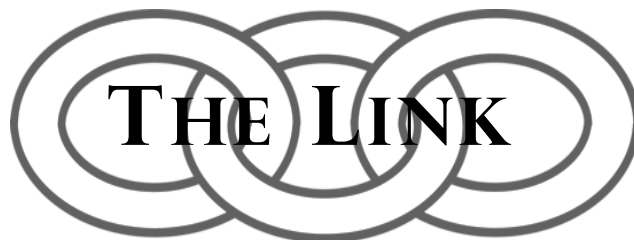


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What Kind of Church Are We?

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

During this time of the year we have a large number of new residents in our adjoining communities. They are here as new employees, new college students, and returning students, and soon they will be shopping for a church home. One crucial piece of document that will be instructive for these new residents is the Mission and Vision Statements of the churches they will initially visit. Incidentally, one month ago we completed a new Church Brochure, which contains our newly revised Mission and Vision Statements.

The Mission Statement describes the reason our church exists and helps guide decisions about our priorities, actions, and responsibilities. 1 Peter 2:9 describes the church as “... *a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellences of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*” Please join me in disseminating our new Church Brochure and verbally spreading information about what we do well as a church family. Let us be willing, excited and passionate about inviting and welcoming newcomers to our church.

One critical word of exhortation is that we should endeavor to transcend the traditional mold of churches by reaching out with open arms in ways that capture the admiration of all visitors. The way we welcome visitors says much more about us in either negative or positive ways than we may imagine. Darby Jones “Five types of church visitors: Are you ready for them?” offers us a description of the following three types of churches in our community. Which one do we identify with?

- **Stationary** churches say, “You are welcome to join us.” If visitors fit the existing culture, they become members. If not, they usually leave.
- **Medley** churches welcome diversity because they know they should. This model looks and sounds beautiful. However, if the church does not welcome the rituals of different ethnicities, and nationalities, eventually visitors will look for the exit sign.
- **Transformer** churches welcome all newcomers along with their unique gifts from God. They like new ideas, advocate for people and aren't afraid to change the culture & their community (Jones, 2015).

Jones argues that welcoming visitors means initiating relationships with people who potentially will become members of our faith family. Our welcoming ministry should aim to encourage visitors to return. All members should endeavor to know what to do to encourage our visitors to become a part of our church. In short, just as it is advantageous to know about our church's reason to exist, (Cont. on Page 2, center column.)

Worship Servants

September 1

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Valerie Bandemer
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Gretchen Young

September 8

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
Scripture: Ginny Chase
Offering: Loretta Hirschman
Kids' Moment: Clara White
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Pot Luck

September 15

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
Scripture: Steve Wenthe
Offering: Kathy Gosnell
Kids' Moment: Clara White
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Roberta Miller

September 22

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Mark Heintz
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment: Clara White
Greeter: Chris Statts
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Ginny Chase

September 29

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
Scripture: Kathy Gosnell
Offering: Loretta Hirschman
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Chris Statts
Fellowship: TBD
Nursery: BOCE

our priorities, and responsibilities, we need to know something about the types of visitors we welcome week after week. Who are they and what they seek are questions we should strive to get answers for. Jones argued that the ability to identify different types of visitors can help us to understand what each seeks. The following is a list of the types of visitors we welcome to our church:

- **Dissatisfied** visitors are looking for a "better church." Either our church has what they are looking for or it doesn't. Their decision about returning will be based on these criteria.
- **Invited** visitors come at the request of someone they know. They may not be looking for a church, but they may find a reason to return and stay.
- **Seekers** want something spiritual. They look for real people with genuine smiles. They want authentic answers to their questions.
- **Skippers** jump from church to church. Some like to meet people or network. Others are transient, moving on when something doesn't suit them. Sometimes their job calls for continual travel.
- **Deep-rooted** visitors are active in their church and looking for a place to settle in for the long haul. When they move into a community, they are usually ready to serve (Jones, 2015). Surely, knowledge of what different visitors seek can guide us as we get to know them and help them understand whether our congregation is a good spiritual fit. The truth is that we want visitors to settle in with us. I pray that we all will become intentional about reaching new people and connecting them to the life of our church and to a personal relationship with Jesus.

Yours truly, Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion,
 Pastor



And attend!!

Prayer

9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study

10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays,
 starting 9/11

Deacons' Meeting

10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6
 @ Val Bandemer's

Advisory Council

6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9

Trustee's Mtg.

6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17

Cabinet Mtg.

6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24

Mission Committee

1:15 PM, Friday, Sept. 19

Interfaith League

4:00 p.m., Sept. 19

Link Inputs due to
 Sharon Scurlock Sept. 18



- 3 - Gretchen Young
- 4 - Jace Morse
- 5 - Clara White
- 8 - Zachary Dubois
- 12 - Isabella Goff
- 13 - Ellie Morse
- 17 - Connie Harper
- 19 - Erick Pires
- 22 - Laurel Heisig
- 27 - Dustin Pires



Looking Ahead:
Sept. 8 - Family & Grandparents Day
Sept. 29 - Music Sunday (no Sermon)

Oct. 20 - Uno's Dough-raiser for Harvest Home Habitat

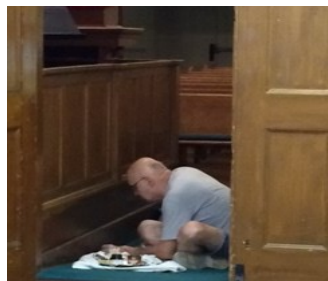
The kids are back in school. Please watch for them, and be sure to stop going both ways for a stopped school bus. The kids are gifts from God.



"Shine Your Armour!"

*(Tribute to our Pastor,
 the Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion by Mrs. Evelyn M. Shoots)*

We love to hear our Pastor laugh!
 And feel so blessed within his staff.
 Togetherness is how we feel,
 For unity with God is real!
 The comfort which our Father planned
 Releases peace: we feel His hand!
 We find God's smile within His Words --
 His sense of humor reaches herds!
 Deep healing comes as we will see
 God's mighty power brings
 Victory!
 Praise God!
 Psalm 100



We are so thankful for our faithful Church mice.

The Church Directory has been updated. There are copies on the table in the Fellowship Hall, and it is posted on the Web Site. Look for the red folder.

Help me keep it up to date.

♥ **MISSIONS** ♥
Spreading God's Love

During the month of July, we collected \$87.10 for Cameron

School Supplies. During the month of August we didn't take up a Noisy Offering, but we did request that you leave something behind in the form of non-perishable personal items that food stamps do not cover. Thank you very much for all that you do to help in every way. The Intercessory Prayer Breakfast was marvelous and very inspirational. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a fantastic event, and a Special Thanks to all who attended the event. The Mission Committee is busy as usual. During the month of September, we will collect the World Mission Offering for 2019. Please note that during the months of September & October, the American Baptist congregations across America come together to support this ministry financially every year because it is important in transforming the world. God uses us in his ministry. Our theme is "Let the Living Water Flow." We will focus on Evangelism and Discipleship, Education and Immigrants, and Refugees. Again we would like to collect a minimum of \$500.00, This is one of our four main offerings that is not covered in our annual budget. We thank you in advance for your donations. You are truly a very generous congregation. Our Noisy Offering will go to Evy and Evie's Food Ministry in September. The Mission Committee will meet again on September 19, 2019 at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mission Committee

Dear Church Family,

If you would like to purchase one or more of Mom, Evy Lynn's Book, "Grove of Grace," please see Evie. They make great birthday & Christmas gifts for family & friends.

A generous tithe will be given to our Church for each book sold.



*Grove of Grace
 By Evelyn Marie Shoots*

Pictures from the Prayer Breakfast & Tent Crusade



The Harvest Home/Thrivent Coalition is making progress on 96 Holworthy Street. The home is being built for a Somalian family. There are four homes being built around that corner. Volunteers are needed to complete the Coalition home.

96 Holworthy