



St. Georges United Methodist Church

Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.

June 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Philippians 4:13 states, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. •

While this verse is one of my favorite scriptures, it is also one of the most misunderstood. Too often we recite this particular passage with the idea that we can call upon some mystical source of power that will magically get us out of any difficult situation or circumstance.

However, this way of interpreting and applying Philippians 4:13 is incorrect. To understand what Paul actually meant, we must first read this verse in context. Paul was actually in prison at the time in which he wrote this letter. So, when we take into consideration what Paul was going through, it becomes evident that Paul is reminding us that we can endure the heartaches, disappointments, and hardships of life if we just trust in the name of Jesus.



Church family, during this COVID-19 pandemic, our world has been turned upside down. Yet, by the grace of God, we are still holding on. And, through it all, God has never left us nor has He forsaken us. Therefore, it stands to reason that we can take Paul's advice with the confidence of knowing that we will get through this together as long as we continue to trust in the name of Jesus.

In this world of social distancing, St. Georges United Methodist Church is relying upon the leading of the Holy Spirit to adapt. We have online worship, small groups meet on Zoom, pastoral care is accomplished through phone calls, text messages and greeting cards, and community service is in the form of a Community Food Pantry and Library. God has truly taken a difficult set of circumstances and enabled us to succeed. Without God, we would have lost our way.



To God's credit, that has not been the case. Now, we are having parking lot worship services and are making plans to gather again for worship inside. Yet, there is much to be done. The road will not be easy but the reward will be great. The first phase in this process will be to secure

dedicated volunteers to prepare our church building for reopening. Team leaders will also need to be established to make sure that safety precautions are being met.

So, if you are interested in joining the Return to Gathering Team, please don't hesitate to contact Jamie Tobin, Anita Mokienko, Ed Dorn or me. Church family, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!•

Let us pray:

Lord, help us to trust you as we go through these challenging times, in Jesus name. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rudy



Donna Goes Walk About....

As I write this, it has been 65 days since life was anything close to normal for me. In the last week or so I have been able to get out and about more but things are not even close to being normal. It has been a difficult time for all of us. Our prayers go out to all those that have been effected by the virus but as far as I am aware, no one in our church family has been personally impacted with the flu. We have a number of first responders in our congregation who we have been praying for, and of course we are praying for **all** the police and hospital workers that are doing their best to protect us. I know that plans are in the works for meeting in our sanctuary once again, and won't that be wonderful! It 's been fun getting together through Zoom meetings and fun nights but getting together in person is going to be great. Did you ever think that not being able to hug someone would affect you so much? It has me. And not seeing people's expressions! We are all perfecting the art of smiling with our eyes. But as mom tells me, this too shall pass. With God's help we are making it through and learning things about ourselves AND others throughout.

As June 1st arrives, we are told that more businesses will be opening and we will officially have permission to move around more. I pray that everyone will continue to be cautious so that the virus does not get the chance to make more people sick.



Our church family has stepped up to create a food bank and library available to anyone in need, we continue the business of the church through Zoom meetings, our Bible studies have continued via Zoom and we've had a great time gathering through Zoom for weekly game nights AND we've been having "Parking Lot Church" the last couple Sunday's too! Thank you Jamie Tobin for taking the lead on that! I'm hoping that even though we may be able to gather in person soon, we will continue utilizing some of these new skills we've acquired to remain connected.



Donna

Friendship Star Quilters

Although the quilters have not been able to meet, we are still helping in a different way. A.I. DuPont Hospital sent out a request for fabric to be used in making masks. We were able to donate several of our fabrics for their cause. Also there are some members that are making masks for various other groups and many of us are still working on quilts at home. Hopefully we will be able to get together soon as a group and continue to work on quilts.



Food Closet

The food closet in front of the church remains open to anyone who needs it. Last week the church had frozen meat donated thanks to Trish Smith and a church in Maryland. We were able to get the word out to those in the area and several families participate in the give away.

If anyone wants to contribute to the closet, you can leave the food in the church social hall or just place it in the cabinet. We are in need of spam, tuna, canned chicken, baked beans, applesauce, canned fruits, Juice (100% juice), beef stew, pasta and pasta sauce.

He set the earth on it's foundations; it can never be moved. - Psalm 104:5

Scout Update



Asst. Scoutmaster Paul and
Life Scout Paul, participating
in the National Camp -In.



Geoffrey practicing his
metalwork skills.



Happy Birthday to...

Alyssa Jamurath.....June 2
Catherine Cavender (Miss Kitty)...June 4
Kent McvEvoy.....June 18
Jerry Lowe.....June 28

Eddie Jamurath-Friend.....June 3
Jeff Dorn.....June 4
Nancy Parker.....June 23
T.C. Foltz.....June 29

Happy Anniversary to...

T.C. & Kris Foltz.....June 22

Office Hours & Contact Information

If you have a prayer request that you would like sent along on the prayer chain,
please contact Rudy White by phone at 302-832-2211,

by email at pastor@stgeorgesumc.com,

or use the prayer wall at www.stgeorgesumc.com/prayerwall

Church office: 302-832-2211 Phone: 302-632-8065 (texting ok)

Email: office@stgeorgesumc.com, Office hours: M-Thurs 9 to 2

Epic Kids Update

We're excited to keep the kids involved through the magic of modern technology. Here are some continuing kid activities!



1) Zoom Sunday School every Sunday. 9am and then again at 4pm for those that missed it earlier in the day.

2) Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday. 4pm

3) Zoom Game Night
Saturday night 6:30pm

Have an idea for a kids activity? Contact Mr. Steve and share your idea!

Mission Update

Yes, we're still in the middle of the Corona Pandemic. We are restricted in areas of outreach. I want to thank The Foltz's for making our Food Pantry happen. I understand it continues to be well stocked and it continues as well to serve the St. Georges community.



As we enjoy Spring and our gardens begin to flourish, think about sharing some of your harvest with local agencies serving meals to those in need.

I was speaking with a volunteer at The Rose Hill Community Center and she said they need can openers. She said many who come to their food pantry are sleeping in cars or in a motel room. She said they turn down canned food because they have no means of opening the cans. I honestly never gave that a thought.



We are dealing with situations that we have never faced. We can look at all the negatives and get discouraged-- OR---we can look around at the positives! I see people reaching out to strangers with generosity and kindness. I see young people stepping up and helping others. I see the beauty of God's creation coming alive. Nature always has a way of putting JOY in my heart. Something I've always loved teaching my Sunday School kids---JOY means Jesus-Others-You in that order. Share some JOY with someone today and everyday. We will get thru this and be stronger for it.

I'm so blessed to part of the St. Georges UMC family.
Carole Jaques



Don't forget that the financial needs of the church continue even though we are not gathering together each Sunday. *If you are able*, please consider sending in your regular Sunday offering via the donate page of our website www.stgeorgesumc.com or by mailing a check to St. Georges UMC, P.O. Box 145 St. Georges DE 19733



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Or our website at www.stgeorgesumc.com

“How I Spent My Time During the Pandemic”

In Pictures

We've all been finding new and different ways to remain busy during this time of distancing ourselves from each other. The Jaques have been working jigsaw puzzles at home and when they get too stir crazy, they take a drive. As you can see in the pictures below, Carole stopped to have a chat with a very handsome horse. Even stole a kiss! And good job on the puzzle! Looks like a toughie!



PRAYER

Thank you Lord,
For all the things I forget to thank you for. For the miracle of sunrise after
night is done;

For blue skies behind the rifted cloud
And for the dimpled sun.



Thank you Lord,
For all the things I take for granted;
For the miracle of love, the depth of human caring;
For those who try to understand
And help me by sharing.

Thank you Lord,
For the privilege of life itself as each new day is given;
For the laughter and joy breaking forth in song;
For tears and disappointments
The struggles make me strong.



Thank you Lord,
For your love and opportunity of helping others;
For freedom and responsibility tempered by feeling;
For tenderness in human hearts
Your flame of love revealing.

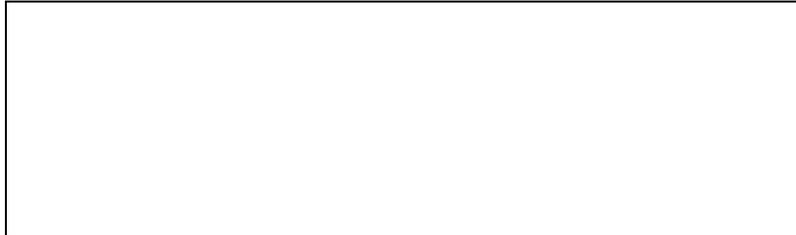
Thank you Lord.

Most of all because you care and forgive even when I forget to say “Thank
you”

- *Original author unknown.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures
forever. – Colossians 3:15

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Dates to Remember

- June 3, 10, 17, 24.....Kids Bible Study @ 4:30pm via zoom
- June 3, 10, 17, 24.....Bible Study @ 6:30pm via Zoom
- June 4, 11, 18, 25.....Game Night via zoom
- June 6, 13, 20, 27.....Kids Game Night 6:30pm via zoom
- June 7, 14, 21, 28.....Kids Sunday School @ 9am via zoom
- June 7, 14, 21, 28.....Weekly Sermon @ 10am on Facebook & the website
- June 7, 14, 21, 28.....Weekly Kids Message @ 10:30am on Facebook & the website

Be well and stay safe!