

August 4 & 18; Sept. 8 & 22 – Sandi Swann
August 11 & 25; Sept. 1 & 15 – Bob Rust

Scripture Readers

August 4 – Debra Weber
August 11 – Sandra Swann
August 18 – Gerald Darling
August 25 – Halle Chandler
September 1 – Eric Bowman
September 8 – Ron Reece
September 15 – Barbara Lacy
September 22 – Gerald Darling
September 29 – Nancy Wadman

Children's Story

August 4 – Mike Van Osdol
August 11 – Amanda Judge
August 18 – Diana Bowman
August 25 – Janet Putnam
September 1 – Diana Bowman
September 8 – Amanda Judge
September 15 – Mike Van Osdol
September 22 – Janet Putnam
September 29 – Diana Bowman

Junior Church

Aug. 4 & Sept. 1 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom
Aug. 11 & Sept. 8 – Kristin Davis; Jessica Noteboom
Aug. 18 & Sept. 15 – Josie Weber; Jessica Noteboom
Aug. 25 & Sept. 22 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom
Sept. 29 – Claudia Garner; Jessica Noteboom

Song Leaders – Tasha Crandall, Hayley Painter and Debra Weber

Greeter for August – Virginia Newkirk
Greeter for September – Don Painter

Sermon Topics for August and September

Cathy Harris spoke on August 4 as a part of our Anniversary Celebration. **David Brock** will preach the other Sundays in August and September. September 29 is our big anniversary worship celebration. Details for that weekend will be announced in a separate mailing.

August 4

Sermon – “Something Old, Something New”
Scripture – Isaiah 43:16-21

August 11

Sermon – “Living Letters”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

August 18

Sermon – “Inner Renewal”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 3:7-4:18

August 25

Sermon – “Ministry of Reconciliation”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:1-6:2

September 1

Sermon – “Walking with Jesus”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1

September 8

Sermon – “The Value of Encouragement”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

September 15

Sermon – “Generosity Binds Us Together”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 8 & 9

September 22

Sermon – “Planning Ahead”
Scripture – 2 Corinthians 10

Watch for Ladies Night Out Details

Okay, girls, we are going to have a Ladies Night Out, but due to my surgery I needed to postpone it until September 11. This is a tentative date, and I will let you know as soon as I hear from the caterer. We are going to have it at the church again this year. Since it will be catered, you don't have to do anything except come. I will let you know about the entertainment at a later date. Please forgive my confusion!

– Nancy Wadman

Schedule for 200th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 28, 2024

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12:30 pm – Opening remarks

12:45 pm – photo of 50-year members

1:00 pm – Pitch-in dinner (50-year members honored guests)

2:00 pm <Pictures>

3:00 pm – 4 The Light Quartet

4:00 pm – Dismiss to fellowship and browse displays

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*Meetinghouse remains open

5:00 pm – Campfire (BYO chair, hotdogs, etc.)

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

11:30 am – Cake and fellowship

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12:30 pm – Closing remarks

*Meetinghouse remains open for as long as people wish to linger and browse displays

Memories From Sandra Swan

I think it was 1991. When Scott was in high school he was dating Rachel Hunt. She came to me one day and asked if I would come to hear her sing at Spiceland Friends. I happily agreed.

I had been raised Methodist and was a member at First Methodist in New Castle. When I walked in the front door of Spiceland Friends Meeting I was struck by the stained glass window of Jesus in the Garden. It seemed so comfortable and peaceful. As I looked around, again I saw a cabinet that displayed a set of china that was the same pattern as my Grandmother Beard had at her house as I grew up. Then I walked upstairs and saw a quilt that was in the same pattern as one she had made.

My grandparents were members of First Friends in New Castle when they were living. After some time I came to find out that my Grandmother

from Dad's side had been raised Quaker as well. It occurred to me that maybe the reason I felt so comfortable here was that I had been influenced by my Mother and Grandmothers' upbringing.

As time passed I was drawn to this church family. I would never have come here had it not been for Rachel's invitation. I will never forget that feeling of closeness with the Lord as I move through this building. I knew I wanted to come back again and it was an easy decision to be part of this Meeting. I liked the Faith and Practice guidance as opposed to a set of rules and ceremonies.

Memories From Peggy Brooks MacFarlane

I am a lifelong member of the Spiceland Friends Church. Somewhere between 65-70 years. Not sure when my parents, Rex & Mildred Brooks, became members but they were also long-time members.

My earliest memory was of Ms. Moffitt in the nursery. She had a little white church that was a bank. You could put anything in there, even a penny, and get a graham cracker! We were sure we had something to give every Sunday. Didn't realize the lesson that was being taught.

Another special time was receiving my Bible when I "graduated" from primary church. I was so proud, still use it today. It was signed by several, teachers, preacher. I value that as well.

As a teenager we had a large very active youth group led by Betty Bitler. We met every Sunday evening. We had activities with other churches and our own activities. Harold Smisor was our preacher and made quite an impression on us, as well as guests that attended from outside our group.

It was always special to walk up the steps to those beautiful wooden doors that opened wide to welcome us. You felt a sense of peace and you could hear the organ playing, got your program, and made your way to your favorite pew greeting friends and neighbors along the way. You felt a part of something wonderful.

Faces and progress has changed over time but the love and prayers have remained strong. We have lived in several states and attended many churches but never changed my membership. Spiceland Friends feels like home, where I belong. I love being a part of the Quaker way of life.

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Pat Craft – accident at work
Butch Rutherford – health problems
Barbara Meade – health issues
Nancy Strong – recovering from surgery
Linda Brock – rehab
Richard Ratcliff – at home
Gary Stegner – health issues
Dennis Stamper – recovering at home
Steve Stevens – rehab at The Waters
Judy Stevens - vertigo
Donna Hall – in need of prayer
Dale & Jane Albertson – health problems
Libby Henshaw – at Glen Oaks
Judy Smith – at Stonebrooke
Sarah Reiblein – cancer

Extended Family and Friends

Family of Max Garner
Wes Cumins (father of Claudia Garner) – health problems
Megan Kirkpatrick (Randy & Susan Dennis) – auto accident
Hogan (Carly Griggs) – cancer
Christina Miller (Marilyn Thompson) – liver biopsy
Lorene Larrimore (Julia Bouslog) – broken pelvis
Justin Myers (grandson of Virginia Cripps) – brain bleed
Stephanie Nelson (Cindy Mitchell) – cancer
Gary Dice (Marilyn Thompson) – recovering from heart transplant
Dawn Mogg – bone cancer
Tara (Monica Altman) – high-risk pregnancy
Danny Williams (Rust family) – stage 4 cancer
Andy Denny (Debbie Denny) – Hodgkins Lymphoma
Carol McLemore – knee replacement surgery
Craig (cousin of Judy Stevens) – in need of prayer
Judah (Marilyn Thompson) – health issues
Timmy Vanmatre (Cindy Mitchell's grandson) – MS in brain
Sherry Matney (Kandi Rutledge) – breast cancer
Misty Brett Steffen (Sarah Reiblein) – rare cancer
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