

November 13, 2020

Dear Friends,

We – the Church – are people who remember. We remember Christ – his life, his death, his resurrection. At the Communion table we remember Jesus' words as we receive the bread and cup: "Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) Jesus invites us to reminisce, to recall him. He is present through the Holy Spirit.

In *The Broken Way*, Ann Voskamp names our forgetfulness and calls us to remember: "...Anxiety can come out of nowhere. Get busy, get distracted, and you can forget God. Forget God, and you lose your mind and your peace. Forget God, and all you remember is anxiety. Anxiety can give you God-Alzheimer's. Forget the face of God, and you forget your own name is Beloved."

Let us remember God. Every. Single. Day. God is revealed through Jesus Christ. What's God like? Look to Jesus. Notice what God tells you about yourself through Jesus. You are loved. You are significant. You are worth his life.

May we jog each other's memory about who God is and about who we are. In this letter you will hear multiple ways you can choose to have your memory jogged.

Praying with the Psalmists: Gratitude (November 25, 7 p.m.)

Gratitude is the theme of November's Praying with the Psalmists in-person gathering at the church building. We will remember God and thank him for his faithfulness and goodness. Matt Bellefeuille and Melody Bellefeuille-Frost will facilitate a time of hearing scripture, engaging in reflection and prayer. Jesse Duncan will lead us in worship through music. We will celebrate Communion. Check out our most up-to-date [Guidelines for Worship at Sunnyside](#) and please [register here](#). Please bring a Bible and notebook and pen.

Christmas Eve

We plan to gather for in-person candlelight Christmas Eve services on December 24, adhering to all Covid-related guidelines. Registration will open next Friday, November 20. Please plan to sign up right away so that we know how to proceed. We will increase the number of services in response to your interest.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

As we give thanks and recall Christ's lifestyle of givenness for us we are freed up to be givers as well. This week's theme is Giving. Over two years ago Tim Amirault approached me to say there are some things he would like to share with our community about a generous life. We will have the pleasure of hearing from him this coming Sunday.

For a Zoom link, [contact me](#).

*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering the meeting.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

Next Sunday (November 22) we will celebrate Sunnyside's 99th anniversary. Get ready to meet some of our newest Sunnysiders as they give their testimonies.

Sunday School for grades 4-6 at 11:15 a.m.

You may 'send' your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m. Please request a Zoom link [here](#).

Tuesday Prayer Gathering: November 17

Please send in your [prayer requests](#). The prayer team remembers you in prayer on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

I began each morning of my recent retreat praying this prayer which has been attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. (There are some beautiful musical versions to be found online.) You may wish to join me:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much
Seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is dying that we are born to eternal life.*

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)