



The Pastor's Ponderings

This week I am pondering endings and beginnings. It is nearly mid August, and besides the heat, my mind always turns toward Back to School and Back to Church activities. And despite the strange new world of Covid 19 isolation, masks and fears, it is Back to School time *and* Back to Sunday School time, too.

All over the world, teachers, students and staff are finishing their back to school preparations, teachers are gathering supplies and decorating their rooms; students are filling and organizing their backpacks, and getting disposable masks so they are ready for school.

What can you do? You may have already started doing it. Pray for them!!

Let us throw ourselves into concerted prayer for *all* of the students and parents, teachers and staff who may be feeling extra anxious about the back to school season with Covid 19 on the scene.

Let's pray for their peace and their protection knowing that God is walking with them. God is walking with you, too.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16



A New Sunday School Class Begins in September!

Ten copies of The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr will arrive here in the office this Thursday!

Call to claim your copy so you can start reading ahead! The book is also available for listening on Audible, or for online reading on Kindle.

Sunday School will begin September 6th at 11:00 am (after a 30 minute coffee-hour that will begin at 10:30 am) on Zoom AND masked, and in person in the sanctuary at ARCC.

You have your choice of how to take part - you can choose to Zoom or come and join us Face to Face (they will happen at the same time!)

In addition, each week we will post a video on Facebook discussing the chapter we are reading in order to whet your appetite for Sunday's discussion.

If you have any questions at all call me! (Or email or text, of course)

Don't forget you can make an appointment for a masked front porch visit at your place or at the church!



One More Thing!!

Beginning August 30, the last Sunday of the month, we will experience Worship In Person (or live on Facebook at the same time). Bring your masks and come and worship.

We are anxious to be in community with all of you, with safety precautions taken, because you are so deeply loved!

With So Much Love!!

Your

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The Intent for the August 16

Meditation/Centering Prayer group is

Awareness.



*Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls,
& delicious food shared during my hospital
stay & my recovery at home.*

*I am blessed to have such a caring church
family.*

Judy Cureton

The Worship Team met again on Tuesday evening & decided to stay with the date of Sunday, August 30 for "in person" worship. If you choose not to attend, option of viewing the service on Facebook will remain.

If any change is made to this schedule, it will be reported in the newsletter.



For I know
the plans I have
for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

The Secret Place devotional booklet for fall quarter is now available. You may pick up a copy (\$1) in the narthex.



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Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.