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PASTOR MARY'S MESSAGE

Christ Died For Me, What Am I Doing For Him?

There's a movie named "Pay It Forward" that was quite popular in early 2000's. It speaks about how sometimes we receive a gift we cannot repay, but we can always, in gratitude, pay it forward by doing something for someone else. In some sense, that's not a bad description of what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ. We have received an incredible gift. It is so immense and life changing that we can't pay it back. We need to pay it forward.

It can be challenging to know how to "pay it forward" in gratitude to Christ. The Apostle Paul gives us some idea in Romans 12:1. Here's how Eugene Peterson paraphrased that passage in the version of the Bible known as *The Message*,

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

We are to place our whole lives before God as an offering. In other words, we are to put more than money in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. In fact money is often the easy part. The challenging part is to put ourselves in the offering plate and let our time and talents be used for God's work in the world. Jesus sacrificed his life for us, our pay-it-forward response is to do the same for others in the name of God.



Baker volunteers at the Northern Illinois Food Bank

I find it helpful to think of our lives as our offering to God. First it's the most precious thing we have to give. Second, an interesting thing happens with our offerings on Sunday

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morning. We give them to God, we pray over them, and set them apart as sacred. We ask for God's help in using them, and then we together receive them back to do what we understand to be God's Will. The responsibility for using them to the glory of God rests with us. It wouldn't be right to do whatever we want with the offerings. Together we have to figure out what we believe God wants.

It's similar when our lives are an offering. We give God our time, talents, and treasures. We set our time and talents

think about how your life is an offering to God

aside for holy uses and ask for God to help us in doing so. Yet no one actually forces us to do it well. Ultimately we are the ones responsible for being good stewards

of our whole lives. We need to work on our own and with others to understand what God would want us to do.

A good place to start is with the membership vows for the United Methodist Church. We vow to support the church with our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

These encompass much of our life. Prayers take our time, energy, and faithful attention. Presence means taking our

time to regularly worship and be a part of congregational life together. Gifts generally refer to material gifts, however they can also mean our skills and talents. Paul goes on in Romans 12 to talk about how it takes people with all different types of gifts to be the full body of Christ. Service is the specific work of putting our gifts to work in the world for the mission of Christ. The leader needs to lead in the faith context in addition to the secular. The teacher needs to teach and the musician needs to bring music. Finally witness is living in such a way that our life preaches the Gospel without words. It is the most encompassing of the membership vows. Our lives are to be a witness to the love of Christ. That's how we pay our gratitude for what Christ has done forward.

As our month of "Everyone in Mission" continues, think about how your life is an offering to God. Consider how you are living into the membership vow to love and support Christ's church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Then don't forget to go to Baker Hall and talk to someone at the Mission's Team table about your dreams or your work. Together we are to be the hands of and feet of Christ, here, near and far away.

In Christ,
Pastor Mary

Children & Family Ministries

We are coming to the end of another great school year and what an amazing time we've had! The transition from a traditional classroom curriculum to the rotation model went smoother than anyone expected and the reaction from the children has been outstanding. There are certain stations that are favored, cooking seems to be the biggest hit of the year with art coming in a close second, but everyone gets a chance to learn about God in a way that's approachable to them. Our children have welcomed many newcomers this year, and each time it is has been a joy to see how welcoming they are and to see new friendships bloom while old friendships grow stronger. Loudhouse fellowship has become a time where kids play, talk, and continue to build those bonds that can hold them together through adolescence and into adulthood.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and give thanks to those people in our church who have so generously and joyously taken time this year to share their spiritual gifts with our children in Sunday School:

Mitzi Babka , Jane Fanslow, Courtney Fredrickson, Josh Fredrickson, Debbie French, Rich French, Rob Hale, Paula Hall, Danielle Helland, Cheri Hunt, Polly Hunt, Lauren Krager, Scott Krager, Maddie Pozanc, Greg Pratt, Allan Scales, Jayne Scales, Jennifer Sebahar, Johan Sjogren, Loretta Wilson, Marti Tarmichael, Kristine Torio, Char Van Hiel, Andrea Zenker, and Jon Zenker.

Thank you for taking time to nurture our children, for showing them love and kindness, for being a listening ear and a sounding board, for sharing your thoughts about and experiences with our amazing God, and for setting a good example of Christian life in action. *Continued on page 3*

As we recognize those who have reached out to help us, our children, and our families learn and grow in Christ, we must also take a moment to look inward and decide how we are going to help in turn. Everyone in Mission is not a pipe dream, it's God's vision for his people. And it doesn't have to take a lot of time or energy, not every mission is a long, drawn-out commitment... a couple hours setting up for the rummage sale, a bag of groceries and a simple recipe for our student chef to cook for day guests, an evening with youth fellowship, an afternoon preparing the sanctuary for worship.

Please do not avoid the mission table in fellowship as if it were a kiosk at the mall! You are being offered more than an opportunity to help; you are being offered an opportunity to engage with your faith, change a life, and meet God. Can you really turn away?

Peace,
Mandy Hale

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS

Explore a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Maker Fun Factory VBS is coming this summer—June 19 through 23 from 9am-12pm.

AGES: Vacation Bible School is offered for those in Pre-Kindergarten through incoming 8th Graders!

REGISTRATION: Sign up on line and during fellowship
▶ **Free Gift** with early bird registration through May 7

CONTACT PERSON: Courtney Fredrickson, 630-632-6878 or courtney.j.fredrickson@gmail.com

FAMILY IDEA: Thinking of a stay-cation this summer? Why not take it the week of VBS?! Imagine the fun morning you will have with your children and your church family, then enjoy the afternoons and evenings together! What a gift to share time with our Creator *and* your family!!

FAMILY SERVICE EVENT: Join us at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora

- Saturday, June 24, 9-11am
- Sign up at the time of registering for VBS
- For all families members 5 to 105 years old!



Youth Ministry

This year, we have a new group of seniors moving up into young adult status. Congratulations, on making it through school and deciding on your next step! Before you go, there are many great events lined up so you can reconnect with your friends and with God. But don't wait on the next event, try finding a quiet place to establish a prayer routine.

Busyness surrounds us, with people going to meetings, people on their phones, people working, studying—just busy. We want to be different, not because it proves we're better, but because we are called by God to be different. In the Old Testament, the practice of sabbath was instituted. Basically, it was a time set aside to focus, decompress and reflect. Most youth can't imagine taking a whole day to "relax, relate, release," so how about five minutes each day.

Here's the challenge: Take one week and beginning on Sunday, figure out when you can squeeze five minutes from each day. When that time comes, spend it doing nothing but sitting, kneeling, standing or laying and *praying*. Use the Lord's prayer, use the prayer requests from Sunday or the email with prayers on it. Use the Book of Prayer or even that little green book that we've talked about in the service.

Like GrapeNuts, try it for a week. It may be difficult at first, but I promise it will be rewarding.

Blessings,
Carl King



THE CLASS OF 2017

Jack Dummer, Emma Tallitsch, Sam Dummer and Mary Lu Dummer confirmed their baptismal covenants at a candlelit Easter Vigil Service on April 15; there was a reception following. Per our past practice, the class faith statements were on display throughout the Easter weekend. Now we invite you to enjoy viewing these projects from your own home.

- **Emma Tallitsch:** https://youtu.be/J_c_wySN1c8
- **Sam Dummer:** <https://youtu.be/FOMBoYrItc0>
- **Jack's explanation for his slideshow:** <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bmt9LC28BmiLBuETxFOy8rDqQ8BPdq-P-QJZ8GbEtcg>
- **Jack Dummer Slideshow:** https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TdmlHHO_p0352gCCLnfJuTC6Ksrpbk3ijstztzny1wQ/edit?usp=sharing

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SATURDAY, MAY 6 | 8am | **Youth and Young Adult Paintball Excursion** | Meet at BMUMC

SUNDAY, MAY 7 | 6:30-8:30pm | **High School Youth Fellowship** | Meet in Baker Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 20 | **Youth Work Trip Car Wash** | The fundraiser is located at BMUMC on 4th Avenue

**THE
WORLD'S
RELIGIONS
A GLOBAL
LOOK AT
FAITH**

High School Sunday School

**Sundays, June 4, 11, 25, July 2, 9, 16,
August 13, 20 | 10:30am | Youth Center**

Join us for an enlightening Summer study of world religions. We'll cover:

Christianity • Islam • Hinduism
Daoism • Confucianism • Judaism
Buddhism • Jainism • Sikhism

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Young Adult Ministry

My family and I have been connected with members at Baker Memorial for over three and a half years. During that time, we have witnessed many changes to the way church is done at 307 Cedar Avenue. Over the past two years, we have been directly involved with shaping our young adult program from the ground up. It has been eye opening to see what works and what doesn't. Some events are extremely successful and others flop. Some studies have taken off like a rocket, others shuffled like a penguin. At this point you're probably asking, "What works?" Well, it all boils down to invitation.

When Jesus walked the earth, his invitation was simple, "Come and see." From that simple call, he has amassed over two billion followers on the face of the planet. We're not wiser or smoother than he is, so our invitation is the same. Come and see. (Of course, there has to be something to see, otherwise it gets really embarrassing.) We say that to first-time visitors and some are skeptical. We say it to frequent visitors and watch their eyes light up, interested and open. We say it to members and invite them into deeper community. The call is the same to everyone, "Come and see."



Yet, we cannot personally reach everyone with this appeal. That is the point of this article. Jesus said it to a few people who then extended the invitation to others and from there the church grew. See, my desire is to see young adults helping on the worship committee, serving as ushers, liturgists, and lay-leaders, even leading UMW, but none of this happens if we don't invite them in. Come and see. If you run an event or coordinate a particular ministry in the church, please take this month to invite young adults in the church into your work. Ask them to serve with you and introduce them to your friends. Seek them out. Give them your number and ask for theirs. Follow up with them.

I know as well as anyone how easy it can be to reach out to the same people, because I know them and they know me. This is probably the same for you. You have a group of members that you have worked with for years. They take care of business for you with no questions asked. You won't get any surprises and they are reliable. But as comforting as this style of leadership can be, it also discourages some people from getting involved. They see we have it covered and have our group and may feel redundant. So, take this month and reach out to someone new. Say, "Come and see," to a young adult. You don't need to come on too strong and drop planning next year's VBS and New Orleans mission trip in their lap, but maybe they'll help out if you invite them.

Grace and peace,
Carl King

Caring Ministry

FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, May 13 | 10am

Have you ever found yourself having to plan a funeral service that would honor your loved one in the way they would have liked? In the Funeral Planning Seminar, facilitated by Pastor Mary, you can consider what's important to *you*. Joining us will be a representative from Yurs Funeral Home to talk about various options and to answer questions. You will walk away with a packet of information that will allow you to easily provide written instruction on what would be most meaningful to you. You can sign up using the Attendance Slips available during every worship service or by contacting Judy Schlarb at the church office at jschlarb@bakermemorialchurch.org or 630-584-6680.

HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?

This John Wesley question is always on the minds of the Caring Ministry team. There is truly nothing more important than offering a prayer, a meal, a visit or a helping hand to those in need. Contact Pastor Mary (cell/text 630-276-6910), Judy Schlarb (church office 630-584-6680) or Sandie Benhart (cell/text 630-513-1134) and let us know how we can help.

MISSIONS CORNER

Opportunities for Service

EVERYONE IN MISSION

Mission Outreach encourages each one of us to reach out and be involved in mission! We ask that you select a ministry (or design your own) to serve once or become involved with. Stop by the EIM table on Sundays at 10 am through May 22 to volunteer and receive your volunteer button! Then add your name to the Everyone in Mission Poster! Wear your button when in the community or at church! Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something! Want more information? There is a sign up at the table for those who wish to be contacted.



RAINBOW COVENANT MINISTRIES REVIEW

• Missionary To Cambodia

#13952z, Cambodia, Purple Band

Clara Mridula Biswas works in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She works with the 'poorest of the poor' in slum areas and garbage dumps to facilitate their move to relocation and rehabilitation centers. She assists education pro-grams, giving 620 public school students music, computer, and art classes, and she also assists health programs that refer patients to hospitals and local organizations.

• Peru-Titicaca Border Ministry

#3021288, Bolivia, Red Band

The region around Lake Titicaca is among the poorest in Peru and Bolivia, populated by indigenous Aymara. The goal are to strengthen their local churches, improve their economy and health, and develop sustainable resources.

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• UMCOR's Sager Brown Depot

#901515, Baldwin, Louisiana, Orange Band

In 1996, a 48,000 square foot processing/warehousing facility was constructed on this historic property at the Sager Brown Center in Baldwin,

Louisiana. Over 2,700 volunteers stay and work at UMCOR Sager Brown each year processing supplies for worldwide disaster relief and working in local outreach programs.

• Tree of Life Ministry

#123615, Pierre, South Dakota, Yellow Band

This ministry with Lakota Native Americans addresses needs on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in South Dakota by "nurturing the body, strengthening culture, and enhancing the spirit." This ministry provides groceries and meals to the hungry; repairs to substandard homes; and supports local teachers as they reclaim native culture and language. treeofliferelief.org

• Midwest Mission Distribution Center

#50000150, Chatham, IL, Green Band

Midwest Mission Distribution Center is located just east of Chatham, IL. MMDC opened in March of 2000. Since then everything has been done with donations from individuals, churches and groups, and with volunteer labor. Since the beginning it has distributed disaster relief items to at least 21 states and 29 countries. In addition to disaster relief kits and supplies, school sup-plies, and the school desks, the Center also sends many blankets, hospital supplies, and sewing machines and bicycles that have been refurbished. MMDC is a cooperating depot in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network.

• Hesed House PADS

#60000017, Aurora, IL, Blue Band

Public Action to Deliver Shelter, Inc. dba Hesed House is a comprehensive homeless resource center working to end homelessness one person—one family—at a time in Aurora. Hesed House equips ninety area churches 1) to provide food, shelter and services to its home-less



neighbors, 2) to provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, veteran's services, etc.), and 3) to work for systemic

and societal justice on behalf of the least of these. Several United Methodist Churches support Hesed House PADS, both financially and with volunteers.

RUMMAGE SALE

A big thank you to all that donated and volunteered to work at the church rummage sale!



FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

2017 YTD Financial Information

Operating Fund Balance as of 3/31/2017 is a POSITIVE \$ 50,301

Balance as of 3/31/2016 was \$51,961

Year to date	All	Unrestricted
Total Giving to date	\$288,493*	\$195,055
Total Disbursements	\$275,106	\$209,036
Net Change	\$13,388	\$(13,981)

Includes \$37,000 donated for the Children's church center and \$44,000 Grant income

YTD unpledged giving down 5% from budget & pledged giving is on budget.

Apportionments paid to date 2017 \$ 21,678

Overall fund balances are \$131,417 including restricted funds

Two Job Openings at Baker

Baker Memorial UMC is looking to add to its wonderful staff. Would you like to join us?

We are looking for a Children & Family Ministries Director (Part-Time) and a Church Accountant (Part Time) For more information on these positions please go to the Baker Memorial website http://www.bakermemorialchurch.org/cpt_news/jobopenings/

A Special Thank You

Thank you to Tracy Hulett for volunteering her time for the past couple years doing such a fabulous job putting together *The Carillon*. We are transitioning *The Carillon* duties to the Communications team as of this month so you may notice a different look.

St. Charles Singers Concert Info

The St. Charles Singers, conducted by Jeffrey Hunt, will cap off its 33rd concert season with performances June 3-4 featuring the American music program that the professional chamber choir will tour in England later in the month.

Concert goers can bask in the choir's "American Reflections" program at 7:30 pm on Saturday, June 3, at Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, 307 Cedar Ave., St. Charles, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, at Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division Street, River Forest, Ill.

Single tickets for the St. Charles Singers "American

Reflections" concerts in St. Charles and River Forest are \$35 adult general admission, \$30 for seniors 65 and older, and \$10 for students. Concert tickets and general information about the St. Charles Singers are available at www.stcharlessingers.com or by calling 630-513-5272.

A Job Well Done—and Delicious

We wish to extend a heartfelt Thank You to our Wednesday Night Supper team of Gina Armstrong, Emily Greene and Sarah Hardwick and their supper team! Amazing year, your hard work is so appreciated—from the bottom of our stomachs, thank you!

UMM is Grilling Dinner May 3

The United Methodist Men will be hosting the last Wednesday Night Supper of the season on May 3rd. They will be grilling burgers, brats and hot dogs. The cost is \$6 Adults, \$5 Seniors and \$3 Kids.

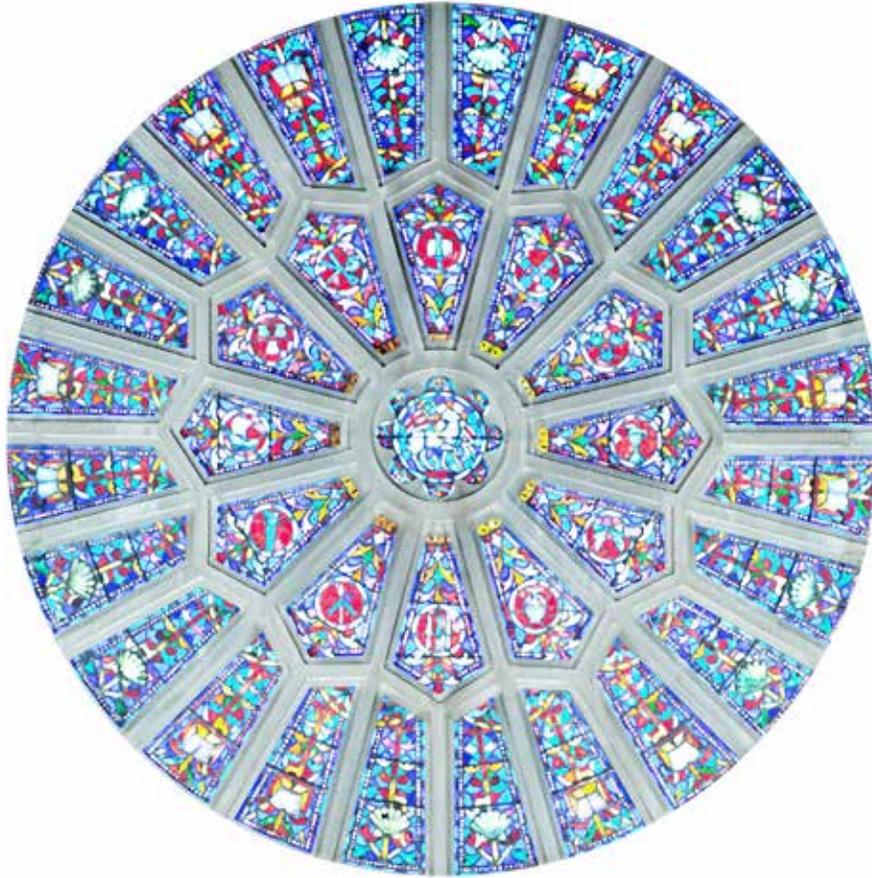
DBTP Summer Read is Available

DBTP has a book available for summer reading. *Wonder*, by R.J. Palacio, is an extraordinary read. August Pullman was born with a facial difference. Starting 5th grade, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

Pick up the book in the church office or between services in Baker Hall (no charge). A one-time discussion group will be announced.

MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9am Worship 9am Sunday School: Children, Middle School 10:30am Jazz Worship 10:30am FaithQuest 10:30am High School Sunday School</p>		<p>11:30am Kiwanis 1:30pm Staff Meeting 8pm Alcoholics Anonymous</p>				<p>NOTE: The first row of items occur every week and will not appear on daily listings (except in case of schedule change)</p>
	<p>1 11:30am Faith Friends 1pm One O'Clock Book Club 1pm Home School Group 7pm Staff Parish Relations</p>	<p>2 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute</p>	<p>3 9am UMW Leadership Meeting 5pm Wednesday Night Supper 7pm Mindful Moments 7pm Missions & Community Outreach</p>	<p>4 7:30am FaithFriends 11am Yoga Gentle Movement Class 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute 7pm Endowment Committee</p>	<p>5 9am Indoor Farmers Market 9:30am Organ Rehearsal 2pm AA</p>	<p>6 8am Youth & Young Adults Paintball</p>
<p>7 Music Sunday 12pm New Member Class 6pm High School Fellowship</p>	<p>8 9:30am SHIP- Help for Seniors 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Trustees</p>	<p>9 9:30am Phoebe Cir 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 3:30pm Lazarus House 4pm American Music Institute 7pm Children & Family Ministry</p>	<p>10 6:30pm Young Adult Study 7pm Priscilla Circle</p>	<p>11 7:30am FaithFriends 11am Yoga Gentle Movement Class 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute</p>	<p>12 9am Indoor Farmers Market 9:30am Home School Book Club</p>	<p>13 8am VBS Set Building 10am Funeral Planning Seminar</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day NOLA Missions Trip begins 9am Mother's Day Tea & Service</p>	<p>15 9am NIL Food Bank 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Church Council</p>	<p>16 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute 5pm Women's Emmaus</p>	<p>17 7pm Mindful Moments</p>	<p>18 7:30am FaithFriends 10am Yoga Gentle Movement Class 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 1pm Women's Emmaus 4pm American Music Institute</p>	<p>19 9am Indoor Farmers Market</p>	<p>20 Carillon Articles Due for next month 8am VBS Set Building 10am Youth Car Wash</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 All-day Life Line Screening 11am Garden Club 11:30am FaithFriends 7pm Worship/Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>23 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute 6pm Jeff Hunt Voice Recital 7pm Lydia Circle 7pm Youth Council Meeting</p>	<p>24 1:30pm Sarah-Ruth Circle 6:30pm Young Adult Study</p>	<p>25 7:30am FaithFriends 10am Yoga Gentle Movement Class 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute</p>	<p>26 9am Indoor Farmers Market</p>	<p>27 9am Baptism Class</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day 11:30am FaithFriends CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>30 11:30am Day Guest Lunch 4pm American Music Institute</p>	<p>31 7pm St. Charles Singers Dress Rehearsal</p>			



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