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9-1-2020 NEWSLETTER

Save the date—September 20, 2020

APC has an opportunity to impact the Auburn Community and your help is needed. The Fellowship Committee is teaming up with the Mission Committee to join several local churches in this effort.

We will be gathering at the church at 9:30 for a short worship and then work until 12. We have a variety of opportunities ranging from writing cards to house painting and everything in between. There is a spot for you regardless of your age or ability! Pastor David and Melinda Smith are still working out the details so stay tuned for more information.



FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters:

I know some of you take part in the morning meditation that I do, but I want to encourage more of you to try this practice. It is a short (usually less than 10 min.) opportunity to engage in Scripture, historical information, and prayer to start your day. I do this on FaceBook Live, but I am more than happy to email this to you if you would like. Please consider adopting this practice....end of advertisement.

This morning the meditation drew upon the 12th chapter of Romans. This is one of the better known parts of the letter in which Paul encourages us to be transformed by the gospel rather than conformed by the world. Great advice!

The next part is what I really wanted to point out, though. Paul goes on to compare the church with a body. He writes that the church, just like a body, needs its different parts to function well. In the church the different parts are the members and the variety of gifts that are ours through the Holy Spirit—from prayer to prophesy to preaching. Each of these roles are important and without them the church falls apart. Make no mistake—I am writing about you. APC needs you, every one of you, so together we can accomplish what God has planned.

I had a really good friend named Craig. Craig had some health issues and his little toe was amputated. Now, that doesn't seem like a huge thing and living without a little toe doesn't seem like that big a problem. Craig told me, that's just not so. Our little toe plays a huge part in our balance, walking, and running. My friend never fully adapted to the loss of this part of his body, as small as it is.

Sometimes the church treats people like little toes. I don't think it's intentional, but sometimes we just don't hear what those members are saying. Sometimes we take for granted that we know what people are thinking or feeling and don't bother to check it out. And sometimes we get so wrapped up in our plans and momentum that we roll right over folks.

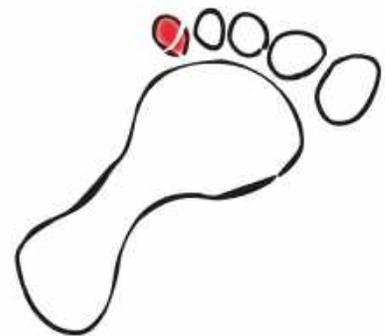
Paul reminds us about the significance of all our parts. My friend Craig's experience just echoes that fact. For our bodies to function at their peak we need all our parts. Sure we can get along without some things, but we are not at our best. The church is the same. We need all our members, all our parts, all our gifts to be the very best. Everyone is indispensable in our work to glorify God.

There are two lessons here. First, everyone brings a vital something with them. It may not be clear how, but each and every one is vital to God's work and will. The second lesson is that we need to remember the first lesson. We need to be intentional about including everyone, not taking them for granted, and listening to what they have to say. When we live this way we present the world evidence of a transformed existence that doesn't conform to the ways of the world.

Pastor David



Anyone interested in being a hand chime ringer, please contact Naomi DeBaillie at NaomiCDeBaillie@aol.com or 260-749-5637. No prior musical knowledge is required. You will learn to read the music as you ring.



The Leadership and Development Committee will soon begin its work for 2020—that is, seeking elders, deacons, a junior deacon, leadership and development committee members, and an APC Foundation member for terms beginning in 2021. The Leadership and Development Committee is comprised of Julia Nixon and Barb Morrow (elders), Susan Buttermore and Nancy Beedy Clark (elected by the congregation last year), and Leah Watson (deacon representative). We encourage you to contact any of these individuals to suggest fellow church members (or yourself!) for any of these leadership positions.



We are still on hold about Circle meetings. We have 2 lessons to finish for 2020 then we'll consider a new lesson book.

We miss seeing everybody, and will keep you informed!

prayers, cards, and everyone's concerns



Betty Sue Gengnagel would like to thank everyone for their visits during this time of healing. She appreciates and hopes that she will be able to get back home soon!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES...

Please join us on Zoom for our Wednesday evening Bible Study beginning at 6:30 PM. A reminder and Zoom invitations are emailed every Tuesday.

APCWP (Auburn Presbyterian Church Weed Pullers)

Just a reminder that this group's energetic congregants are working around the building and in the Biblical Garden, pulling weeds, edging the walkways, thinning the overgrown plantings and spreading mulch. So far, the parking area has been refreshed and de-weeded, the ivy has been somewhat tamed, uncovering the walkway, the concrete edged and several beds weeded and covered with a fresh layer of dark mulch. This Club meets on Saturday mornings (weather permitting) at 9:00 a.m. and works for about an hour and a half or so. Participants need to bring their own weeding tools, some drinking water and perhaps a gardening stool to sit on. The church won't be open. All are invited and welcomed!

**FRIENDS' TABLE
SERVING MEAL FROM CURB-SIDE**



During this Covid time, the APC Friends' Table has continued to serve meals in the community. It is now sacked lunches instead of eating in the Fellowship Hall, and we pack extras for our visitors, like canned soup or ramen noodles. To help supplement a meal or two until we serve them again. We would like to continue this trend to help those in our community.

Pantry Wish-list for September:

- Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce in cans (see picture)
- Granola Bars (any)
- Sandwich crackers (individual packaged)
- One prep meals...Example: Knorr/Hamburger Helper/Rice a Roni

Please bring donations on Mondays to the church kitchen, church office, Peg Yoder or Melinda Smith

Thank you for your support!



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Night*

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

7-9 PM



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Jensen Snyder

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Opening

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