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The Summerdale "Son"

"For All Seasons"

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It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.

1 Corinthians 3:7

Spring is finally here again; Hallelujah!

This weekend I am installing my raised garden beds in the backyard, and planting some seeds. Already, I have cilantro and basil packets and a flower called Moonflower. It's so exciting to look at the seed packets online and imagine them growing in my own yard. I always want more than I have room for! I've gotten pretty good at tomatoes and potatoes, and there's nothing better than home-canned tomatoes for winter soups and spaghetti.

Since we are in a new house, I'm not exactly sure yet what sort of pests and pesky critters I'm going to have to be on guard against. I have learned that a Robin's favorite treat is a tender new young sprout that just pushed up from the earth. And there is a beetle that will kill a squash plant overnight.

Because of this, I need to check the plants daily-sometimes more often! I need to make sure they have sufficient water and that they are staked. But, there are parts that I have no control over; whether the seed germinates and grows a sprout, whether the plant bears fruit, whether the rain falls or it's a drought, and whether the plant

The following are excerpts from The United Methodist Church website. These are a few of the ideas to make the Easter season more meaningful.

Prayer

In the busyness of our everyday lives, prayer can sometimes get squeezed out. Lent is a wonderful time to intentionally work toward finding more time in your life for prayer. You can experiment with different ways to pray during the season, or really delve into a new-to-you way of praying. Enriching your prayer life is a great way to spend Lent.

Service

Another way to observe a holy Lent is to take on a new way of serving. Throughout the forty days of the season you can adopt a new habit of volunteering in the community, making special financial gifts to service organizations, singing in the choir, or participating in a small group.

Rest

An important practice with which many of us struggle is the spiritual discipline of rest or Sabbath. We don't have to rest on Saturday, the traditional Sabbath day, or even Sunday. You can instead find moments during an ordinary day to be still in God's presence. You might choose to spend a few minutes during lunch with a desktop meditation, listen to sermons on your commute, or read a poem that feeds your spirit. Each can be a great way of enriching your Lent.



Sandra Burns	April 8
Jessica Adams	April 11
Tracy Gingrich	April 18
Anthony Metzger	April 18
Randall Otstot	April 19
Jayne Farringer	April 21
Julie Enders Wolfrays	April 22
Judy Pickel	April 23
Brianna Hrusko	April 29
Edgar Shimmel	April 29
Nathan Payne	May 2
Timothy Kirkpatrick	May 3
Olivia Otstot	May 5
Amy Buckwalter	May 9
Nancy Otstot	May 12
Jennifer Krause	May 25
Michelle Dailey	May 28
Martha Bixler	May 29
Lois Haggerty	May 30
Margaret Sill	May 30

produces in plenty or scarcely. These things are up to God. God makes the seed that has a mystery inside of it; what looks dead and dried up has the secret to new life in its center.

In his letter to the Corinthian church, Paul says the same about the garden of God's children. While we, the Church, plant seeds and water them, it is God who sparks the new life out of something that may look dead and dried up.

When we share the love of God that we ourselves have experienced, we plant the seed in someone's heart. When we give of our time, or money or talent to help someone in need, we water the seeds that someone else has planted. All the while, God is causing new life to begin in those persons.

We can't save the world, and we don't need to. Because God has already done that. All we need to do is be God's gardeners. God will cause the growth and a harvest of plenty.

It's Spring, and Easter is near. Time to plant the seeds.

In Christ,

Pastor Nanci



Cottage Prayer is a group meeting each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. It is open for anyone who has prayers or praises. As you can see by the glow on the faces of Dora and Leita, there is the presence of our Lord at work! Please join us and raise up our church and all those in need of a shared relationship with fellow Christians.



In an effort to be visible in reaching out to our community, SUMC will be giving out Easter Basket-making-supplies to the parents of children from East Pennsboro who receive the Panther Packs that we contribute foods to on April 13th from 4:30-6:30pm. Small to medium sized baskets, Easter 'grass', candy, small stuffed toys, small children's story books, and packages of new plastic eggs donations are needed, as well as volunteers to help with the give-away. Please bring your donations and deposit them on the bench in the hallway to the Sunday School room. Thank you!

If you have any gently used footwear that you no longer use, Mission Central has a home for it! As long as there is life left in the "soles" and they are a complete pair, Mission Central will be collecting New and Gently Used shoes during Annual conference on May 4-6. Please bring shoes to the church by April 30th and deposit them in the box.

United Methodist Women: Our April meeting will be the Spiritual Enrichment Day program. We will attend the program at Mt Zion UMC, Enola, on April 30, from 2-4 pm. For carpooling, please call Paige. Thanks.

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts as outlined on the United Methodist Church website:

The gift of apostleship compels people to reach out to new and unfamiliar groups and individuals to invite them into relationship with God and community. Apostles share the story of faith in other lands, cultures, and traditions, as well as welcoming the stranger in their own land. Apostles extend the hand of friendship to those of other generations, nations, and languages. Many apostles desire to be missionaries.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways do you use apostleship at home, at work, in relationships with friends?
- What other gifts best complement apostleship, and enable you to increase the value and impact of your gifts?
- In what ways can you broaden your understanding and knowledge of apostleship? Where do other people see evidence of this gift in your life?

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all who contributed applesauce for the Panther Pack program. We delivered 114 jars of applesauce. Panther Pack was very happy to receive the applesauce and sends a "Thank You" to all.

New Hope Ministries says thank you for February donation of 87 pounds of food and 63 pounds in March.

Donate new stuffed toys for "Operation Christmas Child"

APRIL

4/2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

4/4 Trustees Mtg. 7:00pm

4/4 Church Council 8:00pm

4/5 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

4/9 Palm Sunday 9:00 am

4/12 Cottage Prayer

4/13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm (marks The Last Supper of Jesus)

4/13 UMW

4/14 Good Friday St. Paul's Lutheran Church(Stone Church), Wertzille Road, 7:00 pm. NO SERVICE AT NOON

4/16 Sunrise Service The Point(The Boat

4/16 Easter 9:00am

Coffee Fellowship to follow

4/19 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

4/26 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

4/30 UMW at Mt. Zion 2-4 pm

April, remember to pray for our church and pastor, all first responders, all educators and students, and our politicians. Pray for all those who are ill and those who have lost a loved one:

Doris Baker, Bob Beam, Jayne Forsythe, Chrystal Griffith, Claud & Mona Hersh, Alice Hocker, Dick Lehman, Jackie Levin, Charles & Vera Liddick, Margaret Miller, Tim Nieter, Bill & Brenda Orr, Jo Richardson, Paula & Joe Ruelius, Deb Rush, Mabel Singer, Rev. David Schmuck, Ron Gates, Jim Bower, Buelah Shirk. All our shut-ins.

MAY Donate hygiene items for "Operation Christmas Child"

5/1 National Mother Goose Day

5/3 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

5/4 National Day of Prayer

5/5 National Provider Appreciation Day

5/6 National Nurses Day

5/10 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

5/11 UMW 7:00 pm

5/13 National Apple Pie Day

5/14 Mother's Day

5/15 Peace Officers Memorial Day

5/17 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

5/18 National Visit Your Relatives Day

5/24 Cottage Prayer 10:00 am

5/31 National Senior Health & Fitness Day

Pray for all travelers, military and their families, our church and pastor, all who attend and serve their churches. Pray for those who are ill and those who have lost a loved one.

MILITARY

Craig Enterline, Kyle Wentz, Patrick Wentz.

Vicki Sponsler submitted the following thoughts.

Thanks, Vicki.

1. Smile-it adds to your face value.
2. If you want to know what your weight should be, look what's listed on your driver's license.
3. One good thing about putting your foot in your mouth-at least you don't step on anyone's toes.
4. It's the little things that bother us: we can dodge an elephant but not a fly.
5. Hatred toward any human being cannot exist in the same heart as love to God.
6. Shadows prove that the sun is shining.
7. People are like tea bags. They don't know their own strength until they're in hot water.
8. Marriage entitles women to the protection of strong men who will steady the stepladder for them while they paint the kitchen ceiling.
9. Have a happy day-what else can you get for nothing.
10. Last night I decided to count my blessings. I didn't think it would take long. But I certainly showed poor guessing. For today I'm still going strong!