

2021
MAY/JUNE CARILLON

HAPPY MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAYS



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OFFICE HOURS:
M, W, Th, F- 9:00-Noon
Tuesday - Closed

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 A.M.
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
(no Coffee Social in June)
SUNRISE SERVICE 8:30 A.M. (starting 6/13/21)
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

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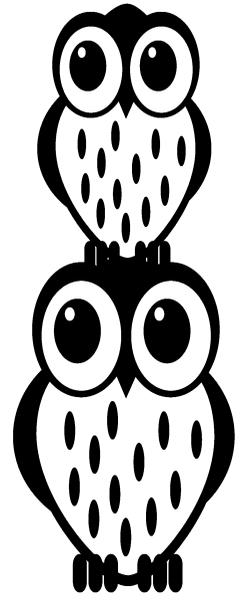


WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

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Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school	—○—
paper	—○—
wisdom	—○—
read	—○—
play	—○—
learn	○—
grow	—○—
pencils	—○—
pray	—○—
art	—○—
student	—○—
kids	—○—
apple	—○—

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

My dear friends,

How is it with your soul? That was a regular question for early Methodists, who gathered in small groups regularly to share faith and life with one another. *How is it with your soul* is different than *how are you*. When we ask someone “how are you,” it’s often just part of the rhythm of polite conversation, rather than a genuine inquiry into the state of someone’s being. But John Wesley gave early Methodists a deeper question, a more thoughtful question, a more challenging and potentially life-giving question: how is it with your soul?

So I ask you: how is it with your soul these days?

We have all been through an awful lot in the last year or so. Many of us came into March of 2020 already tired, already stressed, already lonely, already spread thin. The pandemic amplified all of those things, and added new variables to the mix. We’ve been inundated with unknowns, worries, questions, and concerns. We’ve had to be flexible in ways we had never before imagined. Though we are still in the proverbial pandemic tunnel, we are getting closer and closer to the light at the end of it. Perhaps you, too, know the strange mix of hope, confusion, joy, and weariness all at once that I’ve felt in this season.

In the month of June, we’ll kick off a series called “Still Waters: Learning From the God who Makes Us Rest.” The words of Psalm 23 describe how God, our Good Shepherd, doesn’t just *suggest* that we lie down in green pastures to rest; rather, the Good Shepherd *makes* us to lie down and rest. It is a command, not a mere recommendation. It is my hope that this summer, you will bring your soul to the still waters of God’s love. Bring your weariness and your joy. Bring your worries and bring your hope. Bring your doubts and bring your questions. Bring your whole self – just as you are. Together, let’s let God tend to us in the ways that only God can. May we learn God’s unforced rhythms of grace, so that we may truly be able to say, “it is well with my soul.”

Let’s be the Church,

Pastor Elise

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 a.m. No Coffee Social
 8:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast

ELEMENTARY

(Readiness Kindergarten - 5th grade)

Sunday school teachers will lead students in Bible Study along with playing games, creating crafts, or making a treat. Students meet in Room 7.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GROUP

Wendy DeRouin and Lee Anderson will guide these students through their transition from child to teen with games, discussions and mission projects. This class meets in Room 8 at 9:15 every Sunday morning and is for students grades 6 - 8.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Holly Hamilton invites those of you in grades 9 thru 12 for a fun morning of Christian education and an open discussion about teen topics every Sunday morning at 9:15 in the office Conference Room.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 15 - Michigamme Work Bee
 May 21 - Hope at the Inn Brat Sale/Elmer's
 May 22 - CUMC's Spring Clean-up
 May 23 - Confirmation Sunday
 May 30 - Graduation Sunday

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

No Bible Study until further notice.

HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund. The funds are for Central members who are facing urgent financial challenges and are in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. See Pastor Elise for assistance.

MAY FINANCE STEWARDS

02 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
 09 Laura Kluka, Lois Lavelle
 16 Janet Snowden, Arleen Martin
 23 Lois Lavelle, Sue Gaudette
 30 Laura Kluka, Arleen Martin

JUNE FINANCE STEWARDS

06 Janet Snowden, Sue Gaudette
 13 Laura Kluka, Sue Gaudette
 20 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
 27 Janet Snowden, Sue Gaudette

FOOD PANTRY

The number of people who need the aid of the food assistance programs has increased locally due to rising food costs, fuel costs, loss of jobs, and home heating prices. Prayerfully consider bringing food donations weekly to help supply the Salvation Army Food Bank. Monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed/brought to the office.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

The May meetings are set for Thursday, **May 13th** with Committees at 6:00PM and the Council at 7:15PM. June meetings will be held on Thursday, **June 17, 2021**.

SUNRISE SERVICE

Our Beach Service begins **June 13, 2021** at 8:30AM at Aronson Island (Ludington Beach). Bring a blanket/lawn chair and a cup of coffee if you wish and join us!

COFFEE TIME

Each Sunday Central members serve coffee and provide a treat from 10:00-10:30am. It's a time to talk and share with friends. **There are NO socials in June, July or August.** Any questions call Barb Kubont at 906-212-2019.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember those in need of your prayers for healing, gaining strength, and courage during an illness or injury and all Central's shut-ins and those in nursing homes. May God bless you and keep you in His loving care during this time of illness and concern and know that our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs the 10:30 worship service each Sunday. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, call the office for an open date. Cost for this is \$100 per week. You can donate all or part of it.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be honoring our graduates in our online worship service on **Sunday, May 30th!** If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, we would like to honor them. Please send their name, photograph, where they're graduating from, and a note on future plans to Pastor Elise by Wednesday, May 26th. We want to celebrate the resilient class of 2021 as best we possibly can.

Congratulations!

MEETINGS NIGHTS

There are no Committee or Council meetings in June or July.

ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern or compliment to pass along to the (SPRC), Staff Parish Relations Committee, please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.

CAMP MICHIGAMME

Registration for Camp Michigamme is open! There are opportunities for age 4 through adults, and financial assistance is available to make camp accessible for everyone. Visit campmichigamme.org or talk to Pastor Elise.