



Notes from the Road

Sometimes I just start seeing something that's been before my eyes but that I've missed. Like how many devices I use almost daily that need to be charged. Mobile phone, bluetooth ear-piece, a couple laptops, bicycle lights ... some of them are thirsty little juice sippers, too. If I don't feed them daily, they refuse to work.

In these days of late winter, when weariness lacks hope to warm at thoughts of spring to come, I know I have to keep myself charged, too. Charged with rest and activities, good routines and fresh experiences. And hope, which is less a feeling that eludes than a thought at command.

Hope with me! Let's stay charged up!

What I'm listening to ... because it's so wondrously grateful: Kacey Musgrave's "Oh, What a World: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hwRe7scRiY>

—Doug

More than we can imagine . . .

For over 40 years, Maria Trinidad has sewn & repaired items of clothing for her neighbors in her village of Ciales, Puerto Rico. When her home was destroyed by Hurricane Maria in 2017, Mrs. Trinidad lost everything - except her sewing machine!



In partnership with Week of Compassion, the Iglesia Cristiana (Discipulos de Cristo) en Puerto Rico is helping her piece things back together. Though she received financial assistance from federal programs, it was not enough to cover the cost of the extensive repairs. A neighbor then referred her to the local Disciples congregation. Disciples leaders met with Mrs. Trinidad & coordinated resources & volunteers to rebuild her home.

Through the Programa Edificuemos, your gifts to Week of Compassion are strengthening congregations for disaster response, rebuilding homes & helping restore communities. Your gifts do more than we can imagine.

Please give generously to the Week of Compassion offering received this Sunday, February 24.

Community Meal momentum building

The forecast for next Sunday afternoon says: "Sunny, with a high near 52. Breezy, with a west wind 13 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph." No ice! No snow! A great day for chili! We're also forecasting a great experience as we continue preparing to cook and serve the monthly Community Meal at Red Door Ministries on February 24 at 4:30 pm. Organizers are oriented, cooks and servers recruited, shoppers signed up to buy ingredients, prayers are praying, and thankers want to get a start on thanking. Whatever you're doing for this act of ministry, thank you!

The Prayer Flag Workshop held on Monday produced 11 flags to be hung on the pergola. It was such a pleasant experience that the participants decided it would be nice to make more at a later date. Traditionally, prayer flags are used to promote peace, compassion, strength, and wisdom to everyone. As they blow in the wind, the message/prayer instilled in each flag is spread to all and becomes a permanent part of the universe as the images fade from exposure to the elements. In this regard, according to Tibetan tradition, they are continually mounting new flags alongside the old, just as life moves on and is replaced by new life. This act symbolizes a welcoming of life's changes and acknowledging that all beings are part of a greater ongoing cycle. Thank you to Jamie Koehler for so skillfully organizing this project!

The Green Room Sunday School class continues to disagree with, caution, correct, and generally find Parker Palmer's *The Active Life* a firm surface to push against as we reflect on our own lives of contemplation and action. This Sunday, the action turns to Chapter 4: "The Woodcarver: A Model for Right Action." Come get in on the action at 10:45 am in the Green Room!



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Worship Notes February 17

Attendance: 41

Regular friends: 8

Offering: \$3,465

February 24

**Simply Do
Micah 6:8**

Serving on Sunday, February 24

At the Table: Glenda Zink (c), Judy Cureton (o)
Distribution: Anne McDonough, Darla Snider + ushers
Communion Prep: Kilja Israel
Scripture Reader: Calvin Wells
Greeters: Linda Burns, Judy Cureton
Ushers: Jim Main, Steven Piker
Abbey Road Adventures: Karen Piker
Worship Capt.: Calvin Wells
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 21

8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at IHOP
10:00am Bootheel Ministers' Cluster at ARCC
5:30pm Dinner Out with Friends at Yummy Buffet

Saturday, February 23

10:00am Cook for Community Meal in ARCC kitchen

Sunday, February 24 Week of Compassion Offering

9:30am Worship
9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6th grade
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School
4:30pm Red Door Ministries Community Meal at Christ Episcopal
Prep work begins at 2pm

Tuesday, February 26

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

Wednesday, February 27

9:30am Bible Study
6:00pm New Life Singers practice

Friday, March 1

1:00pm World Day of Prayer, 1st Presbyterian, Jackson
Registration begins at 12:30p

- **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.
- There are a few **openings left on the March worship schedule**; please check it on Sunday & see if there's a spot calling your name! Thank you!
- A donation to the Food Bank was made by Marge Janssen in memory of John Janssen on his birthday

World Day of Prayer • March 1

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"Come—Everything Is Ready"

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer (WDP) Committee of Slovenia call us to worship with the words: "Come-everything is ready." We are invited to learn about Slovenia's history and rich culture. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love.

WDP's motto "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action" affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!



John & Deborah Browne, Del Brunton, Connie Gibson, Kenny Werner, Luther Hunt, Mary Ann Heinsman, Maxie McKenzie & family, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Gerry Thomason, Ada "Dottie" Cruce, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Brian Lierer, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Thelma Nelson, Dawn Knoderer, Conner Propst, Pastoral Search Committee, Kathleen Job, Kim Farrar Frank, George Amick, Ruth Hopkins, Iris Likens, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Beverly King, Adrian Wills, Mary & Dave Jock, Bob Brown, Betty Stricker, Marian Kramer, Nita Brackin, Nelda Simpson, Winona Crampton, Helen & Ed Tilley, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting,

lonely, and afraid.

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.