



St. Georges United Methodist Church

Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.

July 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

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

Matthew 16:18 states, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

To understand the meaning of this scripture, we must start our reading at verse 13 where Jesus asked the question, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." After affirming Peter's response, Jesus said, "...you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."



Often, I have heard this particular scripture explained as Jesus building His Church on Peter. However, this is not the correct interpretation of the text. Jesus was referring to himself as the "Rock" upon which the Church was to be built. Jesus, for the first time in the Bible, was telling Peter and His disciples that He was about to establish the New Testament Church, lead her, be with her, and that the gates of hell would never prevail against her. In short, God's Church would exist, doing His work until the end of the age. Since that time, the Church has withstood some very dark days throughout history.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Church has been tested like never before. However, Jesus has led us, been with us, and protected us every step of the way. In fact, Jesus has used this moment as an opportunity for us to welcome a new family into the fold. On Sunday, June 14th, Roxanne and Emma Lee were baptized in their front yard as members of St. Georges stood as witnesses.



Emma
& Roxanne

Yet, we have had some challenging moments as well. Currently, we are experiencing deep sadness with the passing of Michael Dorn and there are those amongst us that are experiencing health issues. Nevertheless, we have hope because Jesus is our solid “Rock” and our firm foundation. Church family, the song writer said it best, “On Christ the solid rock we stand; all other ground is sinking sand.” Be encouraged!

Let us pray:

Lord, help us to get through these challenging times together, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rudy

Donna Goes Walk About....

You know when you said, “Fourth of the July will be here before you know it.” Well it’s here! Amazing! The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. Thankfully, no one I know has gotten sick but I feel for those who have suffered and have lost loved ones. It’s so hard to know what to do. We want to be careful but are we going overboard? As I am taking care of mom, I have to err on the side of caution so I am always wearing my mask, using sanitizer a lot while I’m out in public and trying my best to remember to stay 6 ft from those around me. It’s so hard! I look forward to the day when I can hug my family and friends. Who knew a hug would become a luxury! I continue to pray you all are doing well. A few in our congregation have taken the opportunity to take their family and go camping. There’s not much I like better than taking a road trip, and camping is a favorite thing to do. For those not able to take a trip, it is so much fun to participate in game night via zoom. If you have not joined us, we’d love to have you on Thursday night.



I understand that “things” are not what we should concern ourselves with, but right now my family is struggling with the fact that our family home is being sold. It will be a good thing when it’s all done,

but getting there has not been easy. We have to remind ourselves that we're packing 63 years of "things" but we still have the 63 years of memories in our hearts. Thank you to so many of our church family for being a big part of quite a few of our memories in that house. Sledding in the snow with the MYF on Sunday nights in the winter. Celebrating mom and dad's 25th wedding anniversary with so many church friends invited. Mom



taking her turn hosting United Methodist Women's meetings. Thanks for the memories!

Parking lot church has been going well and this month we are beginning to gather inside the church too. We pray that very soon

things will get back to normal. Be well and I hope to see you soon.

Donna

Food Closet

The food pantry in front of the church continues to serve the local community. Thanks to all who have donated items so far. a Donations are always welcomed and can be dropped off at the church. Needed



items are 100% fruit juices such as apple, grape, cranberry, etc., Spam, beef stew, tuna, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned fruit, soups and snacks.

Friendship Star Quilters

Since the church is just now reopening on a limited basis and many details of operation are still being worked out, the quilters will not be meeting again this month. Hopefully you are using some of your time at home to do some quilting whether for yourself or for Friendship Stars. Lets hope we will be meeting next month.



But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength.
– 2 Timothy 4:17



Happy Birthday to...

Mandie Tobin Johnson.....July 2	Deanna Dorn.....July 13
Bing Molina.....July 23	Chad Lowe.....July 25
Taylor Seagraves Baker.....June 27	

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

Mission Update

One of the many consequences of Covid-19 is the sad fact that we are unable to collectively do outreach programs. Our projects in the past have helped many and we as a church family share in the joy of helping others. At this point our only collective outreach is the Food Pantry that Kris and T.C. Foltz are coordinating. Currently, many agencies are unable to accept donations of clothing or household goods. However, there are numerous agencies that are preparing meals for the homeless or those in need. Now that our gardens are flourishing, think about sharing with a food kitchen or even a neighbor that might be struggling. Remember to share kindness with a smile. It may just be that's what a person needs to brighten up their day.



Matthew 25:40

Carole Jaques
Mission/Outreach Chair



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

 <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgesumc>

 **YouTube** just search for St Georges United Methodist Church

Or our website at www.stgeorgesumc.com

Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. – Hebrews 2:18

Earl and Carole Jaques continue to spend isolation time working on Jig Saw puzzles. Here's their latest completed project. Isn't it pretty?



Here's another picture at Roxanne & Emma's baptism showing members of the St. Georges UMC church family standing witness.



It is with such a heavy heart that we share with you the passing of Michael Dorn on Saturday June 27th. Mike has attended St



Georges UMC with his family for many years. He was a member of the choir and enjoyed participating in church activities like Game Night and Trunk or Treat. He is survived by his mother Babs, father Ed, brother Jeffrey and daughters Brianna, Cianna and Deanna Dorn. We will miss your enthusiasm for singing in the choir Mike and we will miss your smile. Rest in peace.



We Do Not Lose Heart

We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. – 2 Corinthians 4:18

John 9 tells a story about Jesus healing a man who was blind since birth. Jesus mixed his own saliva with some dirt, spread the muddy mixture on the man's eyes, and told him to go wash in a pool—and the man received sight. For his entire life, this man had seen nothing but darkness, but Jesus gifted him with seeing eyes after proclaiming, "I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

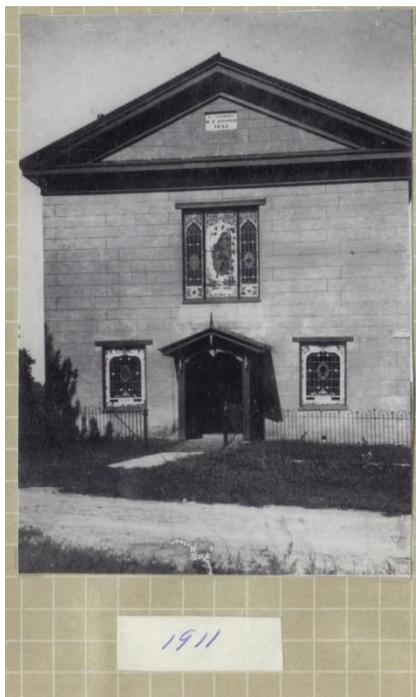
The apostle Paul advises God's people not to lose heart when the troubles of this life dim our outlook on the future. When we are discouraged by the sin and injustice of the world, a broken relationship, a tough situation at work, a grim financial outlook, a health

crisis, and more, it can feel like we are sitting in a dark room. How will this ever be resolved?

It's all about perspective and what we focus on. We can sit around with mud on our eyes, or we can wash it off and see the light of Jesus. Paul says the problems we see are temporary, but the hope we have in Jesus – though unseen – is eternal.

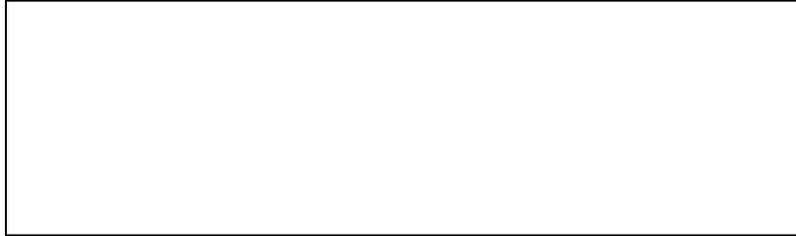
The body you're sitting in was not created to last forever; mine is not expected to last more than a few years. But as Christians, we share a bright future in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Lord, renew us day by day, from the inside out, even as troubles of life skew our vision. Help us to see you more clearly as we bask in the light of your glory. Amen



What a difference 60 years makes! Check out the picture at left taken in 1911. The one on the right taken 60 years later, after the stucco was added and at the time the new steeple was being installed. We have a wonderful history at St. George's UMC and God has blessed us with a wonderful congregation of people to continue His work.

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Dates to Remember

- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.....Kids Bible Study @ 4:30pm via zoom
- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.....Bible Study @ 6:30pm via Zoom
- July 2, 9, 16, 23.....Game Night via zoom
- July 4.....Happy Independence Day!
- July 6, 13, 20, 27.....Kids Game Night 6:30pm via zoom
- July 4, 11, 18, 25.....Kids Sunday School @ 9am via zoom
- July 6, 13, 20, 27.....Weekly Sermon @ 10am on Facebook & the website
- July 6, 13, 20, 27.....Weekly Kids Message @ 10:30am on Facebook & the website

Be well and stay safe!