

St John Church of Christ

November 3, 2019

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Jerry

Gathering Song: No. 155 Highest Place

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Kolton

Galatians 6:7 - 10

Songs

No. 570 A Beautiful Life

No. 576 Honor Medley

No. 779 I Love You, Lord

Prayer: Richard

Song: No. 359 I Love the Lord

Communion: Tom

assisted by Teddy, Stan, Fred

Song: No. 578 We Will Glorify

(Children may go to Children's Bible Hour during the singing of the last verse)

Lesson: Lord, Teach Us to Pray
Luke 11:1 - 13

Song No. No. 904 Have You Been to Jesus? (1st Verse)

Prayer: Ben

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A Prayer for Those of Us with Silver Hair

At St. John, we are calling November "The Month of Prayer." Each of the lessons will focus on prayer with the worship service on November 24 being devoted to prayer.

To help us pray daily, be sure to pick up one our of "30 Days of Prayer" brochures with a suggested topic to pray about each day this month.

Here is one of my favorite prayers. It comes from the German children's book author, Margot Benary-Isbert (1889-1979). She moved to the United States from Post-war Germany in 1952 and became a United States citizen in 1957.

While Benary-Isbert wrote for children, I especially like her "Prayer of an Anonymous Abbess" which was written for those of us with "silver hair."

John

Prayer of an Anonymous Abbess

Lord, thou knowest better than myself that I am growing older and will soon be old. Keep me from becoming too talkative, and especially from the unfortunate habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and at every opportunity.

Release me from the idea that I must straighten out other peoples' affairs. With my immense treasure of experience and wisdom, it seems a pity not to let everybody partake of it. But thou



Margot Benary-Isbert

knowest, Lord, that in the end I will need a few friends.

Keep me from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Grant me the patience to listen to the complaints of others; help me to endure them with charity. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains -- they increase with the increasing years and my inclination to recount them is also increasing.

I will not ask thee for improved memory, only for a little more humility and less self-assurance when my own memory doesn't agree with that of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Keep me reasonably gentle. I do not have the ambition to become a saint -- it is so hard to live with some of them -- but a harsh old person is one of the devil's masterpieces.

Make me sympathetic without being sentimental, helpful but not bossy. Let me discover merits where I had not expected them, and talents in people whom I had not thought to possess any. And, Lord, give me the grace to tell them so.

Amen

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More About Us

Meeting Times

- **Sundays**
 - ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30 A.M.
 - ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00 A.M.
 - ◇ Worship 11:00 A.M.
- **Wednesdays**
 - ◇ Community Bible Study 2:00 P.M.
 - ◇ Dinner & Devo 6:30 P.M.
 - ◇ Bible Classes 7:15 P.M.
- **Every Other Monday**
 - ◇ Ladies' Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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News & Notes

Wednesday Bible Studies Resume

Wednesdays are going to be special this fall. First, we will have a community Bible study at 2:00 in the afternoon in the Fellowship Hall. John will be teaching from the book of Ephesians.

Then join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M. for dinner. At 7:00 we'll sing a few songs, share in prayer and then the children will begin an exciting class in the Fellowship Hall while the adults will move upstairs for a lively small group discussion class on Spiritual Warfare. The program will end promptly at 8:00 P.M.

Ladies' Bible Class is Back!

Last Monday night, we had our first Ladies' Bible Class of the fall. We are discussing Ecclesiastes. Join us every other Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. The next class is November 11th. See Cheyenne or Joy for details.

Quotable

"There are few deathbed conversions. You don't generally go from being ornery and cantankerous to being a saint. What usually happens is you go from being ornery and cantankerous to being an absolute monster. Dying doesn't change us, it intensifies our personality." Barbara Karnes RN, in *The Final Act of Living: Reflections of a Longtime Hospice Nurse*.

For Your Prayers

November has been designated our "Month of Prayer." Learn more by picking up one of the flyers in the foyer and joining us!

Please remember Marla's cousin, Rick Toland, who is struggling with cancer.