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Chuck's Church Chat



Saints,

Grace to you and peace as we stand on the verge of summer!

As most of you know, I recently returned from an eight-day journey through the deserts and canyons of southern Utah with three of my dear friends- John, Larry, and Charley. This was my fifth visit to the American southwest where the centuries-old traces of ancient civilizations, cliff dwellings, granaries, kivas, pottery shards, and rock art remain, remarkably preserved by the arid climate. Hiking through the sagebrush, descending steep cliffs, we switch-backed down onto what are now dry washes that once held cascading, life-giving streams, providing the ancient Pueblo people with water for drink and irrigation for crops.

One of the more fascinating features carved into the hard Navajo sandstone are slot canyons. Unlike most gorges, such as the Grand Canyon, a slot canyon is *extremely* narrow, twisting and turning throughout its shadowy route. Not for the claustrophobic! This type of canyon is formed when, over time, water and sediment rush through a slender crack or fissure in a hard rock formation, each episode eroding more and more from the walls and floor of the canyon. Slot canyons are active geologic features, subject to sporadic, dangerous, deadly flash floods, so it always best to check the forecast before embarking!

Each slot canyon we visited required a minimum two-mile hike over the desert just to reach the opening. Entering the canyon, the first thing we noticed was the drop in temperature; that and the absolutely stillness and quiet, other than the occasion squawk of a raven peering down at us from the canyon's rim, high over our heads.

The three slot canyons we entered- "Zebra," "Spooky," and "Peek-a-boo," presented us with numerous challenges along the way. Sometimes we would have to unbuckle our butt-packs and throw them ahead of us so we would be slim enough to slide through a cramped

opening. Other times the bottom would pinch out and we'd resort to shimmying up the walls to find a spot wide enough to get through. Other times, when boulders blocked our path, we would be forced to reach up, grab a handhold, put the tip of our boots in a tiny toehold, and lunge up to the next little plateau. In other words, despite each of us leaving a couple layers of skin on the rough walls, it was all good fun! And I can only say that because we all made it out safe and sound!

As you're reading this, you may be thinking the same thing I was as I maneuvered my way through the slots- there's surely a sermon illustration, or two, or three in here somewhere. Something about life being as twisty-turny, as upsy-downsy, and as unpredictable as a slot canyon. And of course life is!

Saints, as we enter the Sabbath months of July and August it is my hope that your summer provides you with as much joy and adventure as my trip out west provided me. Just remember- whenever there's an obstacle in your way, keep on shimmying, climbing,

lounging, and praying, and by golly (or by gully 🙄) you'll make it through! Uh oh, I feel a sermon coming on!

Have an adventurous summer!

Thuck

Strawberry Festival

June 12, 2022



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS



Manny & Nora De La Paz
June Ebbets
The Brooks Family
Gail Engel
Debbie Ladym
Bud & Earlette Butterfield
Dan Mirdala
Former students &
teachers of Colonia H.S.

Service men & women
Veterans
Homeless, unemployed
& uninsured
All affected by Covid-19 and
their families
The People of Ukraine
Victims & their Families of
the recent mass shootings

All Elderly of NDUMC

Pray for all those affected by Natural Disasters, those suffering with addictions, those suffering from depression, Victims of terrorism & violence, all national leaders, and all those serving at New Dover UMC.

All doctors, nurses, EMT, teachers, grocery store workers, janitors, and all other frontline workers. Thank you and God Bless.

If you wish to add anyone to the 2022 permanent prayer list, please contact Karen Rowland at krowland648@yahoo.com

FROM YOUR PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PRAYER FELLOWSHIP EVERY
WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10 AM

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Do not be anxious about
anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and
petition, with
thanksgiving, present
your requests to God.

And the peace of God,
which transcends all
understanding, will
guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ
Jesus.

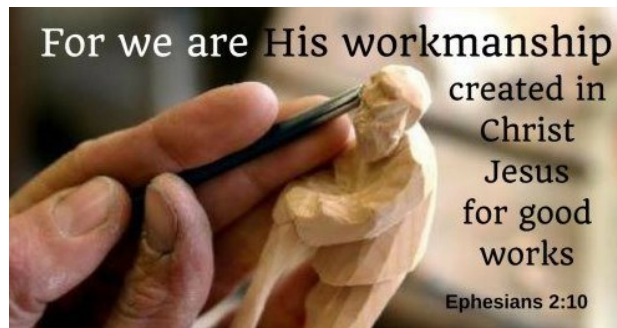
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SERMON OF THE MONTH

Created and Re-created in Christ Jesus

Sermon by Rosie Eun Young Pang

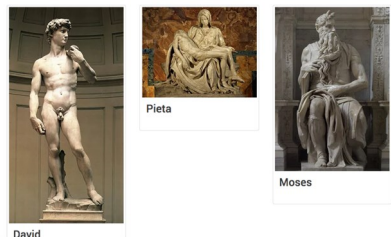


April 30, 2022 SNAPS-Saturday Night Alive Praise Service

*Scripture Passages: Ephesians 2:4-12
New Revised Standard Version*

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Let's turn to the bulletin cover (image above): Do we have any sculptors? Artists or creators? Do you recognize these famous sculptures?



David, Pieta, Moses. The elaborate details on these masterpieces are simply captivating, aren't they? Here's a few more.

All by one same sculptor. Can you name the artist behind these incredible works?



Madonna of Bruges



Risen Christ

Michelangelo.

Michelangelo's Pieta, David, the Risen Christ and countless pieces of his masterpieces mark as some of the most accurate depiction of human anatomy and manifestation of reality in a form of sculpture.

Now, let's take a look at some of the other creations of our time.

Here's one of my favorite artist-Keith Harring's three-dimensional arts. Harring began his creative process with more of an approachable, accessible "subway art" and always uses his graffiti as a visual language. His work speaks stories, messages, lessons, of course, silently. While these creative pieces tell of their artists' intentions and purposes without spoken or written words, they display, demonstrate and live-out the motifs quite loudly, wouldn't you agree?

The reason why I'm introducing art history today is because according to these artists who are both accomplished master painters and sculptors have something important for us to learn.

In an interview, Keith Harring mentioned that sculpture is the art of "taking away" something whereas painting is "adding" to a blank canvas. Some of you may know I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, so I majored in art and design and always appreciate the artists of great mastery. Especially those who reflect the generations and times we live in vividly and represent our issues rather brilliantly.



Both Michelangelo and Harring are such people. They were committed to their faith in their media and left archives of evidences in the nature of their fine endeavors. They were devoted, wherever and however. To paint and to mold. And today, we learn an important step to a more realistic creation, 3-D sculptures-that in order for their works to complete and to come alive as they intended to, some parts of their raw material must first be REMOVED or TAKEN AWAY.

Let's go back to the Scripture for the day in Ephesians:

⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him... ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

Unlike other forms of art and creation, sculpture is unique and relevant in the Christian way of living in terms of going through the process of taking the unnecessary, excessive, raw parts out of the subject matter. The material, you and me in this similar manner, are also chiseled, carved, and broken to pieces when determined necessary by the creator to make one alive, together with Christ. An artist would call this process deconstruction to reconstruction. And this process in our faith language translates to recreation. And the mind and hands of a creator determine what and how much to salvage, reuse and save. In some extreme cases, the whole project is scrapped and rebuilt from clean slate but more often than not, parts are preserved, repurposed, replaced and saved for something new.

Now, hear the Good News! Even when we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. You have been saved, repurposed, preserved, retained. You have also been raised up to stand on your feet. By the grace of God, your Creator. Your sins, trespasses, traumas, pains and grieves and chains of your past and present and future have been broken and you are liberated, set free, forgiven by the grace of God, your Creator.

Your sins are no longer intact, or a part of you since your Creator God removed and is working on your raw materials to refine you, sanctify you, make you and recreate in you the very same image of God-Imago Dei. And why?

For good works, which is to be our way of life. Created in Christ Jesus for good works of God's image and manifestation here on earth, day in day out, to reflect God's nature and intentions on humankind through you and me. So people of our time will turn to God and say, God is here. God is good! God is with me! Even through wars and killings and dying of massive people, be it the pandemic, the battlefields, the antagonistic cultures we and our children and their children live and die in...so someone will proclaim and someone will hear the message of hope, life and way to live through misery and restless loss and fear. So to believe that God's love abides and saves. And to do so, people need to SEE and HEAR from and of God and how can we do that?

Like Michelangelo, Harring and the creators, we are to become that Visual Language, words begotten, spoken and living of Jesus Christ to our neighbors and communities. The young people who do not know God should be able to be captivated visually and audibly through this church and many Christian churches to inspire and motivate them to seek God for good and fruitful works. So our children will hear that their reality of shaking in fear of death and losing families through savage conditions of war and crisis, malnutrition and abuse or neglect is absolutely NOT THE WHOLE truth of the world which God intended before them but only is a part of it.

That we are all part of this re-creation to restore that imago dei, divine nature in our individual selves as well as collectively. Therefore, we keep on the process letting-go, and learning to live without sinning as an individual and community and to live justly.

As a closure, I have this last piece of work to show you and before I go to that slide (image), I want to tell you a short story. As I was preparing this message and making my PowerPoint slides, my 8-year old son, Chansen peaked in and to both of our surprises said “oh, Mommy! I know that guy. I’ve seen him. I know him!” pointing at this image (on right):

Thinking to myself, oh he probably saw it on his YouTube videos or Google images or Ads or if lucky, his art teacher at school perhaps(?) or something-so to clear my curiosity I asked, where did you see it?

Excited and proud, Chansen ran over to the dining room and grabbed his cereal box and holds it up to my face, “Here!” And there it was. On the back of his favorite breakfast with a QR code which you can scan with smartphone cameras and opens a virtual reality game world where Reese’s PB puffs fall from the sky like snowballs.



Dumbfounded? No way. Eureka! Wowzers, this is it! If a cereal company will actively promote art through approachable and accessible visual languages, we must do the same about the gospel!

We do not change the message of John 3:16 but we must most definitely translate it in ways this generation will experience God with all of their sensory motors!

KAWS the artist behind these Gen XYZ figures whose actual name is Brian Donnelly says his identity as KAWS doesn’t really have any deeper meaning to it. “When your whole art is based on the lettering you choose, you kinda figure out what-ones work together. I just liked the shapes of the k, a, w, s,” so ever since, he’s known as KAWS. As an artist as famous and staple as Keith Haring and Michelangelo both on and off the internet, in gift shops to character shops, from keychains to his 18-foot tall inflatable sculptures, KAWS continues to create his less than life-like characters all around the virtually and globally.



This Ephesians 2 passage was shared in the opening of the Church Council meeting I was a part of on Monday, April 25. Patrick Kingsly lead the church leaders to it and read it. Since then, it stayed with me and finally struck me.

For me, it’s verse 7. “So that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

For many of us, God’s reality does not necessarily match My Reality here on earth no matter how hard we try and try again. Friends,

As the words of our confession reveals the mystery of God’s intentions of love through the Holy Communion (it was the Communion weekend), we have first been forgiven of sins, sins are taken away from us in order for Christ’s resurrection to become our NEW REALITY. From Michelangelo then Keith Haring to KAWS, “so that in the AGES TO COME,” God’s grace refines us, purifies and perfects us. And this recreating process is called sanctification. Have you Confessed of your sins? Do you hold the Affirmation of Pardon and Forgiveness? Do you live in the Assurance of faith? Are you in joyful and lasting Thanksgiving?



Well, this (pointing to the Communion Elements) is the very visual and substantial representation of Christ’s life, love and body here at this Lord’s Table. Come, let us receive Christ into our very own from this table of love and mercy to make this our new reality. Welcome to the table of re-creation.

PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

United Methodist Women News

The UMW trip to Surflight Theatre to see "Escape to Margaritaville" is August 4th. The bus will leave the church at 9:00 am promptly. Please be at the church by 8:45 am. We should be home by approximately 5:30 pm. See Connie for more info or call her at 732-287-2231.

The UMW will be going out to dinner for its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12th. We are hoping to go to Manny's in Clark, but plans have not been finalized as of this mailing.

Please look in the Sunday bulletins or UMW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for further details.



NEW DOVER UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

(in-person)

July 25th-29th, 2022

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, children form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Send your kids on an impacting adventure!

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: MAY 15TH!**

Register by May 15 and receive a VBS theme t-shirt!

**REGULAR REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: JULY 3RD!**

Online registration may be found here:
[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/NEWDOVER](https://vbapro.events/p/newdover)

Any questions? Please contact us at NewDoverVBS@gmail.com

United Methodist Women Service Recognition Awards

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, the United Methodist Women presented their annual service recognition awards to Pastor Rosie Pang, Karen Rowland. Below is a summary of their accomplishments at New Dover UMC.

Two years ago, Eun Young “Rosie” Pang was appointed by the Greater New Jersey United Methodist Church Conference as our new Associate Pastor, and what a difference her gifts and enthusiasm have brought to New Dover! Our Youth and Young Adult fellowship (YAYA), as well as our Sunday School, have grown steadily under her leadership. The youth have taken a more active role in a variety of our outreach and nurture ministries including our highly successful Vacation Bible School. Rosie has been on the front lines developing, scheduling, and running our New Dover Studios “Balcony Crew” for all our live broadcasts. In addition, under her guidance our 2022 Confirmation Class is thriving. New Dover is grateful for Rosie and all she has done in her brief time with us.



Karen has long served as chair of our Worship Committee and leads by example, spending many hours planning and implementing the various aspects of worship at New Dover, as well as serving on the Altar Guild, as Chair of the Repast Committee, and as usher and liturgist! As a member of Church Council, Karen has been instrumental in guiding our congregation safely through the pandemic. In addition, Karen leads our weekly Wednesday morning Prayer Fellowship. Karen has been a long-time planner and volunteer at our highly successful Vacation Bible School and is a past Superintendent of our Sunday School. The months preceding September and June finds Karen helping to coordinate the church picnics and Strawberry Festival. Karen is also a popular soup chef and a baker for our weekly flea market. Karen spent many hours volunteering at our annual Rummage Sale to raise money to fight World Hunger. We thank Karen for helping us keep the faith before, during, and after the pandemic. New Dover is grateful for the generosity with which she shares her gifts for the work of God’s Kingdom.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings - money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.



My challenge to you for the summer...begin a list of blessings in your life, taking nothing for granted. Write down one or two each day, reflecting on what you have written (this can be part of your spiritual journal if you have started keeping one). It is surprising how infinite they are when you truly contemplate the possibilities.

Have a relaxing, joyous summer!

July Birthdays

2 Ross Karlo Tuason
3 Connie Thomas
5 Barbara Sucheski
6 Leena Parmar
7 Adelfo Gonzalez
Deja Lewis
8 Alpa Vyas
Joyce Yoon
9 Bob Becker
Ricky Dially
11 Hadassah Bandela
12 Ajith De Alwis
Jiya Katthula
14 Pat Carpenter
Raeann Dalton
15 Jessica Vyas
17 Laura Becker
18 Michael Oswiany
20 Tonya Burleigh
21 Nicole De Zaio
Nipal Khristi
Mauricio Vilela
22 Joshua Bonito
26 Michael Bonner
Madhu Christian
27 Elton Nyema
Jeisun Poornaselvan
28 Mark Sojak
29 Elizabeth D'Arcy
Austin Jeffrey Sarno
30 Yash Joshi
31 Helen Castro
Greg Wittke

August Birthdays

4 Nathaniel Nyema
5 Wesly Kingsly
Jean Wiskowski
6 Janet Greve
7 Juel Nelson
Jim Silva
8 Persis Bandari
10 Erica Campbell
Peter Ponugubaty
11 Martha Taylor
15 Michele Nyema
17 Scott Burleigh
Fiona Meade
19 Justin Bonito
Kaylee Ferris
21 Ryan Stevenson
22 Tim Carney
Lindsey Ferris
24 Chester Aludino
Catherine Poornaselvan
Ben Stevenson
25 Rishith Duggumpudi
26 Apurva Christie
27 Donna Bunting
Linda Crouse
28 Scott Perrine
Christopher Perrine
29 Jyotika David



July Anniversaries

2 *Janice Wilson & Mark Sojak*
12 *Evan & Yveline Gumbs*
16 *James & Susan Dalton*
20 *Jim & Rose DeLand*
22 *Jonathon Alice Lamoreaux*

August Anniversaries

10 *Brian & Marie Rock*
12 *Chuck Coblentz & Jean Wiskowski*
22 *Corbiey & Jenn Ouellette*
24 *Wilfredo & Mary Jane Manglapus*
29 *Patrick & Agnes Kingsly*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

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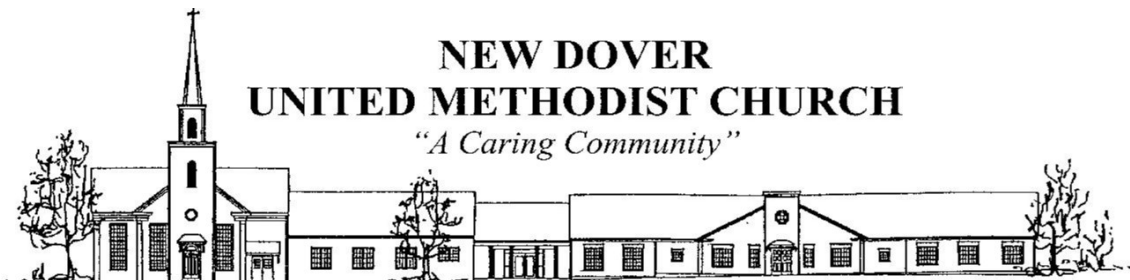
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