

July and August 2022

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Pastoral Reflection: Summer Priorities

As summer begins, many are busy prioritizing summer plans, trying to decide what remodeling projects or cleaning projects may get done on the house, or what trips to visit family or friends can be afforded. It might be time to clean out the attic or the closet or complete other tasks that remain unfinished. So, as summer lists are made and calendars set, is time allowed for developing one's relationship to Jesus and strengthening one's discipleship?

We are all called to develop our discipleship, which means allowing time to become a disciple who is active in the world and willing to follow as Jesus calls. Becoming a stronger disciple for Jesus means transformation, movement, and change. Take time this summer as you make your lists to read the Gospel of Mark. It is a Gospel about Jesus' dynamic and life-changing ministry and mission.

Mark 8:27-38 is one of the passages that sums up what Jesus' ministry is about and how his disciples are to join him by following him:

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. 31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

W.H. Vanstone, in his book called *The Stature of Waiting*, calls readers' attention to the peculiar plot of the Gospels. In the beginning chapters of each Gospel, Jesus is in charge. He is the central figure speaking to crowds and bringing healing and miracles into people's lives. Later, in most of the Gospel narratives, Jesus travels far to the north and focuses on Jerusalem and his future, trying to explain that he will be "handed over" to suffer and die. At this point in the Gospels, Jesus has one miracle left to do, as he knows his journey leads to the cross and his resurrection because of God's compassion and love for us. Jesus submits himself to God's will.

We may pick up a book to read this summer and will expect its plot to focus on the main characters having control and independence over their lives, as we usually frown upon submission and dependence. Jesus' earthly ministry was always awesome, but the real glory and power came when he allowed himself to be betrayed, beaten, and in pain on his journey to the cross. Note that even on the cross Jesus did not kill or injure his enemies, but forgave them. Jesus allowed God to control his life to the end.

B. D. Strayhorn writes: "To experience life in Christ requires feeling the weight of his cross in our daily discipleship. It's not easy, but it's not impossible. When we say yes to the cross, we don't have to bear the load alone. The burden of the cross is no burden at all—not when we're yoked with Christ. Deny yourself by giving yourself for others in Christ's name. Take up your cross and follow him."

Pastor Julie

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Opportunities for Worship:

- Sunday School - 8:45 am, via Zoom
- Worship - 10 am, in the Sanctuary

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Terra Community College

As an outreach project, The Christian Growth and Nurture team will be collecting non-perishable items for the Terra Community College students who live at The Landings starting in July. There will be a box/tub located in the social room labeled “Terra Community College-The Landings.” Some suggestions are the following:

Crackers (plain, goldfish, cheese, peanut butter)		Noodles
Canned vegetables	Knorr's Rice Packet	Ravioli
Toilet Paper	Juice	Kleenex
Applesauce	Paper Towels	Canned fruit
Toothpaste	Dish Soap	Bar Soap
Tuna	Canned chicken	Oatmeal
Cookies	Peanut butter	Cereal
Granola/Breakfast Bars	Jelly/Jam	Cake/Muffin Mix
Frosting	Pretzels/Chips	Condiments
Soup	Mac & Cheese	Sugar
Pudding	Oil	Flour



Vacation Bible School



This year the Christian Growth and Nurture Leadership team will have VBS for Rainbow Station Preschool. Our theme is “Hay Day – Growing in Friendship with Jesus” and will be centered around the farm and activities about how to put God’s love into action. The children will also know that Jesus loves them and they will learn through God’s word! This will be a time to worship, sing, dig into a different Bible story each day, create service projects, and play games that reinforce the Bible point.

The CGN Leadership Team will be having Vacation Bible School July 18-22. There will be no planning or prep work, the Christian Growth and Nurture team will do that all for you. If you would like to spread God’s word to younger children and if God is calling you, we would love to have you as a leader from 8:30-11:30. Please contact Nikki Whetstone if you are interested and would like to give your time and talent to these little ones.



Jar Donations

Please save small 16 oz. EMPTY peanut butter jars for a project the children will be doing during Vacation Bible School. We will need 10 jars no later than Sunday, July 10th. You can drop them off to Nikki Whetstone or place them in her mailbox in the church mailroom.

Thank you!

RAINBOW STATION

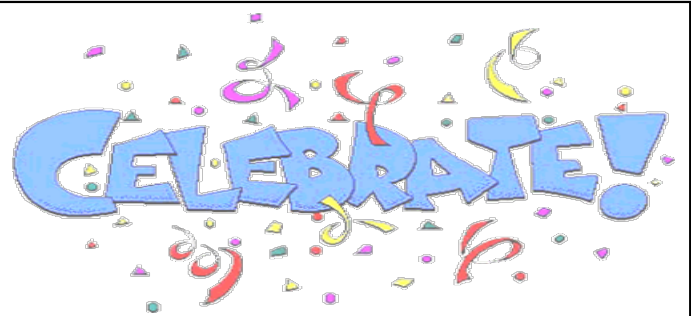


what God asked of me. Please, when you pray, keep Rainbow Station in your prayers.

Roberta Patterson and Rainbow Station Staff

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! We need to remember to thank God for what freedoms we still have in this country.

This will be a short article. God has always provided us with what we needed just when we needed it. I (Roberta Patterson) am asking that you pray for God to touch the heart of someone who truly desires to care for children, someone with a heart for ministry and the families it serves. I would like to retire in June of 2023, if my health can hold out that long, and I would feel better about leaving if the right person, chosen by God, was ready and willing to step in and take over. This calling has been both a blessing and a challenge for me as I tried to do



Happy Birthday!

August 24 - McKenzie Puente



Neighbors' News

In Matthew 25:35 & 40, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thanks to all who choose to put extra items on your grocery list to fill the containers in the Social Room. As always, please look for sales and help only as you are able.

(optional) - Dish Soap and/or Liquid Laundry Soap

July

3 - Pears

10 - Noodles

17 - Cream soup

24 - Mixed vegetables

31 - Canned tuna

August

7 - Peaches

14 - Green Beans

21 - Mashed Potato Flakes

28 - Cereal

Thanks for your help neighbor!
Rod and Linda Combs

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to join, please check your emails for the link that was recently sent out. If you did not receive it, please email the church office at office@fremontfpc.org and ask to have the Zoom meeting ID and passcode emailed to you. Thank you!

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or have a new email address, please email those changes to the office at:

office@fremontfpc.org.

Thank you! Amy Monk,
FPC Administrative Assistant

SATELLITES

July - July 13th we will be going to the 818 Club at 11:30 am.

August - August 10th we will be going to Apple-bee's at 11:30 am.

You can call or text Diane Bascone @ 419.680.0190.

Bring a friend!



SUMMER PICNIC

On Sunday, July 31, Eastside will join us for worship and a picnic. Last summer Eastside hosted, this year First Presbyterian will host. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a picnic and fellowship. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share!

Worship Opportunities

July 3, 2022:

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-16

Sermon Title: "Discipleship: Not So Random"

Communion

July 10, 2022

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Title: "Who is My Neighbor?"

July 17, 2022

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-28;

Luke 10:38-42

Sermon Title: "Are We Really Free?"

Communion

July 24, 2022:

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-19

Sermon Title: "Family and Freedom"

July 31, 2022:

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11;

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Title: "What Do We Really Need More Of?"

August 7, 2022: TBA

August 14, 2022: Guest Speaker - Jon Detwiler


August 21, 2022:

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-29;

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon Title: "Dare to Make Things Right"
Communion

July

3 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	4 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon 	5	6	7	8	9	10
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17 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	18 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	19	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21	22	23	24
24 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship 5:00p - Vida Church	25 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	26	27	28	29	30	31
31 8:45a - Zoom Sunday School 10:00a - Indoor Worship -Picnic following Worship 5:00p - Vida Church							

Birthdays

1	Jerry McKeen	23	Rod Combs
4	Linda Combs	25	Nicole Whetstone
7	Nancy Mills	29	Emily Merritt
13	Trent Stout	30	Bob Humberger
17	Louise Paulson		

Anniversaries

11	Russ & Ellen Abbott
11	John & Louise Paulson
18	Steven & Jane Reinbolt
26	Mark & Amanda Herman
28	Thomas & Alice Turley

August

	1 7:00p - AA 7:00p - Alanon	2 Office Closed	3	4 Office Closed	5	6
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- 2 Kaylee Amor
- 2 Bob Zimmerman
- 3 Bob Gamble
- 4 Abriana (McConnell)
Bumb
- 6 Marilyn Willer
- 2 Ken & Susan Myers
- 8 Paul & Penny Deffenbaugh
- 16 Bob & Joan Gamble
- 20 Charles & Katy Hull
- 22 Alex & Carolyn Clark
- 24 Leland & Linda Bartson

Anniversaries

- 7 Adam Kohman
- 10 Claire Zimmerman
- 11 Steve Damschroder
- 17 Calvin Cowdrey
- 17 Charles Hull
- 18 Rina Oxley
- 19 Larry Stout
- 25 John McConnell
- 28 Kole Amor
- 29 Shelly Hull

Birthdays



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THE SESSION

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Nicole Whetstone



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