

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 9, 2020

Worship Leader: Pastor Bill Clark
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Robert Hurlburt, Kevin Hilinski
Audio: Chaz Owens/Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Vanessa Mayhew
10:30 (*Worship*): Amber Popovitch, Lauri Volkert
Toddler Time: Anita Hilinski, Reagan Hilinski
Coffee Clean-up: Ohlund
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-
No Evening Service*

February 16, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Jeff Hofmann, Christopher Caples
Audio: Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Julie Craig, Elisabeth Craig
Toddler Time: Mary Wiley, Siobhan Sinnamon
Coffee Clean-up: Pat Mayo
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday		Happy Valentine's Day
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:00 AM	Prayer for the Nations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

SNAC YOUTH GROUP SUPPORT LETTER WRITING

All YOU(th) who will be Fairmonting in WV this summer – stop by Sherry's (124 Pine Hill Road, Tolland) between the hours of **9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 15th**. Sherry will help you write and print your support letters. This is a **MUST** if you're going on the trip so call Sherry (860) 490-8810 for an alternate date if you can't come on the 15th and don't forget to bring at least 12 addresses (including zips) of the folks you want to ask for support. Want to save time? Email addresses to Sherry at any.robison@gmail.com beforehand and she'll have your letters ready and waiting. (But don't forget to indicate how the letter should be addressed inside; i.e., "Dear Great-aunt Eustace..." or "Dear Gran-ma-ma...") Oh, and please – PLEASE! – bring your own first class stamps.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive here at PCC. It will be held on **Tuesday, February 25th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. You can make an appointment to donate online at the Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org/give-blood. One donation can save up to 3 lives!

PCC BOOK CLUB

The next PCC Book Club meeting will be on **Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM, at the church**. We will be discussing the classic exploration of Christian community, "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Any questions, please see Mark Popovitch.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 14:3-21.

BOOKLET TABLE

The booklet table in the narthex has recently been restocked. You may take them for yourself to read or give them to someone whom you think might benefit from them. Please take only 2 or 3 at a time and read and profit from them before getting other ones. Materials taken may be returned if they are still in essentially new condition.

PCC DIRECTORY

We are finally getting close to printing a new photo directory but wanted to send out one "last call" for photos. If you would like to submit a photo (or update the one you've already submitted since a year has already passed since then), please email it to Danielle Bolliger at office@coventrypca.church by end of day **TODAY**.

LOVE PACKAGES

There is a ministry located in Butler, IL called Love Packages, check it out @ www.lovepackages.org which accepts Bibles, Christian literature (devotionals, studies, Sunday school lessons, CDs and magazines etc. - no VHS, cassettes however) and sends boxes of materials to Christians around the world who do not have the abundance that we enjoy here in the USA. Please do not throw those tracts, devotionals etc. into the trash or recycle bin! Please join me



in donating your used literature and CDs to this wonderful organization. There is a box labeled in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, contact Carey Hurlburt.

THE FAITHFUL SPY VISITS COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL

I'm very thankful for our denomination's magazine By Faith, and here's why: last year the magazine featured an article about a new graphic novel, *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot To Kill Hitler* by John Hendrix. Intrigued, I ordered the book, and while reading a hopeful idea took hold. Maybe, just maybe could my students read this book? I wanted to create a new unit, using this book as the anchor text. I prayed, asking for God's leading and grace as I wrote the book proposal to my English department. I asked the reading specialist to read the book. She loved it and thought it would be an excellent text for the students. The proposal was accepted and I now have 60 graphic novels in my room, ready to be placed in the hands of students. Praise the Lord! None of my kids have heard of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This amazing book recounts Bonhoeffer's spiritual journey, his love for the Lord, and his decision to work against evil. I humbly ask for your prayers. Pray that God would incline my students' hearts toward him and that he would see fit to use this book to cause them to seek him while he may be found. Please pray also for me. That I would have discernment in discussions and that the joy of the Lord will be my strength.

Thank you for being a part of this journey with me and my students.

In Christ,

Debbie Goodale

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

A View from the Summit

Matthew 17:1-13

Main Preaching Point: That you may faithfully walk in the cross-centered path of the Lord Jesus, behold the majesty of Christ by hearing his Word and delighting in his presence

The Transfiguration of Christ Reveals:

- The need to see/behold the Majesty of Christ (v.1-2)
- The challenge of spiritual intimacy (v.3-7)
- The voice worthy of our attention (v.5-7)
- The way of suffering that marks Christ & his followers (v.9-13)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 17:1-13

Title: A View from the Summit

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

The need to see/behold the Majesty of Christ (v.1-2)

2. Read v.1-2. What is significant about the location of this event? See Exodus 19:1-3, 1 Kings 18:20-21, Matthew 5:1, 28:16. Discuss.

- What happened to Jesus in the transfiguration? What was the purpose? (think about what the disciples previously heard about the Lord's necessary suffering and death, as well as their own cross-bearing) (16:21, 24).
- In v.2 & 5, Jesus shines and glows with a tremendous radiance. Read Hebrews 1:3 and 2 Corinthians 4:6. Though

Peter, James, and John saw with their physical eyes the majesty of Christ, how does the light of Christ shine in believers today? Explain.

- Discuss the practical ways that the majesty and glory of Christ should influence our daily living.

The challenge of spiritual intimacy (v.3-7)

3. Read v.3-7. What does the appearance of Moses and Elijah represent and why is it important?

- Why does Peter intend to make three tents for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus? Are there any ways in which believers seek to do that today? Explain.
- What do these verses reveal about the Christian's challenge to rightly live out a spiritual intimacy with the Lord Jesus? Explain. Read Luke's account in Luke 9:32. What additional information does Luke provide that reveals the challenge the disciples have in beholding the Lord Jesus?

The voice worthy of our attention (v.5-7)

4. Read v.5-7. How do these words relate to Matthew 3:16-17? How do v.5-7 reveal the centrality of the Word of Jesus? Read Hebrews 1:1-2 and relate.

- Discuss practical ways to keep the Word of Jesus central in the midst of the competing "voices" in the world?

The way of suffering that marks Christ & his followers (v.9-13)

5. Read v.9-13. Though it was a "mountain-top experience" Jesus and the disciples must come down the mountain? What do these verses reveal about the necessary suffering and death of Christ as well as the call of the disciples to suffer for the name of Christ? Explain.