



New Life Connection

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JOIN US FOR COMMUNION SUNDAY



Join us this Sunday, November 1st, as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Plan to join us as we follow Jesus' command to, "do this in remembrance of me." If you will be worshipping from home, you can still participate in this special commemoration with your Church Family. We encourage you to stop by the Church anytime before Sunday and pick up your communion elements, or make sure you have them on hand at home.

WELCOME BACK, PASTOR NORM

Pastor Norm is doing well with his recovery from surgery. He would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and meals. Pastor Norm will be returning to the pulpit this Sunday, November 1st!!! He would love to see you as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion together. Plan to join us as he shares a message entitled "Where There Is No Vision, The People Perish."



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE



Calling all bakers...there's still time for you to help us with our Election Day Bake Sale this Tuesday, November 3rd!!! All goodies must be wrapped. Envelopes are available if you would rather make a contribution instead of baking. Workers are also needed to staff the sale tables throughout the day. If you are able to help, please contact the Church Office.

CHURCH OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE HOURS

We've extended our Church Office and Bookstore hours!!! We are open Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., and Saturday from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. We encourage you to stop by and say hello. You may also pick up our Sunday bulletins for a more comprehensive look at our activities.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

Election day is this Tuesday, November 3rd. We encourage you to take part in this important presidential election. Don't forget to vote Biblically and prayerfully as you head to the polls.



New Life Christian Bookstore

50% Off All Fall & Thanksgiving Product!!!

Friends To Remember In Prayer

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| Pastor Norm
Recovering from surgery | David Elling—Son-In-Law
of Dee Brown
Health concerns |
| Tim Pursel
Surgery 11/5 | Marie Stacy—Sister of Kitti
Paparone
Health concerns |
| George Brown
Health concerns | Regina Gelinias—Friend of
Lois Saurman
Cancer treatments |
| Barb Anderson
Health concerns | Viola Hussen—Mother of
Bonnie Higby
Health concerns |
| Bill & Hazel Cauffman
Health concerns | |
| Roberta Stengel
Testing | |

Special Concerns

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| Donna Bartie
Health concerns | Mary Ann Conover
Health concerns | Bernice Cook
Health concerns |
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Loss Of Loved Ones

Continue to pray for these members who have recently lost a mate, parent, or child.

- Stephenson Family—Loss of Dina
- Leon Markle—Loss of wife, Carolyn
- Kuznicki Family—Loss of Erin's Dad
- Mary Lou Beyers—Loss of husband, Roy

Birthdays

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| Donald Anderson—11/1 | Victoria Fischer—11/6 |
| Jill Karl—11/1 | Bonnie Higby—11/6 |
| Sandra Shelkey—11/1 | Gail Pukay—11/7 |
| Suzanne Karsnitz—11/3 | Carrie Cramer—11/7 |

Office Hours: Monday-Saturday-9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Or Call 215-519-PRAY (7129)



All Saints Day/Communion Sunday- November 1, 2020



Please bring this with you wherever you worship with us on Sunday, and sing along.

Morning Message and Scripture

"Where There Is No Vision, The People Perish"
Proverbs 29:18

Worship Music

We Rejoice In The Grace Of God

We rejoice in the grace of God poured upon our lives;
Loving-kindness has come to us because of Jesus Christ.
We rejoice in the grace of God, our hearts overflow.
What a joy to know the grace of God!

Great Is The Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

I Stand In Awe

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words;
Too wonderful for comprehension,
Like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?
You are beautiful beyond description, Majesty enthroned above.

And I stand, I stand in awe of You,
I stand, I stand in awe of You;
Holy God, to Whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of You.

Awesome In This Place

You are awesome in this place, mighty God.
You are awesome in this place, Abba Father.
You are worthy of our praise, to You our lives we raise;
You are awesome in this place, mighty God.

For All The Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Beautiful

Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is beautiful,
And Jesus makes beautiful things of my life.
Carefully touching me, causing my eyes to see,
Jesus makes beautiful things of my life.

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees:
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Now Walk With God

On God's holy Word I challenge you,
To give to the Lord your life anew.
My friend, make your choice; He waits for you,
For this is the moment of truth.

Now walk with God and He will be your dearest friend,
Where'er you go, in ev'ry thing you do.
And may your life reflect His love to ev'ry one.
Now walk with God and He will walk with you.

Don't Forget To Turn Your Clocks Back



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed this Saturday, October 31st!!!

A Note From Pastor Norm...



"BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE"...Have you ever heard of this phrase before??? Maybe you have actually been in this situation. What does this actually mean??? The origin of this idiom is found in Greek mythology. In Homer's *Odyssey*, Odysseus must pass between Charybdis, a treacherous whirlpool, and Scylla, a horrid man-eating, cliff dwelling monster. Ever since, saying one is stuck between a rock (the cliff) and a hard place (the

whirlpool) was the way of saying someone is in a dilemma.

This phrase caught hold in the USA in the early 1900s when it was used during an economic crisis. The copper mining workers faced low wages which caused a dispute between the workers and the companies in Bisbee, Arizona. The miners were between "a rock and a hard place"...do they continue to mine in terrible conditions (a rock) or do they quit and face unemployment and poverty (a hard place). The phrase became popular during The Great Depression of the 1930s.

We can say this simply by looking at some nouns to describe the situation. A person "between a rock and a hard place" is: in a bind, in a dilemma, in a predicament, in a mess, in a quandary, in a pickle, in a jam, in a no-win situation, in a catch 22...NEED I GO ON???

I, Norman Leve, feel like I am "between a rock and a hard place". In 44 years of being in full time ministry and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, I feel like... LIKE WHAT??? Like I am "between a rock and a hard place". Once again, what can you expect??? It is 2020. NOTHING IS NORMAL THIS YEAR!!! I just wanted to take this time and share with you my predicament. I feel like I am between the devil and the deep blue sea. I trust that you can then help me!!!



So...are you ready to hear my predicament???

It is a tough one. Sometimes I even question myself. However, as we reflect upon my "rock and a hard place" know that we may disagree, but hopefully you will see my heart. As we help each other struggle through tough issues in life, there is no room for a judgmental spirit...but only a spirit of love.



I come before you wearing three different hats. The first hat is that of a Fellow American. The second is that of your Pastor. While the third hat speaks to you as your Friend. It was just announced on the news this morning that they were encouraging Philadelphians to cancel all family gatherings for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. What a year...no Philly Thanksgiving Parade, no Macy's parade in NYC, no Rockettes at Radio City, and no Times Square New Year's celebration. What can I say??? This is the "rock and the hard place". So, I will just say it:

From your Fellow American: The Scriptures tell us in Romans 13:1 that "everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." Remember we are to submit to the authority of the United States unless it violates God's Word. This isn't always easy.

From your Pastor: From the depths of my heart, I remember clearly the Scripture, Hebrews 10:25, that tells us "not to give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another". It is critical to worship corporately and be involved in the ministry of your church.

From your Friend: These are tough times with tough decisions to make. Our dilemma is eight months old now...and maybe going on for many more months. How much longer do we let "the plague" paralyze us? I have talked to many people that are living in constant fear, and have altered their lives drastically. Yet, I often rarely hear them mention their trust in God to get them through. The Scriptures tell us to fear not for we will not be drowned in the water or be burned in the fire (Isaiah 43:2). We are also told that God will be with us even though we walk through the valley of death (Psalm 23).

What are my conclusions? I know we all have to make decisions that are right for our own families. I also know that each person has extenuating health problems to consider. Don't get upset. I think it is time to use your wisdom...masks, social distancing, hand washing...and come back to church. Almost 50% of our congregation have comeback while others live stream. It is also time to remember our vows to New Life Church and give biblically. Many have stopped giving when "the plague" took over. I see many people on Facebook going to other places but still won't attend church. If God can protect you in the supermarket, I am sure He will protect you in His house.

I feel better now that you are sharing this burden with me. Call me anytime if you need help from your Fellow American, your Pastor, and your Friend. See you in church.