

BROADCASTER

AUGUST 12, 2015

Pastor's Piece:

From August 1-8 my family and parents-in-law went on a cruise to Alaska. We have never been on a cruise before and never been to Alaska so it was an extremely exciting trip for all of us, especially for my father-in-law who just retired last year as a minister in the Korean Presbyterian Church. It was a dream come true for him, he was so thankful for the opportunity to travel with his daughter and her family to Alaska.

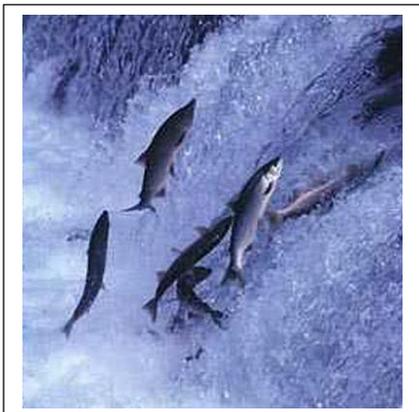
Obviously, Alaska is quite different from Kansas. I know I'm proud of myself being a Kansan and enjoy living in Kansas, yet Alaska has something that attracts me. I guess it's Alaska's natural beauty that attracts many people around the globe including myself. During those eight days of vacation we were awed by God's creation such as mountains covered by glaciers, so many tall trees, wild animals, waterfalls, ocean, etc.

From the trip I gained two profound insights in my observation in which I thought can be a lesson for us. First, we had a trip with the Norwegian Jewel cruise line. It's a huge ship that they say can carry up to 3,000 people and 1,000 are crewmembers. There are so many different crewmembers working in different departments and their main priority is the safety and security of its passengers and to make sure the passengers are being fed, relaxed and entertained. As I was watching the mega-ship with that many crewmembers I was reminded of a scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12 which reads, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many form one body, so it is with Christ." I thought our church is like the ship we have many different committees and small groups yet everyone works together with the focus on Christ.

My second insight comes from watching the salmon make their way up river to their spawning ground. I've seen it on TV but it's just amazing to watch them with my eyes swimming upstream against the current. I thought there is something we as Christians could learn from them. Many of you know salmon return to their natal stream or river to spawn and bury their eggs. Salmon have their destination, but in order to reach their destination they have to go through many obstacles, such as swimming against strong current, maybe being caught by bears or fisherman and yet they never give up but keep trying and keep on going until they reach their destination. They are so determined and focused. I thought maybe this is how our Christian journey is supposed to be. We have many ups and downs in our lives, yet we never give up, we never turn around but we keep on going, keeping our eyes and focus on God and finish the journey. 2 Timothy 4:7 says, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." I hope this will be your confession when we finish our journey.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



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Sermon Series: PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

From August 16 – September 20, 2015, Pastor Ji will be preaching a six-part sermon series based on Rick Warren’s bestselling book “The Purpose Driven Life.” Together we will learn about the five purposes God has for each one of us and how our life can help fulfill God’s great purpose for all of creation.



August 16	“What on Earth Am I Here For?”
August 30	“Purpose Driven Fellowship”
September 13	“Purpose Driven Ministry”
August 23	“Purpose Driven Worship”
September 6	“Purpose Driven Discipleship”
September 20	“Purpose Driven Evangelism”

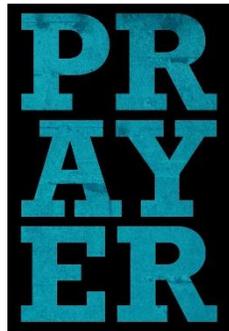
INSIGHTS INTO INSIGHT CLASS

Insight Class took a break and enjoyed and appreciated the three electives offered. We are now back into our sessions in discussions from Matthew and Luke. “Fearless Conversation, Why Is Jesus So Radical?” Jesus loved getting people to think. He asked provocative questions, such as “What do you want?” “Who do you say that I am?” And he often asked just one simple question: “What do you think?” On the flip side of this, Jesus never quizzed his followers on facts such as “Where was I born?” or “How many commandments are there?” And He didn’t offer simple, pat answers. Instead he helped people wonder, grapple, and wrestle with the hard questions of life and faith. That’s what Fearless Conversation is all about. This is a 13 week journey of respectful and faith-filled conversations. It is for everyone to feel comfortable whether you have been a regular attendee, never in Sunday School before, new to our church, men and women, we welcome all. Give Insight Class a try. We meet at 10:00 in the Conference Room.



UMY: Cross Trainers

Start your school week of the right way! Join other middle school and high school youth in the chapel at 7:00 a.m. on Mondays (when school is in session) for a prayer. Bring your friends! The more the merrier!



WOW ZONE! KICK-OFF & WET NIGHT!



Come kick-off our Worship on Wednesday program on **August 19** from 6:00-7:00! We’ll meet inside for worship and then outside for messy games. Wear old clothes! Bring your friends! www.facebook.com/wowzone

*Parents: Registration forms will be available that night. We ask that you fill those out in the Fellowship Hall. This year we will **not** have Simple Suppers. There will be a small dinner each week for those in the Middle-School and High-School Youth Program at 6:00 in the WCC.*



Thank you for sending us to Week of Hope in Minneapolis, MN!

A big thank you to Sue and Steve Livengood! Sue has cataloged all of the Adult Curriculum that our church has for classes and Bible Studies to use. She and Steve kindly purchased some organizational software that will catalog all the books and videos by title or author and list the book’s location in the building. Steve hauled ALL the books home and back to the church so Sue could accomplish this large task! The software has been loaded on the desktop computer in Mike McCormick’s office in the main hallway. On August 23, Sue would like to a representative from each adult Sunday School class and Bible Study to come by Mike’s office to learn more about how people can utilize this program. Sue will be available at 8:40 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. on **August 23**.



OUR PRAYERS

God, Your love makes possible the impossible. When we are facing seemingly impossible situations remind us of Your love and the possibilities it proclaims. Amen.

Please say a prayer for...

Jim Grauerholz – upcoming surgery
Chase Hampton – friend of the Spratts – liver infection.
Fred Held – health concerns
Elliott Ortega – cancer treatment
The family of Allen Schaar at his passing
Rayleene Seyb – Rick & Janace Seyb's daughter-in-law - health concerns
Wendy Wilbur – daughter of Tony's cousin – brain bleed
The persecuted Christians around the world
God's Guidance and Strength for President Obama

Pat Hall – sister of Judy Eskridge – health concerns
Sam Hatch – accident recovery
Tim Lipke – surgery recovery
Deborah Phelps – health concerns
Betty Seibel – mother of Judy Eskridge – health concerns
Sid Watkins – health concerns

Our Troops and their Families

Pray For Our Military

CO Cory Applebee – Larry & Rhonda Clark's nephew
Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son – Ogden, UT
Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson – Marines – Home – PTSD
James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson – Home
Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law – Colorado Springs
Erik Ralsten & family – Lou & Cher Cicirello's cousin – Nat'l Guard – Iraq
Michael Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew – Colorado Springs

Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law – McConnell
Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson – Germany
Captain Logan Foster – Del & Betty James' grandson – Army – Ft Riley
Sydney Lang – Great Lakes , Illinois – Navy boot camp
SPC Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew – Ft Bragg, NC
David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew – Estonia – ROTC
Sgt. Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband – AFB Spain

When notifying the church staff of someone you would like placed on our prayer list, please request permission from the individual prior to reporting your concern to the office. We will be keeping your prayer concern on the list for the current month. If you would like to extend the request for an additional month, please call or e-mail the church office during the first week of the month 755-1112 or amy@fumcvc.com. Please note that we want to be in prayer for individuals and/or situations at any time. We just want to be responsible in keeping current with prayer requests. Thank you. If you have a friend or loved one serving in the military and would like to have their name added to our special military prayer list, please email amy@fumcvc.com.

OUR PRESENCE

Our loyalty to the church is upheld by our attendance at worship and church school and our participation in those activities that increase our faith.

Worship Leadership August 16			Worship Leadership August 23	
	9:00	11:00	9:00	11:00
NURSERY	Susan Dunn	Anna Qualls	Hannah Barbour	Ashlyn Joyal
		Jeannie Qualls	Audrey Potillo	Kennedy Stamm
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Janine Ingle	Phoebe McCormick	Jeanette Stanley	Shelly Wenzel
LITURGIST	Kathy Marshall		Janace Seyb	
GREETERS				
Northeast Door	Wayne & Joan Sawyer	Chris & Jen Youngers	Dale & Arlene Guthrie	Kim Bevan & Sue Hadley
East Door	DeWayne & Erlene Morgan	Kim Sutphin & Ethel Smith	Greg & Deb Jaquis	Greg & Cherie Kuertz
USHERS	Ed & Linda McCormick	Greg & Cherie Kuertz	Helen LeBlanc	Kim Sutphin
	Steve & Barbara Holmes		Ethel Smith	Greg & Cherie Kuertz
			Larry & Rhonda Clark	
MUSICIANS	Amy Kornahrens		Jeannie Kellums	
			Charla McNown	



ATTENDANCE

7/19/2015	9:00 – 152	11:00 – 75	Total – 227
7/26/2015	9:00 – 145	11:00 – 102	Total – 247
8/2/2015	9:00 – 153	11:00 – 74	Total – 227
8/9/2015	9:00 – 150	11:00 – 96	Total – 246

OUR PRESENCE (continued)

- Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, August 14** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Please bring a salad to share and a craft project you're working on.
 - Summer Bible Reading Challenge! Complete reading the book of John in 42 days! You can pick up a paper to chart your progress on the ledge. Charts must be turned in to the office by **Sunday, August 16**. All those who complete the challenge will receive a prize! This is open to all ages!
 - WOW ZONE! Worship on Wednesdays kicks off on **August 19**.
 - Children's Classes 6:00-7:00 – WET NIGHT! Wear old clothes!
 - UMY Cross Trainers 6:30-8:00
 - This year we will **NOT** have Simple Suppers. There will be a small dinner each week for those in the Middle-School and High-School Youth Program at 6:00 in the WCC.
 - Church Council will meet **Thursday, August 20** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal resumes **Wednesday, August 26** at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
 - Valley Center Preschool Open House is **Thursday, August 27** from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
 - Looking for children in third, fourth, fifth, or sixth grade to be acolytes during the 9:00 a.m. worship service throughout the school year. Please contact the office by **September 13** if you are interested.
 - Kick-Off Sunday is **September 13**. We'll have Sunday school at 10:00 and one worship service at 11:00. The Scholarship Steak Dinner will be immediately following in the WCC. Please wear your favorite college attire and help raise money for college scholarships! Information on adult Sunday school classes and small groups will also be available.
 - Leaders of Adult Ministries at FUMCVC, Kick-Off Sunday is September 13 and the Scholarship Steak Dinner will follow in WCC. We would like to have an Adult Ministries Showcase in the WCC on the same day. The idea is to share the ministry opportunities for adults as we begin a new fall season. We have recently had many new families visiting and this could be a wonderful opportunity to share about the adult ministries that exist at FUMCVC. The display could have photos, a written description of the group, lesson topics, and/or plans for the fall. We will provide a sign-up sheet at each group's display for people to give their name and email address if they are interested in learning more about the group or attending the next gathering. This includes but is not limited to:

Sunday School Classes	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever	Aging Strong
Wednesday Morning Fellowship	Pastor's Bible Study	Handbells
Small Group Bible Studies		Chancel Choir
 - Second graders will be given Bibles on **Sunday, September 20**. Following is a list of names that we have:

Cox, Dalton	Devereaux, Zane	Harris, Syrina
Henderson, Peyton	House, Ashton	Lampe, Jack
Newfer, Leah	Newfer, Tara	Ortega, Lilee
Seacat, Jordan	Stanley, Welden	Stockdale, Violet
	Winsman, Phoenix	
- Please contact the church office by Sunday, September 13 if we've missed someone.***
- August's Open Door giving is pork and beans. Please bring all donations to the middle foyer.
 - Current needs of the Valley Center Food Pantry:

boxed cereal 12-16oz size	pancake mix	syrup
peanut butter	jelly	mac & cheese
1# pkgs rice or dry beans	peas	canned meats
canned pasta meals	packaged foods (meal helpers, pasta sides or potato sides)	

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the members of this church, especially the Pathfinder's Class, for the cards, calls, and prayers on behalf of our grandson, Sam Hatch. This church is a rock and we can't express adequately the love and support we felt after Sam's accident. We are so blessed to belong to this congregation! Sam will be released Saturday from the Newton Rehab Hospital to go home.

Marv and Marilyn Hatch

Dear FUMCVC,

Thank you so much for the scholarship you've awarded me! I will be a sophomore at Butler Community College where I am still majoring in Music Education! I'm very excited to continue to be on a vocal music scholarship and be a part of the Butler Headliners. This scholarship the church has awarded me has most definitely eased my financial burdens this year and I'm very appreciative of that! I'm so excited to see where God leads me in my life and I know I have a great future ahead of me thanks to sponsors like the church!

Thank you again and God bless!

Sincerely,
Christy Collins

Church Family,

I want to thank you so very much for the scholarship. It helped so much with my bills and to finish my associates this December!

Chelsi Sturm

Dear FUMCVC,

Thank you for the scholarship. It will help me pay my tuition at Emporia State this fall.

Jeremy Chase

Dear Members of the FUMCVC,

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship. It will allow me to continue to pay for tuition at Wichita State.

Josh Chase

From someone Crew 10 (Denny Blickenstaff, Baillie Buche, Ethan Hogan, and Amy Patrick Stamm from FUMCVC) at Week of Hope helped:

Thank you so much for this wonderful crew that came to help me at my home with raking, washing windows, etc. They are a wonderful group.

Thanks again,
Marilyn Goldman



40 DAYS SIMPLE PRAYER ADVENTURE

The suggested 40 days Simple Prayer (Pocket Prayer) adventure date has exceeded that timing. There is no "dead line" on prayer time, right? Many of you have picked up the little Pocket Prayer card and have it with you. More of those cards are available on one of the tables in the Foyer, stop by and grab one. A little reminder of the essence of the Pocket Prayer may be helpful. Max Lucado in his book "before Amen", the power of a Simple Prayer, he encouraged the following pocket size prayer:

FATHER,	(Because you are my Dad, you care about my problems and know how to handle them)
YOU ARE GOOD	(Even in my struggles I trust you are a good Dad with a purpose for my life. You will see even these struggles for my good)
I NEED HELP	(Tell your Father what is burdening you)
THEY NEED HELP	(Lay the needs of others before him as well (church, the pastor, pastors family, staff, teachers, congregation, etc)
THANK YOU,	(Thank you for caring about my problems and for hearing my prayers)
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN	(We access the throne room of God by virtue of Jesus, the name above all names).

Keep a pocket prayer at immediate reach (in your heart is a safe place)!

Elliott Ortega is now on his **SECOND** battle with cancer. Elliott was first diagnosed with liver cancer when he was just 1 1/2 years old; he is now 4. He was able to receive a liver fairly quick. He had a liver transplant at UCLA. He has had a clean bill of health for the past 2 1/2 years now, however, Elliott and his family were just told a few days ago that he now has Leukemia (AML); the worst form of Leukemia.

Elliott and his family moved to Kansas during Elliott's first battle with cancer where his father, Ray Ortega, was able to get a job. His mother, Jessica Ortega, was not able to work while Elliott was getting further treatment for his new liver. When they were told that Elliott was doing well, Jessica was able to go back to work part time and things at home were going well.

Now, however, Elliott and his family are facing a new challenge. This Leukemia is a fast acting and aggressive cancer. Elliott will have to have extensive treatments that will land him in the hospital for weeks at a time. Elliott and his family might have to relocate, temporarily, to Kansas City where Elliott can be better monitored throughout the process. Jessica is no longer going to be able to work and Ray is going to have to take days off.

During our Hymn Auction and Youth Bake Sale, we were able to raise over \$3,000.00 for the Ortega family. Please keep Elliott and his family in your prayers!

For updates you can go to: [facebook.com/ElliottsUpdates](https://www.facebook.com/ElliottsUpdates).



“The Lord your God is in
your midst, a mighty one
who will save; he will
rejoice over you with
gladness; he will quiet
you by his love; he will
exult over you with loud
singing.”

- Zephaniah 3:17

KICK-OFF @ FUMCVC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	One Worship Service
12:00 p.m.	Scholarship Steak Dinner

Please wear your favorite college attire and help raise money for college scholarships!

Information on adult Sunday school classes and small groups will also be available.



SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 9:00a
Sunday School 10:00a
Contemporary Worship 11:00a

WEDNESDAY

UMY CROSS TRAINERS 6:00-7:00p

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