



"In Touch" at Hazel Park First UMC

Newsletter for all those who worship at First United
Methodist Church of Hazel Park



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Pastor's Pen

Pastor Sharon Appling

Welcome to February, the month of love and historic remembrances. Here are a few questions to sharpen your knowledge of Blacks God Used To Shape History In The Bible. How many can you name?

Blacks of the Bible: Who Am I?

- ~I am the Black African Father of two young sons who was compelled by Roman Soldiers to carry the cross of Jesus. **Who Am I?** (Matthew 27:32.)
- ~We are the sons of the Jewish Convert who saw our father carry the cross of Jesus. We became bishops in the First Century Church. **Who Are We?** (Romans 16:13 and Mark 15:21)
- ~I am the treasure of the wealthy Ethiopian Kingdom ruled by Queen Candace. I was miraculously baptized in a desert pool by Philip in the wilderness. **Who Am I?** (Acts 8:27-39)
- ~I am the very faithful Cushite Servant of King Zedekiah who rescued the Prophet Jeremiah from a deep dark water storage pit, saving his life. **Who Am I?** (Jeremiah 38:6-13)
- ~I am the wife of Moses, the princess daughter of Medinite Priest Jethro. My courageous action of circumcision of our sons saved Moses' life when he was disobedient to God. **Who Am I?** (Numbers 12:1)
- ~I am the African Ruler of the wealthiest civilization. I heard that Solomon's wisdom and leadership came from God. I traveled with untold gifts and treasures, including gold, precious stones, and delicious produce as an offering and to test the depth of King Solomon's wisdom with riddles. As a result, I returned to my Kingdom worshipping Israel's God Almighty. **Who Am I?** (I Kings 10)
- ~I am a teacher of The Law, one of three Jewish Prophets in Antioch who prayed, fasted, and obeyed Holy Spirit's command to ordain Saul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. Part of my name means, "Black" in Hebrew. **Who Am I?** (Acts 13:1)
- ~I also am an African Rabbi, a Prophet, and a faithful leader of The Church at Antioch. My name means "sweet, luscious chocolate". I was among the three Spiritual Advisors who laid hands on Saul and Barnabas, sending the missionaries out with God's anointing. **Who Am I?** (Acts 13:1)
- ~I am the daughter of an Egyptian Priest. I first rejected Joseph's expressions of love but then fell in love with him. After repenting of my idol worship, my heart was changed. As a result, my faithful allegiance to Israel's God was rewarded with my marriage to Joseph and together we had two sons: Manasseh and Ephraim. They later became Fathers of Jewish Tribes. **Who Am I?** (Genesis 41:45)
- ~I am a Jewish Christian from Alexandria Africa. I was known for my deep knowledge of Old Testament Scripture and eloquence in speech. The New Testament Couple, Priscilla and Aquila, took me into their home and taught me about the Gospel of Jesus. I ministered to Corinth and a Church Planter and Evangelist. **Who Am I?** (Acts 18:27-28)

May God richly bless each of you and keep you in the safety of Jehovah's Almighty Presence.

Enjoy this month sharing love with all of God's Creation.

Upcoming Events

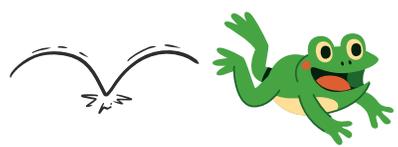
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Calendar

- ~Monday, Feb. 8th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Monday, Feb. 16th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, Feb. 17th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Thursday, Feb. 19th - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Monday, Feb. 23rd - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, Feb. 24th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Monday, March. 2nd - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday. March. 3rd - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Saturday, March 7th - Men's Group Meets @10am
- ~Saturday, March 8th - Women's Group meets @1pm

Things to Keep in Mind



Daylight saving time is March 8th! Don't forget to set your clocks an hour forward!



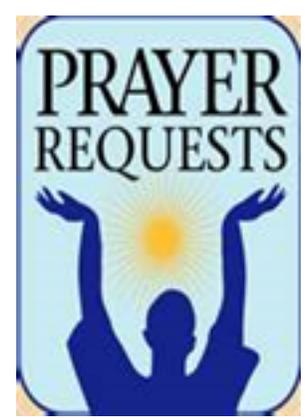
Health/Life Concerns: Roger Riutta, Tom & Helen Bailey, Lewis Stephens, Lisa Johnson, Denise Usher, Joan Sarns, & Kateri Rang

Comfort for the friends and families of:

Serving in the Armed Forces: Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner & Chris Collis

Gratitude's and Joys: The hospitality of our church, grandkids in church and grandparents.

Church Leaders: Pastor-Rev. Sharon Appling, Al Holland-SPRC Chair, John Sarns-Ad Council Chair, Frank Cox-Lay Leader, Ashley Detoledo-Secretary, Lisa Johnson-Treasurer, and Matt Sarns-Music Director.



Get Them Talking: Be encouraged

Get Them Talking is a series of resources to help families start conversations about issues of faith.

Scripture:

“In the world you have distress. But be encouraged! I have conquered the world.”
John 16:33, Common English Bible

Reflection:

Sometimes it is fun to be scared. We might choose to watch a scary movie or go on an amusement park ride that frightens us. It’s fun because even when we’re the most scared, we know we are actually safe.

As Jesus anticipates his death, resurrection, and ascension, he prepares the disciples for life when he is no longer physically present with them (see [John 14-16](#)). In our verse for today, Jesus tells the disciples that sometimes life will be scary, but we can endure those times because we know Jesus is in charge. It’s okay to feel afraid, sad or angry, but we can make it through difficult times in life because we know that Jesus is always with us.

Get them talking:

- Do you like scary things? When is it fun to be frightened? When is it not fun?
- What are some difficult things in your life right now?
- How does knowing that Jesus is in charge—that he has “conquered the world”—fill you with hope?
- How can your family support one another as you endure challenges?
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Prayer:

Dear God, fill me with hope in difficult times. Amen.

Activity:

Enjoy some appropriately scary entertainment together. Make sure each member of the family knows they will be safe in the end.



Children's Sermon: The Bee-Attitudes

Think about what makes you happy. Is it getting ice cream? Or a hug from your mom or dad? Or maybe it's playing with your pet at home? We all want to be happy. God wants us to be happy, too. But sometimes happiness isn't like having ice cream or playing with your dog. Jesus said happiness can be something different. Here's what happened. One day Jesus went up onto the side of a mountain. He sat down, gathered His disciples around, and began to teach them about happiness. Even though these are not the exact words Jesus used, they will help us to understand what He taught. He said things like: Be happy when you feel sad or need help, because then you know that God will help you. Be happy when you feel you have lost something important, because it is then that God helps you see what is most important-Him. Be happy with what you have, because then you know that God provides everything you really need. Be happy when you help others, because then you see how God cares for you. Be happy when others are happy, because you can see God makes the world better. Be happy when others stop fighting, because God helps us have peace with each other. Be happy even when others aren't nice, because no matter what, God loves you. Happiness is what we have in our heart because we love God. We can be like happy little bees, buzzing happily through life because of what God has done for us.

Scripture:

(Matthew 5:1-12)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. ² He taught them, saying:

“Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”

“Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.”

“Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.”

“Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.”

“Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.”

“Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.”

“Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.”

“Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”

“Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me.”

Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

Prayer:

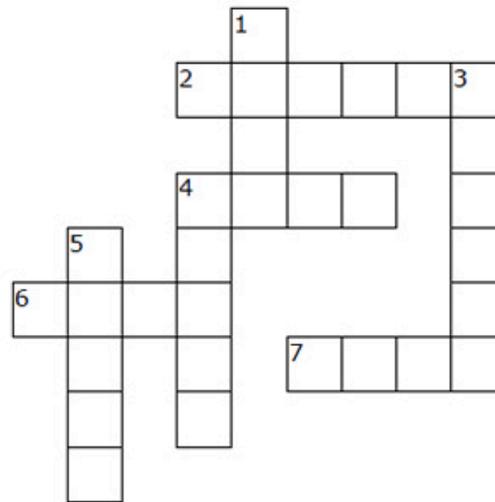
Dear God, help us remember that happiness comes from You, not from what happens to us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen



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Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



ACROSS

- 2. A need for food
- 4. To be humble in spirit or manner
- 6. Having little money or few possessions
- 7. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

- 1. To be without any faults; without sin
- 3. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- 4. To show great kindness toward others
- 5. To feel sadness

PURE	MOURN	REWARD	HUNGER
POOR	GLAD	MERCY	MEEK



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FILLED	MEEK	MERCY	POOR	EARTH
KINGDOM	INHERIT	HEAVEN	BLESSED	SPIRIT



BEE-ATTITUDES BEE CUPS

Be happy when you are poor in spirit, because then you will find that your riches are in the kingdom of heaven.

Be happy when you feel you have lost what is most dear to you, because it is then that you will feel the love of the One who is the most dear to you.

Be happy with what you have, because then you will find that your heavenly Father provides everything that you need.

Be happy when you are hungry for the things of God, because then you will find that only He can satisfy.

Be happy when you are caring for others, because it is in caring for others that you will find that you have a heavenly Father who cares for you.

Be happy when your heart is right with God, because it is then that you will see that God is at work in the world around you.

Be happy when you help others to get along peacefully with one another, because it is then that you will know the peace that comes from being a part of the family of God.

Be happy when others treat you badly because you follow me, because your reward will be great in heaven.

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Renee Dusseau 17	Lillie Smith 18
Pierre Cross 25	Kateri Rang 25



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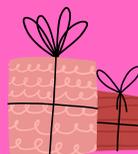
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