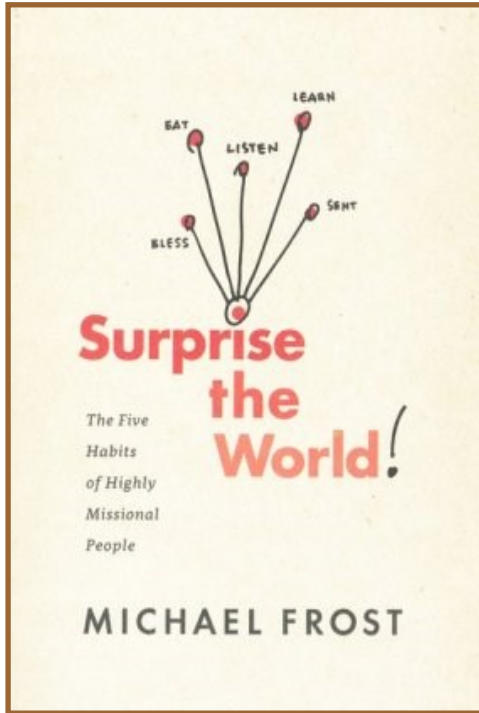




Pastor Nancy's News and Notes

January 18, 2023



Hello FPC,

What a surprise! Mary and the gals arrived at the tomb to find an angel who appeared like “lightning,” with clothes white as snow, sitting on the stone. *He is not here; he has risen, just as he said (Matt 28:6)*. Jesus may have told them in advance, but they were still surprised. It was unexpected, disorienting. The text says the women were *afraid, yet filled with joy*.

This is the story that we are invited into. Surprise! Good news! *The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus (1 Tim 1:14)*. This reality overshadows all the other parts of our lives. When we live as people filled-up with the grace of God, full of *faith and love*, people we meet may notice. The Easter surprise translates into questionable lives where we become godly, intriguing, socially adventurous and joyous people - which feels surprising (and refreshing) in 2023, with all the division, disillusionment, and difficulty.

So let's join together for a 5 week series called “Surprise the World” where we will cultivate five practices to help us live intriguing, abundant lives that spill over to those around us.

I invite you to pick up a copy of the short book *Surprise the World* on Sunday. If you already have a copy, feel free to crack it open and start reading. Then on Sunday, stay after worship, for “Table Talk” in the Fellowship Hall during the second hour.

May we feel the “surprise” that all things are new and possible because of Jesus.

Because of grace poured out,

Pastor Nancy

READING: Scripture from devotion above is from [Matthew 28:1-8](#) and [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 19 - Janet Albright
- Jan. 20 - Shawn McKelvey
- Jan. 20 - Adam Swinehart
- Jan. 24 - Becca Schuch

LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS

The Safety Team is looking for a few more volunteers. The Safety Team is in charge of security and safety during worship and other times the church is open. Talk to Gary Graham or Duane Wood if you would like to volunteer, or to find out additional information.

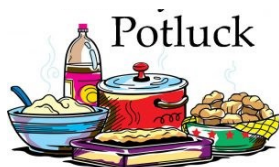
ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP & YOUNG ADULTS JANUARY SCHEDULE

- 1/22 ABF / Young Adults - Surprise the World
- 1/29 Surprise the World

LET'S SHARE A MEAL

As Pastor Nancy indicated when we begin the "Surprise the World" series this week, we will cultivate five practices to help us live intriguing, abundant lives that spill over to those around us. Those weeks are divided into five habits:

- Bless
- Eat
- Listen
- Learn
- Sent



On Sunday, February 5 we will have a potluck meal following worship in celebration of the second habit "eat". When we regularly share a meal (or coffee) with people around us, we develop a habit of living missionally.



Ladies! The next First Friday is February 3. Meet in the Church Gallery at 6:30 p.m.

Tanya will be providing the meal. This month's activity is Love Your Sister! Bring a new, wrapped devotional gift for your sister in Christ. Include a handwritten Bible verse for her to put on her mirror for the year. If you have questions talk to Tanya Chupp



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

Military Service:

- Isaiah Styer - heading to Norway
- Gavin Bee - heading to Turkey
- Rusty King - Middle East
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- **Unspoken**
- Session, Trustees & the PNC
- The Ukraine & Danny

Health Concerns:

- Brian - recent diagnosis of a brain aneurysm
- Edna's brother & sister facing health problems
- Decisions for Veronica's mother - assisted living vs going home
- Melodie - surgery complications
- Karen - health issues
- Jim Scott - recent stroke, going to rehab
- Lillian Duncan - non cancerous brain tumors
- George & Jane Ann Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Bill - recent cancer diagnosis
- Mike - recent cancer diagnosis
- Andrew Miller - 7 years old. Starting radiation December 26
- Kacen's grandma, Susie Parrot - inoperable brain tumor
- Leslie Carr - battling cancer
- Bonnie Stryker - breast cancer
- Dale James
- Herb Martin - stage 4 lung cancer
- Delores Schlegel's sister Rose's finance
- Mike Harter
- Art Wetmore
- Renee Wood

Condolences

- The family of Eileen Montoney
- Rick's family (a co-worker of John Scott's)



CALENDAR FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Jan. 18 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - "Surprise the World" sermon series starts
- Jan. 22 - Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons
- Jan. 23 - Session Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 25 - GLOW @ 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 25 - Music Team @ 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - First Friday @ 6:30 in church café
- Feb. 5- Carry-in dinner

Do you have questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders:

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Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
Matt Smith	330-464-4698
Adam Swinehart	330-641-1575
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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Looking ahead to Lent and Holy Week
Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22. A Service is
planned for 7: 00 p.m.

The Maundy Thursday Service will be
April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

HEY PARENTS!

Would you like to send the teens away for a winter retreat at Camp? We've got you covered. Below is information for the upcoming youth retreats at Camp Luz. "Youth" includes high school students. "Jr High" includes Jr High students.

If you have any questions or would be willing to volunteer to attend one of the retreats (free) as a sponsor, please contact me. (Veronica Styer)

Youth Retreat

February 3 - 5

Camp Luz

PRICE:

\$57 (youth)

Free (adult sponsor)



SPEAKER: Charlie Grimes (lead pastor at Walnut Creek Mennonite Church and known for his positive and enthusiastic personality)

*NEEDED: Adult sponsors

(# & gender depends on youth attending)

Contact: Veronica Styer (330-988-0544)

Jr High Retreat

February 17-19

Camp Luz

PRICE:

\$57 (youth)

Free (adult sponsor)



SPEAKER: Jon Hutchinson (27 years of experience working with youth, desires to provide a safe place where youth feel that they belong, are accepted and heard)

*NEEDED: Adult sponsors

(# & gender depends on youth attending)

Contact: Veronica Styer (330-988-0544)