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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."
Philippians 4:6-8.

As I write this, Palm Sunday and Easter have passed and we missed being in church on these two greatest Sundays of the year. Everything is in a state of flux; things are being cancelled, restaurants, churches, public events are now closed. All due to the coronavirus everything is or at least seems to be in turmoil; April is not like what it should be. But despite this March and April madness we can still have great joys as we move into May.

And that comes from not filling our hearts and minds with things we cannot control, but having faith and trusting in God for everything. When we do that, God's peace cancels out hysteria and panic. As Christians, we need to remember we are the hands and feet of Jesus

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While I'm On My Feet!

every day to all those in our world, who may need Him more than ever before. During this time when people are unsettled about things, think on how you can take one small step each day to reflect Jesus' love to those you meet.

Let's turn the circumstances we find ourselves in into something positive all for the greater good. Share the joy you know that Jesus is your LORD and SAVIOR and let HIS light shine through you to everyone every day.

Let's pray that our churches and society life will be somewhat back to normal. **—Pastor Cliff**

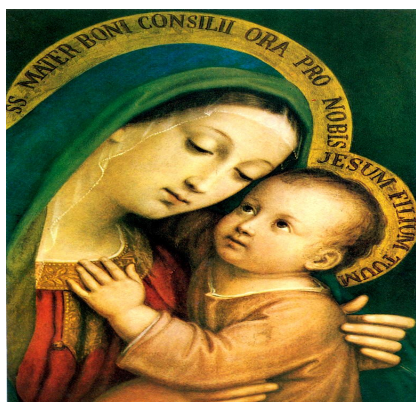
Pastor Cliff's sermons can be seen on Sundays on **Youtube** at [carlislechristianchurch](http://carlislechristianchurch.com), on the church website at www.carlislechristianchurch.com or on our Church's Facebook page.

Sermon titles and Scriptures for the month are... May 3rd "Would you Like to Live Forever?" **John 10:1-10**, May 10th (Mother's Day) "The Secret to Happiness" **John 14:1-14**, May 17th "A Robot in the Pulpit" **John 14:15-21**, May 24th (Memorial Sunday) "The Scariest Job Interview" **Acts 1:6-14**, May 31st "The Wind Came" **Acts 2:1-21**.



"When Jesus was passing by, two men sitting by the road cried out to Him. When Jesus asked what they wanted they answered, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." When imagining Jesus walking over and asking ME the same question, how would I respond? Yes, I have bills to pay, but I'm not sure "pay my bills!" would be the right answer—it would give only TEMPORARY relief. After some thought it is realized that the answer is right there in the scripture, "Lord, let my eyes be opened!" To see God's mysteries, to open one's ears to the truth of Jesus Christ, to open my mind, this precious gift brings me closer to God.

CARLISLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS...



CHURCH OPEN SUNDAY 5/3

On Sunday, May 3rd the church will be open during Pastor Cliff's sermon at 10:00 am for those who wish to attend. It is your choice whether to come and **we ask that you observe social distancing and sit away from each other if you decide to come. You are encouraged to wear a mask if you have one and hand sanitizers are located in the pews for your use.** Pastor Cliff's sermon will still be available for viewing on youtube at carlislechristianchurch.com, the website at www.carlislechristianchurch.com and on the church's Facebook page.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The updated page of the Center for disease Control confirmed that as of 4:00 pm Saturday the 26th total number of COVID 19 cases in the United States was 957,875 with deaths totaling 53,922 in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Half of those cases are those above the age of 45 and half of the cases are those below the age of 45. State and local

Health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases, and the state estimates are more up to date than the CDC estimates.

SUMMER CAMP 2020 UPDATE

The Camp Council for the Upper Midwest camping program held an emergency meeting to discuss evolving plans for the 2020 camp season. It was decided that not enough information was available to determine if summer camp will proceed as scheduled, but several contingency plans were discussed in case the season were interrupted by coronavirus concerns. It was decided to wait no longer than **Friday, May 8th** to decide if some sessions will be cancelled, combined, or shortened. For now camp directors will proceed to plan their events as if they will occur as originally scheduled.

DON'T FORGET THAT GIVING IS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

Please keep supporting your church during this health crisis. The ministry of the church continues (and even expands) during this time when none of us are using the buildings. Please don't let your absence from the building result in a lack of financial support. There are many ways to give, including on-line (www.carlislechristianchurch.com).

FREEDOM FOR YOUTH UPDATE

We often hear the term "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." So the question to ask is, "how have we been able to make lemonade?"

One of the ways is by doing more with digital media for our program dept. Ironically, one year ago we were asking ourselves "can we do on-line meetings if for no other reason than to supplement our program?" Fast forward to the present, where COVID 19 concerns have forced more on-line solutions, and we are regularly have Zoom meetings with all sites and volunteers. At "Freedom from Home," our website, kids can find weekly bible verses, bible lessons, skits, and craft projects using items found in kids' homes.

God makes the promise to never change, to remain faithful to each of us, so how could WE do any less for HIM? If you would like to donate to us, or if you would like to order our Freedom

Blend Coffee Beans to help support us financially, you can go to freedomforyouth.org/donate. There is a special offer right now, you get 1 lb. of coffee free when you subscribe for coffee bean orders.





"Memorial Sunday is May 24th when we remember those we have lost in the past year."

May 4th

Heather Dayton

May 4th

Rudy Graham

May 7th

Joan Mills

May 9th

Cheree Miller-Gathercole

May 10th

Becca Miller

May 12th

Emily Nordyke

May 15th

Gerry Baker

May 19th

Vincent Nordyke

May 20th

Andred Chastain

May 21st

Cheryl Chastain

May 27th

Mike Killen

May 28th

Wendy Bellus

May 31st

Arlene Rawson

*In the military**Greg Wilbur**Justin Miller**Niklas Polson**Joshua Wesner**Tara Wesner*Please keep in your prayers

Pat Brehse

Les Dorsey

Tom Hall & Family

Joe Lang

Ben Lawrence

Lacresa Lee

Jerry Mayes

Andrea Hamm/Phipps Family

Nancy

Charlotte Pugh

Adeline Rhoten

Wilma Rothfus

Bill Sloan

Kay Tilton

Ruby Warren

Max Warren

Dee Wilbur

William



"Sunday, May 31st is Pentecost, when the fire of the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus Christ."

DEACONS

Team 1: Gerry Baker, Jim Watkins, Marilyn Hayes, Judy Watkins. **Team 2:** Marci Palar, Laura Rothfus, Rodger Rothfus, Heather Dayton. **Team 3:** Bob Stuyvesant, Mark Prall, Steve Thompson, Becky Rickabaugh. **Team 4:** Shirley Patterson, Louanna Pezzetti, Sherril Owens, Patsy Overton. **Team 5:** Cindy Berg, Craig Price, Diana Prall, Kayla Price. **Alternates:** Ethan Overton, Pat Reynolds (989-3846), or Mike Killen (480-6082).

May 3rd : Team 1May 10th : Team 2May 17th : Team 3May 24th : Team 4May 31st : Team 5ELDERSMay 3rd :

Kathy Betzer & Dan Crum

May 10th :

Gloria Graham & Sharon Bittner

May 17th :

Justin Chastain & TBA

May 24th :

Dan Crum & Kathy Betzer

May 31st :

Sharon Bittner & Gloria Graham

(1st person listed is Communion Elder)

WEEK OF COMPASSION 2020

How is it that there are enough resources on our planet to feed the entire world, and yet so many hunger? As people of faith, what is our role in a world where the gap between the rich and the poor only seems to widen? How do we ensure that all of God's children get their fair share? When the apostle Paul visited the early churches in Macedonia, they became excited about the ministry opportunities laid before them. These early followers of Jesus couldn't help but get caught up in Paul's zeal for the ways God was working in their midst. They actually pleaded to be a part of the "service to the saints" Paul spoke of while visiting their community—despite their own poverty. This "ministry to the saints," referred to in his second letter to the Corinthians is another name for the offering Paul and the early churches were organizing for those in Jerusalem suffering from a devastating famine. The offering was considered a living out of one's faith, a spiritual calling—a ministry.

To organize a church-wide offering, a relief fund if you will (Week of Compassion is not original!) was not only practical, it was also a visible expression of their Christian unity. This offering was a way for Paul to unite all believers and to provide a way for them to care for one another—even if they did not know each other personally. For the churches in Macedonia and Corinth, many of them would never see or meet the Christians they were helping in Jerusalem. So their ecumenical offering was a concrete representation of the Gospel: that in Christ there truly was no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, rich or poor—no longer separation or division, but unity in Christ.

Everyone, regardless of economic or social location, has a gift to give. God supplies the gifts and resources so that we can give back. After all, none of what the early followers of Jesus gave was really theirs, right? Because all that we have is God's! We're simply giving back to God what is already God's. In giving to God, we give to others. Our gifts will be part of transforming a life, a community, and indeed, the whole world.

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus the Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). This is what God has given; through our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ the Good News has been shared with us so that we never doubt that we have all we need, and in turn ensure that others get what they need. "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance" (2 Cor 8:12-13).

Our abundance becomes their need and their need becomes our abundance. Have you ever thought of it this way? We could achieve a fair balance across the globe by sharing what we have, out of our abundance. "It is not with your own wealth that you give alms to the poor," asserted St. Ambrose, "But with a fraction of their own which you give back; for you are usurping for yourself something meant for the common good of all. The earth is for everyone, not only for the rich."

Through Week of Compassion we have the opportunity to act as the body of Christ by giving what we have. This is the offering, the "ministry to the saints" that Paul was promoting.

This is still our ministry, all these centuries later, through Week of Compassion—not only by this church family, but across the country by Christians of many denominations contributing to an ecumenical offering which has shared abundance for the meeting of needs for almost 70 years.

Together, we can make sure that everyone—yes, every single one of God's children, our sisters and brothers—get their fair share, bringing about a world the way God intended it to be. Ready to change the world?



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**MOTHER'S DAY IS
SUNDAY, MAY 10TH**

Even if we are not able to all be together like we usually are for Mother's Day, we should honor all the mothers of our congregation for all they have done in each person's lives. Try to think of little ways to cheer them up with a card or note or phone call, especially in this uncertain time. Happy Mother's Day to you all!

**PASTOR CLIFF
DELIVERS SUNDAY
SERMONS ONLINE**

This Sunday, May 3rd and continuing temporarily, Pastor Cliff will deliver his sermon on-line. If you have a computer or a smart-phone, you can listen by going to **Youtube Channel: CarlisleChristianChurch, also the church website**

www.carlislechristianchurch.com or on our church Facebook page. If you would like to take communion, Pastor Cliff will bless the elements at the end of the sermon and you can have your own

bread & grape juice ready at home.

***Church Donations from
3/1/20-3/31/20...***

General fund offering (envelope) 46 total contributions for \$3,579

Loose offering 3 total contributions for \$144

Scholarships 3 total contributions for \$100

Week of Compassion 1 contribution for \$4.26

One of our service people, Tara Wesner, has been called up for duty (nurse practitioner) to Boston to help with the COVID 19 emergency. Please continue to support her and others in prayer.

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