

Keep the Mountain State Children’s Home Collection in mind. Here are some suggestions for what to collect. The need goes on despite COVID-19. Pick up will be at the end of the month.

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| Canned peaches, pears,
Pineapple, mandarin
oranges | Vegetable Oil
Jam or Jelly
Cereal | Crackers
Individual
Chips/snacks for
lunches | Mouthwash
Disposable Razors
Q-Tips |
| Chopped Jalapenos
Black Olives
Spaghetti Sauce (plastic
Jars) | Pancake Mix
Cake Mixes
Mac and Cheese
Nuts | Instant Breakfast
100% Fruit Juices
Tea Bags | Ibuprofen,
acetaminophen
Cold Medicines |



Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6:19:21)



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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

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Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Bill Gregory’s office hours are from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. (Please call to make sure he is in before stopping by)

Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 06/07 35

Budget \$2484.00

Contribution 06/07 \$5064.00

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The Reproaches of Those Who Reproached you Have Fallen on Me

“Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel. Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother’s children; because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me” (Psalm 69:6-9).

How do you view the sins you have committed? All of us have sinned (Romans 3:23), but every person does not view the sins they have committed the same way. Some treat their sins lightly because “everyone else is doing it”, while others continue to carry the guilt of their sins around with them even after God has forgiven them. How should we view our sins? In Psalm 69 we get an idea of just how ugly our sins are.

Psalm 69 was written by David but contains numerous prophecies about Christ. It speaks about “those who hate me without cause” (Psalm 69:4) which is quoted by Christ in John 15:25. It also mentions “They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink” (Psalm 69:21) which was fulfilled while Christ was upon the cross (Matthew 27:48). The opening verses above also are mentioned as being fulfilled in the life of Christ (John 2:17; Romans 15:3).

In this Psalm, it mentions, “...the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me” (Psalm 69:9), and again, “Because for Your sake I have born reproach” (Psalm 69:7). The word “reproach is not a word we often use in our language today. The word translated as “reproach” carries the idea to “taunt, blaspheme, and defy”. When I think of my sin as defying God, taunting God, and scorning God, it makes me feel disgusted at myself when I give into sin. It is appropriate and healthy for me to feel this way: “For godly sorrow produces repentance, leading to salvation, not to be regretted...” (2 Corinthians 7:10). Viewing my sins as scorning God causes me to not want to treat them lightly!

In addition, when I view the behavior of the mob around the cross of Christ, was not their behavior an accurate description of the word “reproach”? The soldiers blasphemed Jesus as they stripped Him, put a scarlet robe on Him, twisted a crown of thorns which they placed it on His head, put a reed in His hand, and bowed the knee to him saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”. Afterward they scorned Him by taking the reed out of His hand, hitting Him on the head, and spitting upon Him (Matthew 27:29-30). The chief priests mocked Him saying, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save” and “He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him” (Matthew 27:41-43). The people who passed by the foot of His cross blasphemed Him saying, “You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross” (Matthew 27:39-40). When I sin and reproach God, do I view myself as behaving like one of these groups of people at the cross of Christ? Perhaps, I should so I understand just how ugly sin is!

However, it is critical we remember Jesus bore our reproaches (Psalm 69:7, 9). He willingly did this and God allowed Him to because He loves us and wants us to be saved (2 Corinthians 5:18-21). I will also rejoice greatly because God loves me so much, he allowed His Son to bear my reproaches against Him!

~Daily Devo, Susquehanna Valley Church of Christ

Keep These Dates in Mind	June Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.	Leland Davis 6/1 Henry & Mary Beth Walker 6/2 Curtis & Nadine Mohr 6/5 Fran Henniger 6/7 Craig Bolt 6/15 Maurice Bunker 6/15 Jack & Wanda Danley 6/15	Ken & Sallie Winstead 6/17 Tera Berry 6/18 Thelma Gritzan 6/19 Jennie Freitag 6/23 Shannon Mendoza 6/30

. Please come and join us in our worship to God. We will be studying Matthew on Sunday Mornings and Ephesians on Sunday night,
Please be respectful of those who need to wear masks and practice social distancing because of health issues in their family.

Bible Studies

Adult Bible Classes Sunday am – O.T. Wed pm – Acts 13-28 (Paul's Journeys)	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Cancelled until further notice
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Issues (ongoing): Karen McBurney, Shirley Childers, Marji Lindholm, Marilyn Davis, Eunice Petros, Tami Pennington, Helen Pierce, Lupe Mendoza, Panzy Caywood

Jack Danley is home. He is doing well and continues to improve. Keep him and Wanda in your prayers as continues to recover.

Bill Henniger is still struggling with health issues. Please be with him and the family as they struggle with the issues of ongoing health issues and with having to deal with upcoming decisions concerning his issues with his kidneys.

Pat Lindsay is in the hospital due to a sudden drop in her sodium levels due to a switch in her medicines. They are stabilizing her sodium, working on getting her legs healed and are tentatively planning on sending her home today if her numbers continue to improve.

Betty Reed went home to God this week. Keep Richard and the family in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

Jesus Tells Us to Be Honest

"Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.' But I say to you make no oath at all, either by heaven,, for it is the throne of God, nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great king. Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no,' anything beyond these is of evil" (Matt. 5:33-37). The Jews of the first century had developed an elaborate system with their oaths. Some oaths were required, others were voluntary. And others could be casually (and callously) ignored altogether.

The religious leaders had decided that oaths that used the Lord's name were serious, more serious and more compelling than any others. So, people had started using less serious, less compelling things to swear by (the city of Jerusalem, the temple, their own heads). The purpose of these lesser oaths was they were not so binding as an oath using God's name. In other words, the oaths that were supposed to keep people honest were being manipulated so that people could be more dishonest. You only had to keep the oaths that mattered and could ignore the others. It is in this context that Jesus teaches us about Christ-like integrity.

Somehow, we still think if we swear by heaven, or by the throne of God, that somehow our oath is going to be kept more willingly, more diligently. All that implies is that your first word is not reliable, and you need a back up, something more serious, to bind you to your commitments. We don't need to add God to our words, or religious objects or persons to make our words true. Jesus tells us to just speak the truth without embellishing it with religious phrases or the name of God.

When we resort to using religious words, we are basically saying our plain words cannot be trusted. Once again, we are using the name of God or His throne or His creation to back up what we are saying. Jesus tells us that is a waste of breath. That in fact, we should just be simple and plain and honest and leave all those religious terms out of our words all together. Our word should be our bond. And we are bound because we want to honor God, not use Him as proof of our sincerity in making a commitment.

Jesus reminds us that we should not need extra words to keep our commitments. If we say we will do something, we simply do it without having to be coaxed or persuaded. Don't enhance speech, just keep your word, when it is easy and when it is hard.

Many of us need to learn from this lesson. We should not say we will do things, and then fail to do so. When we do, our spouses, our children, our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ all learn that we cannot be counted on. To add to the mistake by making a "promise" that somehow carries more weight, must compound the problem. Now, unless you promise, we all know you may not do what you say. We need to keep quiet and not commit to things we know we may not be able to do instead of using empty phrases that enhance our words, just say what you will and will not do and keep quiet if you are not sure. ~ D. Thurman