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Pastoral News

Hello everyone,

It is my prayer that this note finds you all well. Hoping you had a nice Memorial Day, good food, and lots of family and friends to celebrate with.

We are continuing to talk about change here at Fowler, about what NewDay should look like, sound like, and feel like. These are of course hard questions to answer. We could make plans and simply decide that this is what it should look like, but is simply focusing on the outcome/result in the right way of moving forward?

It is so easy to simply focus on an outcome here, when what we should be talking about is not being so attached to the outcome but rather...be present on the journey, paying attention to those we are wanting to invite and serve, to listen to them, to hear them...this can be difficult to put into practice when we are only looking ahead. We should of course hold a clear intention of our goals but at the same time let go of the outcome—recognizing that a larger wisdom is always operating.

As Gandhi said, "The victory is in the doing," not the results. Also, remain flexible in the face of changing circumstances. In Eisenhower's words, "Plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight*".

What's In This Month's Issue:

- Caritas Challenge
- Prayers Needed
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- United Women of Faith

June Calendar

4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Worship @ 10:30

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Tops @ 9

Prayer Group @ 10:30

Bible Study @ 11

8th Of June

Disabilities Meeting @ 6

8th & 22nd

Crafting Group 9 till noon

25th

BBQ Potluck

27th

Flashes Articles Due

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

How can we here at Fowler UMC move toward more inclusion and belonging while letting go of the outcome thus spending more time concentrating on the journey we are on? What changes in attitude and action are needed to change the prevailing landscape?

After talking to people with disabilities about this question, they, of course, had many recommendations, however, they emphasized nine primary actions:

1. **Advocating:** Speaking up regarding accessibility needs and calling upon the congregation to respond
2. **Reflecting:** Regularly examining all aspects of congregational life to identify areas of existing accessibility and pressing need
3. **Asking:** Inviting the perspectives and preferences of people with disabilities regarding accessibility and inclusion
4. **Researching:** Seeking out the expertise and experiences of others from outside of the congregation (e.g., disability organizations, self-advocates)
5. **Equipping:** Increasing the capacity and commitment of church members to support inclusion
6. **Embracing:** Adopting a posture or culture that values people with disabilities and recognizes their gifts
7. **Proacting:** Taking active and advanced steps to welcome and include people with disabilities
8. **Including:** Weaving and welcoming people with disabilities within all aspects of congregational life
9. **Praying:** Seeking guidance and support from God in all these endeavors (Erik W. Carter, Professor-Vanderbilt University - PMB 228, Peabody College)

How are we doing here at Fowler with these thoughts/ideas? Are we hearing them? Are we putting them into action? Which ones are we missing, and which ones are we doing well? I believe that self-reflection is so important on our journey. It will take a village and God's blessing to make this happen...join us on June the 8th, 6:00 pm here at the church for our next NewDay meeting, please invite someone with a heart for people with disabilities or someone with a disability who may want to let their voice be heard while we are traveling together on this particular part of our journey.

Peace, René



“Shine 104.9 Radio is pleased to announce that

Pastor Rene Devantier

will be heard on-air sharing the Good News Bible Verses throughout each day during the month of June. Shine 104.9 thanks your Pastor for being a positive influence in our community!”



Join us on June 25th for a
BBQ pot-luck lunch.

Bring your favorite side dish, desert, Lemonade,
Iced Tea, etc

Caritas Challenge



This summer's challenge is Hygiene Products!

Let's get at least 50 Items!

Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Soap, Razor, Shampoo, Feminine pads, Mouth Wash, Q tips, Tissue, etc. . .



June Birthday

3rd - Wilma Stork

5th - Bev Parrott

20th - Joanne Heimbigner

23rd - Jake Willis

.Wishing our friends and family

a "happy. . .",

a "merry. . .",

a "best wishes . . .",

and a "blessings . . ."

for their special day.

24th - Bob & Laurie Newell

PRAYER

Hand of God to Touch

A New Day

Mental health

Our Nation, our politics as well as the World

Accident victims

For Rex returning home

Dan to get used to the night shift

Linda Stancil is home

Lydia Chabai deploying to South Korea

All the Military and their families

Health and Healing

Jean – Back pain

Roger, Son-in-law, heart issues with AFIB

Reno, Sister-in-law, medical issues

René with a kidney stone again

Caro Swedburg- bowel obstruction

Continued Prayers

Mercy – Migraines and Neurologist Appt.

Prayers of Gratitude

For jobs

For finishing Hat

For a vacation with my husband



United
Women
in Faith



“Voices From the Field”

At

Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

115 N Raymond Road, Spokane Valley, WA 99206

A workshop facilitated by

Katherine Parker, Missionary in Nepal

Saturday, July 8, 2023

10 am to 3 pm

(Registration begins at 9:30am at the door)

Cost: \$5 donation for lunch at the door

The workshop will be “A Time of Reflection”

Around these questions:

Is God calling us to a fullness of life for all in a transformed society?

What does it mean to work together for a common vision?

What does it mean to work in partnership with those who do not come from this place
of common vision?

What does it mean to be inclusive?

How can we be inclusive in living out our common vision?

How do we build respectful and meaningful partnerships with people in secular society while being grounded in scripture and holding on to our own identity as Christians engaged in poverty alleviation and social justice?

Registration due July 1, 2023 e-mail: Maddyb47@msn.com

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COME AND CRAFT WITH US!



The 2nd and fourth Thursday
at 9am