

Ilion Presbyterian News

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## **Pastor's Thoughts**

“But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. “

***Isaiah 40:31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)***

Sue and I were talking this last week as we wandered around Los Angeles. We decided that this may not be the best summer ever, but it is certainly in the top 5. We have traveled across Pennsylvania, stopping in Gettysburg and Falling Water, both long time hopes of ours, and we have been to Atlanta to see and celebrate family, and we have visited friends in Boston, and driven up to Maine and now we have traveled to southern California, to see my sister and the iconic things of LA and Hollywood. Having done all of that I can honestly tell you it was good to get back home each time, and come back to work here renewed and refreshed.

Travel is like that isn't it? We can go and go and go and by the end of it all feel exhausted, and yet somehow rested as well. It is a paradox that rest isn't always inactivity but rather being totally immersed in something you love. I somehow think that is what Isaiah meant when he said, “They that wait upon the Lord, will renew their strength. They will mount up with wings as eagles.” It is not the kind of waiting we think of when we are sitting at a stop light or in line at the check-out counter of the grocery store, or the waiting for a delayed flight to begin to board. It is the kind of waiting that a server does in a restaurant. Waitress, and waiter, synonymous with serving. To wait is to serve. Serving the Lord is waiting on the Lord, and when we are totally immersed in that waiting we are renewed, refreshed and empowered.

What does this tell us about our Christian journey? Perhaps, the lesson is this. If you are tired and feeling helpless and useless, then perhaps you have lost sight of God and the joy that comes in waiting on the Lord. We often slog away at what we are doing and forget why we are doing it. Always remember that in everything we do for the least of these, we do for God. We don't have to serve; we get to serve. God partnering with us to bring about the holy community that we all long for. As I sit here writing, the women are in the fellowship hall exercising and I realize that the more tired they get the stronger they will become. My prayer is the same for us. The more we wait upon the Lord the more connected we will be. With God, with our community, and with one another. May it be so.

In God's good grace,

Rick



Our Rummage Sale will be held on August 18 from 9am—4pm & 19 from 9am—noon. Co-chairs are Christine Lawrence & Sue Thomas. SET-UP will be on Aug. 17 beginning at noon. So start gathering your “goodies” to bring to the church. Help will be available. We will need folks to man the tables during the days, as well as for set-up & tear down. Call the church office at 315-894-2070 if you need help getting your treasures to the church.

**You can start bringing your goodies anytime.**

Bring anything you have, as long as it isn't junk. All items should be clean & in working order. If you can't make it work, we won't be able to sell it, either.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!

On Saturday there will be games with prizes & face painting for children while Moms shop.

## Vacation

# Bible School

August 20-24

6-8 pm

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Watch for more info in weekly  
bulletins

Carol Zutter has a new address!

301 W. Henry St., Apt. 124 Punta Gorda FL 33950

### Liturgical Ministers for August

**August 6**

**Communion**

Reader: Sami Pulver

Greeter:

Usher: Jan Orendorf

Communion Setup: Mary Jean Scudder

Coffee Hour: Sarah Circle

Servers: Nancy White, Sami Pulver

**August 13**

Reader: George Gullis

Greeter: Sami Pulver

Usher: Janet Darling

Coffee Hour: Mary Jean Scudder

**August 20**

Reader: Jean Smith

Greeter: George Gullis

Usher: Betty Helmer

Coffee Hour: Choir

**August 27**

Reader: Lee Maley

Greeter: Jean Smith

Usher: Jan Orendorf

Coffee Hour: Jan O & Betty Helmer

*We remember in prayer.....*

**Prayer List:**

- ◆ Men and women who protect us and our freedoms.
- ◆ Cody Adams, Kim Bigelow, Santa Brocato, Mel Darling, Beverly Doolen, Dave & Jane Jacquays, Betty Karabanoff, Dr. Aimee, Phyllis Laymon, Barbara Maley, Steven Maley, Pauline Martin, Joan Matteson, Pat & Marge Moylan, Patrick O'Connor, Peg Olson, Jan Orendorf, Mike Orendorf & family, Steve Price, Bea Raux, Ginny Reynolds, Henry Rocker, Sheri Rohrer, Angela Traglia, Diane (Selwood) Williams.



## RENOVATION NEWS

Seems like work has stopped in our basement. NOT SO !!! The electrician has been here a few times gathering information to give us a quote as to how much it will cost to do Phase II of the electric installation. We're still sharing info, ideas, facts and problem solving. All this input will make for a better quote.

Phase II entails rewiring most of the basement with the exception of the kitchen. Forty two circuits are presently being searched out, one at a time, from the sub-feed box in the hallway near the boiler room to the point where the wire "disappears" into the ceiling or another part of the church. A tag is being attached to each "hot" wire in the sub-feed box as well as every point where it passes thru a "chase", wall/petition or room. The tag identifies the circuit breaker number (1 thru 42), the wire color (red or black), front or rear position in the tandem breakers and a brief description of what's on that particular breaker. The kitchen sub-feed box of 24 positions has already been tagged. This whole process of tagging and identifying circuits saves the electrician a lot of research time which saves us \$\$\$\$. Thanks, Lynn and George.

At the same time, Dick Long and Bob Reals are assessing the commercial dishwasher in our kitchen. The drive motor has been rebuilt by Stark Electric Co. and now needs to be reinstalled and wired back into our circuitry. Then the whole unit needs to be turned on to see if it works and how well. If each unit operates successfully, an independent commercial sales and service company will be called in to evaluate how efficiently our system runs. That will determine if we need to replace part or all of our current system or use what we have.

Since the installation of the insulating foam and the erecting of the petitions in the dining room we also have sealed the new concrete floor with an appropriate sealer. We have removed nearly all the sheetrock from the kitchen and the kitchen ceiling. The ventilation ductwork has been removed from the dining room ceiling and the ceiling in the hallway near the boiler room has been removed. All the debris was put in the dumpster in the parking lot and the dumpster has been removed.

The cost to foam the walls in the dining room was \$2700. The cost to erect petitions was \$4177. For demolition work and sealing water leaks in the stone walls a fee of \$820 was paid to a local contractor. \$1350 was paid to another local contractor for additional demolition work in the basement and kitchen areas. In addition, a \$200 fee was paid to the same contractor to repair areas of the stone walls that a "structural engineer" (hired at an expense of \$100) recommended prior to insulating. This same engineer has supplied us with documentation stating our building is "safe" and habitable after the flooding which occurred in 2013.

Income reported for the second quarter of this year to the renovation fund was \$451. Thank you Janet for keeping this figure current.

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