



St. Georges United Methodist Church

Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.

February 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

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

Isaiah 9:2 states, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

During the Season of Advent and Christmas the images of light and darkness came into our spiritual reflections. With great joy, we celebrated the coming of that light in the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On January 5th, the Season of

Epiphany began with the light of Christ being made known to the entire world as the Magi from the East followed the star to Bethlehem.



Thomas Merton said, "We who have seen the light of Christ are obliged, by the greatness of the grace that has been given us, to make known the presence of the Savior to the ends of the earth . . . not only by preaching the glad tidings of His coming; but above all by revealing Him in our lives. . . . Every day of our mortal lives must be His manifestation, His divine Epiphany, in the world which He has created and redeemed."

Church family, even a small light can eradicate darkness, but the light of Christ is not a small light but a great light, a light that can only come from God. During the time of Isaiah, the People of God experienced some very dark moments while being enslaved by the Assyrians. Yet, God restored and delivered them from the

darkness of oppression to the marvelous light of liberty and freedom. As the People of God, we too have that same opportunity in the person of Christ Jesus.

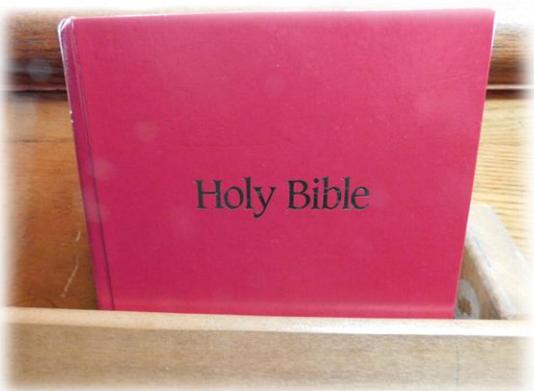
In John 8:12, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Therefore, it stands to reason that apart from Jesus, we will live in darkness. Yet, when we follow Jesus we will live in the light. The choice is ours.



Church family, I am quite sure that you have made Jesus your choice. However, there may still be some darkness lingering in your life. You may still be battling health issues, you may still be grieving a loss, or you may still be hoping and praying to overcome some difficulties in a relationship. Whatever your darkness in life may be, I strongly suggest that you continue to trust God. God has brought each of us a mighty long way and He is not finished with us or our situation.

St. Georges, the light of Christ has dawned and now it is our challenge to shine that light wherever we go and to give God all the praise, honor and glory. Be encouraged and rely upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rudy





Donna Goes Walk About...

I had a wonderful visit the other day with a friend I used to work with. We see each other only on occasion now, but after 20+ years of working together, we always have a lot to catch up on. One topic we discussed briefly was a mutual friend that neither of us has seen in a while. It's one of those situations where at the time, you spent time together, shared the good times and the bad, and even though a life change separated you, you thought you would always be friends. But, it didn't turn out that way, and you wonder why. My friend and I decided we didn't quite understand why our mutual friend "disappeared" from our friendship circle but we would be here for her if she sought us out in the future. If you stop to think about it, there are many times that people come into our lives for awhile and then after a while, for whatever reason, they move back out again. From what I've read, this was a seasonal friendship. The reason our paths crossed had played itself out. We had taught each other whatever was intended. Life lessons were learned and it was time to move on. And that's not to say it's easy. It's hard to say goodbye. Especially if the other person moved on before you thought you were ready. But you know what you have to remember? You also have in your life, those people that are **lifetime** friends. Some you see often and others you do not, but these friends will always be there for you, the same as you will be there for them if a call for help would come. I am blessed to have wonderful lifetime friends. From family, from school, from work and from church. I know for sure that if I needed a couch to sleep on, a PB&J sandwich to eat or a ride to almost anywhere, I have friends who would be there for me without question. And I for them. What a blessing. But you know, those seasonal friends are a blessing too. God has placed them in our path for a reason. They teach us what we need to know when we need to know it. Some might call these the angels in our lives. They open our eyes, keep us safe, teach a life lesson. God knows what we need and when we need it. Bottom line...be the person that anyone would like as a friend and God will use you. Be a blessing and you will be blessed. Thank you to all the friends in my life. I'll be here for you if you need me.



That's all for now so I'll see you on Sunday morning!

Donna

Methodist Women

The Methodist Women will be holding their Soup Sale on Sunday, February 2 after the Church service. A variety of soups will be offered on a first come first served basis. Cost of a quart of soup is \$8.00 and all money will be donated to a local soup kitchen.

Also starting in February the women's group will be having "Sweet Sundays" offering baked goods for sale on the last Sunday of each month after the Church service. This will be for the months of February, March and April. Money from these sales will be



used to help fund our "Women of Hope" banquet in May. So mark your calendars for "Sweet Sunday" on February 23, March 29 and April 26 and while you are doing that mark May 13 for the "Women of Hope" banquet.

The next Methodist Women's meeting will be Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm in the Church social hall.

Friendship Star Quilters

The Friendship Star Quilters recently finished 17 more quilts to go out to the local hospitals. Four of those quilts were made by Sara Jane who would stop by and choose some fabrics and then take them home to make some quilts and then return them to us. Recently Sara Jane passed away after a long battle with cancer. We were blessed that she made so many quilts over the year and it is a blessing to know that her quilts are still going on to comfort someone else that is going through a difficult time or illness.



Our next meeting for quilting will be on Tuesday, February 4th from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

“ Do everything in love” - 1 Corinthians 16:14

Troop 123 & Ship 123 Update

Members of Ship 123 spent a day volunteering at the Northern DelMaVa Klondike.



It was COLD,
but...Scouts from the Troop and the Ship had fun at the Klondike.



Happy Birthday to...

Michele Alexander.....Feb 5
 Kayla Jamurath Friend.....Feb 8
 Dawn Lowe.....Feb 16
 Jordan Brewer.....Feb 16

Brandon Rausch.....Feb 8
 Chip Cavender.....Feb 14
 Babs Dorn.....Feb 16
 Linda Graham.....Feb19

Happy Anniversary to..

Janet & Edward Jamurath.....Feb 5

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

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Email: office@stgeorgesumc.com

Office hours: M-Thurs 9 to 2

“Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them” –Ephesians 4:2

Epic Kids Update

After a great deal of practice and writing and rehearsing, there's going to be a special kids ministry presentation on February 23rd. There will be puppets and a good message of course. The kids have been working hard and it should be a great experience!



Coming March 28thTrain Day! More details to come!

What Is God Like?

I believe it is possible to know what God is like. The Bible declares that God is Spirit, that He is not limited to body; He is not limited to shape; He is not limited to force; He is not limited to boundaries or bonds; He is absolutely immeasurable. Thousands of people are trying to limit God to certain spheres, and relegate Him to certain categories that are the product of their own speculation. There is no limit to God. There is no limit to His wisdom. There is no limit to His power. There is no limit to His love. There is no limit to His mercy. Men change, fashions change, conditions and circumstances change, but God never changes.

Prayer for the day

I limit You so many times, Lord. Forgive my finite mind and fill me with Your wisdom, power, and mercy, so that I can touch those You love this day.

Billy Graham Evangelical Association

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Dates to Remember

Feb 2.....1st Sunday Communion
Feb 2.....Scout Sunday
Feb 2.....Methodist Women Soup Sale
Feb 13.....Methodist Women/UMM meeting 7pm
Feb 15.....Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 – 6:30pm
Feb 6, 13, 20, 27...Bible Study at TC Foltz
Feb 23.....Ministry Team meeting 11:30am
Feb 24Ad Team meeting 7pm

Traditional worship service every Sunday @ 10 am
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 am
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