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From Your Minister

“Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.” — Jeremiah 33:3

While we want the Christian faith to be easy, it rarely is. Faith brings struggles and frustrations that never seem to fully go away. We wrestle with suffering, doubt, silence, forgiveness, grace, and why life does not unfold the way we hoped it would. No matter how faithful we might be, we have all felt frustrated by those questions at times.

We want answers. We want relief from our fears and explanations that make everything make sense. Unfortunately, faith rarely works that way. Scripture is filled with people who wrestled with the same frustrations that we face. Job questioned. David questioned. The prophets questioned. The disciples certainly struggled to understand what God was doing at times. Faith does not mean that we have everything figured out.

Those universal struggles are part of the reason I felt led to begin a new Coffee and Conversation series called Hard Questions of Faith. For eight Wednesdays in June and July, we will spend time exploring some of the questions that we wrestle with, but are sometimes fearful to ask aloud. We will talk about suffering, unanswered prayer, doubt, forgiveness, God's silence, grace, and more. I hate to spoil the conclusion, but I will not be able to offer easy answers to every difficult question. Some questions just do not have tidy answers.

However, I do believe Scripture teaches us that God is not afraid of our questions, our frustrations, or our struggles. I hope that this time will give us a place to ask our questions and express our frustrations together. I also hope that we will see that having questions is not a lack of faith. Faith is not about having all the answers. Sometimes faith is choosing to continue seeking God in the middle of the questions.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 31, is Trinity Sunday, and the chancel color will be white. This will be a One Service Sunday, with worship at 10:00 a.m. Our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Charles McCaskey, will be preaching during the service. During worship, we will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We invite you to join us as we gather for worship and celebrate the mystery and majesty of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The service will also be streamed live on YouTube for those unable to attend in person. All are welcome as we come together as one church family for this special morning of worship.



On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together. Please note that Christian will NOT be hosting coffee time next Thursday, May 28th; he will resume on the 4th of June.

Women's Bible Study

Day & Time: Tuesdays @ Noon

Location: Foundations Sunday School Classroom

Our Women's Bible study will resume Tuesday, May 12th. The book entitled "Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind" will be the topic for the next eight weeks. It is never too late to join! Please contact Lori Varney for a study guide. Since the class is at lunchtime, feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. See you then!



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues with a study using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.

Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5. Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.





Our Twisted Stitches group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.



Sunday, May 31st, will be a One Service Sunday. We will gather for Sunday morning small groups at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together. We hope you will make plans to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family.

Other Opportunities

Angie Knight is needing 20 card tables for use in a June 14th TN Alzheimer's event. The tables would need to be brought in on June 6th. This event is being sponsored by the church Mahjong group. Please put your name on your table(s) for return to the appropriate owner. Contact Angie if you have card table to loan.



The church is sponsoring a Meal Train for Charles and Wanda McCaskey. Wanda recently fell and broke her ankle. She is unable to put any weight on her foot for seven more weeks. You can help this family by providing a hot meal; we need meals for Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays. You can sign up at the following link - <https://mealtrain.com/y0y2lm> - or contact Alice Peek at 239-5513.

You are invited to celebrate the high school graduation of Brenna Schweikert on Saturday, June 6th, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Brenna is the granddaughter of Al & Sally Beyer. This will be a "drop-in" event and you are invited to bring cards/gifts of congratulations for her graduation and best wishes for future success. All are welcome to come by.













Coffee & Conversation

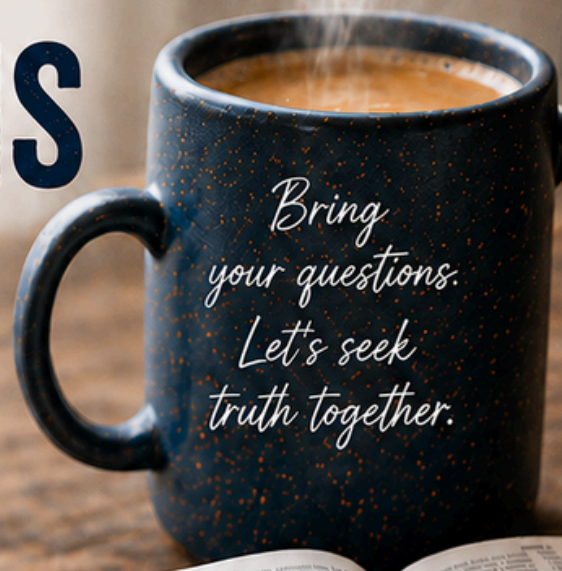


BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

HARD QUESTIONS *of* FAITH

8 WEEKS. REAL QUESTIONS.
BIBLICAL TRUTH.

-  **WEEK 1** | Why does God allow suffering?
-  **WEEK 2** | What is faith when we doubt?
-  **WEEK 3** | Why do some prayers seem unanswered?
-  **WEEK 4** | What does it mean to forgive?
-  **WEEK 5** | Why do some people seem blessed while others struggle?
-  **WEEK 6** | Why does God feel silent?
-  **WEEK 7** | Are we saved by grace or works?
-  **WEEK 8** | What happens after death?



STARTS JUNE 3!



WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM
FACEBOOK LIVE



LIVE

Grab your coffee and join the conversation.



VBX: VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE



MISSION: POSSIBLE



JULY 13-16
4:30-7:00

NURSERY-AGE 11

REGISTER
HERE

REGISTER YOUR CHILD
USING THE QR CODE ON
THE LEFT.

SMALL GROUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help with children's SMSG summer classes.

Lead games & crafts.

No teaching required.

Contact **Cindy P., Jodi, or Christian** to sign up.

Stewardship Report

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Commitments - \$ Undesignated - \$ Other - \$

This week's offering information will be posted in next week's edition of the Midweek Manna.



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

Prayer Concerns

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- Bailee Brown - breast cancer - Caleb Cashion's sister
- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- Jim Dixon - surgery
- Tammy Stephenson - liver cancer
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Margaret Weaver - Evon Maggart's sister - hospice
- Unspoken Requests

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC

Cancer Treatment:

- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's niece
- Becky Hull
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Janet Lapoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin

