

Crystal Congregational Church

September 2019 Newsletter

Pastor's Desk

I was recently asked what the difference was between a translation of the Bible and a paraphrase of the bible. A paraphrase is a re-telling of something in your own words. A translation attempts to communicate as much "word for word" or "thought for thought" as possible. The paraphrase attempts to take the meaning of a word or thought and put it in the author's words. Perhaps the most popular paraphrase of the Bible is "The Message" by Eugene Peterson. While it is much easier to read it isn't always correct in its interpretation of the original word. We have to remember it is what the author thinks is trying to be said. Many people will use a paraphrase as their reading Bible, reading straight through it. My personal feeling is that a paraphrase should not be used as a *primary* but rather use it for reading just like you would read a novel. Other paraphrase Bibles include, The Living Bible, The Passion Translation, Power Up and several others. Translations include KJV (King James Version, first published in 1611 and edited by newspaper editors, not Bible Scholars.) The RSV (Revised Standard Version, NT published in 1946 with entire Bible published in 1952. This was a revision of the ASV American Standard Version. The NIV - New International Version- published the New Testament in 1973 and the entire Bible in 1978. It has since gone through several revisions, mostly dealing with gender.

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Month of July

Following is a look at the church's financial Health for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020

July Collections	\$6,179.74
July Budgeted	<u>\$6,764.00</u>
Income Over(Under) Budget	\$(584.26)

July Expenses	\$5,707.53
July Budgeted	<u>\$7,300.00</u>
Expenses Over(Under) Budget	\$(1,592.47)

YTD Collections	\$14,133.11
YTD Budgeted	<u>\$15,219.00</u>
Income Over(Under) Budget	\$(1,085.89)

YTD Expenses	\$10,997.86
YTD Budgeted	<u>\$16,425.00</u>
Expenses Over(Under) Budget	\$(5,427.14)

YTD Collections	\$14,133.11
YTD Expenses	<u>\$10,997.86</u>
Income Over(Under) Expenses	\$3,135.25



AUTUMN is a second spring
when every **LEAF**
becomes a
Flower.

THINKING OF YOU

“Thinking of You” cards are in the pews and we encourage you to use these cards to send someone an uplifting note. If you don’t know the person’s address, just put their name on it and the secretary will try to complete the address and make sure that person receives your note. You may place the card in the offering plate and postage will be paid by the church. This is a great way to share God’s love and to let others know they are being prayed for and thought of.

PRAYER NEEDS

- Mary Jane Bills
- Sylvia Bogart
- Ellie Cecil and her Honduras Mission
- Patricia Daley
- Jeannette Ellsworth
- Food Bank
- Nicole Pritchard Keyes
- IM Kids
- Dan Janzen Family and Mission
- Ben Merchant
- Bill & Marcia Seiter
- Many unspoken prayers*

Lay Help Needed

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to help with the children’s story, announcements, joy’s/concern’s and prayer during our 5th Sunday services. Next one is September 29th. Please let Jan Weber or Ried know if you can help in any way.



Following is a list of Birthdays and Anniversaries for the **Month of September** for people of our church. If yours is missing or wrong, please inform the church office, so that we are up to date.

Birthdays

- 7 Kim Duflo
- 7 Chad Potter
- 10 Cathie Merchant
- 14 Nick Duflo
- 15 Paige Ledin
- 15 Judie Schiel
- 17 Tia Jolls
- 20 Carol Lau
- 22 Amy Duflo
- 23 Mel Schnepf
- 24 James Winslow Jr.
- 27 David Brand
- 29 Phil Lake

Anniversaries

- 7 Glenn & Carol Baxter
- 12 David & Kathy Beno
- 13 Matt & Heather Dempsey
- 20 Walt & Tammy Ledin
- 22 David & Marcie Brand
- 23 Mark & Kelli Richards
- 26 Jack & Diana Michalek



READERS

- 1 Ben Merchant
- 8 Michaela Burnham
- 15 Shannon & Lisa Weber Family
- 22 Karen Merchant
- 29 Bohlen Family

USHERS & GREETERS

- 1 Steve & Diane Finch, Ben Merchant
- 8 Michaela Burnham & kids, and Anthony & Heidi and boys
- 15 Shannon & Lisa Weber and family
- 22 Scott & Libbie Matteson, and Karen Merchant
- 29 The Bohlen Family

COMMUNION

- 15 Connie Blanchard, Kristie Steere, Karen Merchant, Jan Weber (prepares)



Family Fun-N-Food

September 4th will be a potluck. Come join us for a terrific meal and wonderful company. Bring a dish to pass and your table service.

MAIL BOXES

Please be sure to check your mail box every time you visit the church. If you do not have a mail box, please be sure to let Barb Duflo know.



September Meetings

- 3 6:30 p.m. Diaconate
- 10 5:15 p.m. Trustee's
- 10 6:00 p.m. Prudential

IT'S OUR DAY!



Women's Fellowship

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday each month - September through May. Our September meeting will be at Lorraine Shoen's at 7:00 p.m. We will be revealing our secret prayer pals. Come even if you didn't have a prayer pal as "the more the merrier". If you need directions or a ride, please let Gail Byers, Sharon Woodman, Jeanne McNutt or Barb Duflo know.



Creative Quilters

Tuesdays starting September 9th, 9:30 a.m. – noon. If you have any questions about what creative quilters is please talk with Carol Lau



Why mothers drink!

A Mother passing by her son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then she saw an envelope propped up prominently on the pillow that was addressed to Mom. With the worst premonition she opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

Dear Mom,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Dad and you.

I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it's not only the passion..... Mom, she's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy. In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it. Don't worry Mom. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren.

Love,
Your Son John

P.S. Mom, none of the above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the report card that's in my center desk drawer.

I love you.

Call me when it's safe to come home





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CRYSTAL CLOTHING CLOSET

Distributions September will be held on

the 14th & 28th at the

Crystal Community Center

9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Donations are welcome. – HELP needed

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