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WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8, 2012
Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5
Sermon: "The face of the water"

A PASTORAL WORD

By Rev. Amy Lippoldt

The Bible is an important book, important enough that most people have one at home, somewhere. The Bible can also be a complicated book, overwhelming and hard to understand in places. How do we understand and best use this "Living Word of God?"

Starting January 15th Rev Amy's sermons will explore "Bible 101" to help us get a handle on these ancient and holy words. Bring your questions, bring your curiosity and bring your Bible to worship!

January 15 Bible 101: the canon
January 22 Bible 101: a living word
January 29 Bible 101: myths and misuse
February 5 Bible 101: my devotional guide

Family Tree

by Leighann Prothro

As a new year begins, I find myself thinking about all of the things I want to accomplish. Here's what I have a tendency to say, "This is the year that I will finally (fill in the blank)." Maybe you find yourselves doing the same thing. What if this year we asked a question instead of making a list? Maybe something like this, "God, what is it that you want for me, for my family, for my church, for my community, for our world?" As the busyness

of December comes to a close and the chilly and sometimes long silence of January begins, I encourage you to think about that new thing God is asking you to do. Read 1 Kings 19: 11-13. Where does the prophet Elijah hear God's voice? So find sometime for yourself in that unexpected place where Elijah hears God. Re-read 1 Kings and pray this prayer: "Gracious God, like Elijah, I want to hear your voice and I am listening. In this time of newness, let me commit myself to your purpose in my life and in life of my family. Amen."

January Family Tree Activities

January 8: Youth Group Resumes at 12:15 in the youth center

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Val Vers Class

A few have missed class this morning, we assume this was temporary and everyone will soon return to the fold.

It was reported that Harold Cary is being cared for by Hospice. A word of encouragement would be great!

New officers for next year have been appointed:

President- Bob & Nelda Gutzman

Vice President: Ray & Helen Keller
Arlita Heath

Secretary: Allan Bassett & Judy Cross

Treasurer: Mary Ann Bullinger

Lesson today led by Arlita, it's nice to have a professional in the house.

Blenders Class

Our "first quarter" president, Jean Mershon, greeted us this first day of 2012 with bright smiles and best wishes for the New Year! And, thank you, Caroline, for leading us in 2011. You were great! Peg accompanied us as we sang the first song on the first day of year, "Go Tell It On the Mountain."

Peg reported the Sondergards were recuperating nicely. Wayne should be home from the hospital on Monday (Jan. 2nd) and daughter-in-law Ramona (Sid) is doing better. Jerry Taylor is back at Masonic Home after a fall and a stint at Wesley. Kathlene Moore is now receiving "comfort care" at Lake Point. Please pray for all these friends.

Arlene's devotion on gratitude hit home for some of us, asking us "do we have grateful hearts?" We again enjoyed Laurie Mitchell and Steve Jackman's lesson on New Year's traditions and renewal in our hearts for the coming year. Thank you, good teachers, for your thought provoking lessons.

This reporter thinks the Christmas Tree in our room is beautiful. Let's leave it up all year! See you next Sunday.

Pathfinders Class

The New Year was rung in with fun as Pathfinders members enjoyed game night at the Dinells. Congratulations to Steve Martz for his savvy gamesmanship in winning a spirited contest of "Wichita-Opoly," a local version of "Monopoly." Doug Young led the party in noisemaking at midnight. There was no class the next morning, which allowed those who stayed up late to get a few extra winks. Be sure and join the class next Sunday when David Dinell starts a four-part series on religion and humor. There's actually more humor in the Bible than we may realize. Come and explore the topic and find out how Jesus used levity in his teachings to reach out to his flock.

GoZone Volunteers Needed!

By Olivia Smith, director

Go Zones will be back in full force Wednesday, January 18th. We need all the help we can get from 5:00-6:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please take the time to consider spending time with the great kids that benefit from our program! To volunteer or sign up to bring snacks, please call or email me at 239-4081 and kelseyoliviasmith@gmail.com.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Frances Erhard, Tyler Harshfield, Ruth Bradrick, Al Brimer, Harold Cary, Jerry Taylor, Wayne Sondergard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are currently receiving a paper version of The Leaflet but would like to switch to the electronic version (it comes in a pdf file to your email inbox) email Ronna at office@woodlandumc.com to request the change.

Leadership Summit

January 15th will be the annual Leadership Summit, a joint meeting of all committees in the church. Following traditional worship we will have a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall and then meet for the first time in committee groups. Please let your chairperson know if you will be unable to attend! (Copies of the leadership roster for 2012 are in the church office as a part of the Church Conference packet, feel free to pick one up.)

Holiday Music

By Delora Donovan

Some of you have heard me speak of Timur's project The Silent Steppe Cantata. This is a large-scale odyssey by three American artists looking into the depths of Central Asia. Composer Anne LeBarron, documentary film maker Sandra Powers, and Timur, who not only sang the operatic libretto, but was the

producer/manager of the project spent the last three years developing this cultural bridge between Kazakhstan and the United States. The Silent Steppe Cantata premiered on December 10 in Astana, Kazakhstan, the capital city, to an enthusiastic audience of over 1,000 attendees. The orchestra consisted of all traditional Kazakh instruments and the orchestra members were dressed in traditional Kazakh costume.

Eventually bringing the Silent Steppe Cantata to the US will lend a rare opportunity for us to learn about the unique nation located on the opposite side of the world. Timur's dream is that one day he will find a sponsor and funding to bring the SSC to America. For the moment he is resting and visiting his parents before returning to Los Angeles.

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Worship Opportunities:

Daybreak Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Amy Lippoldt

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8

*9:30 am Daybreak Worship

*9:45 am Sunday school

10:30 am Refreshments in the Parlor

*11:00 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Youth Group-YC

3:00 pm Leadership Circle-Rev. Amy's

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 11

5:30 pm NO Evening Prayer

6:30 pm Woodland Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

*9:30 am Daybreak Worship

*9:45 am Sunday school

10:30 am Refreshments in the Parlor

*11:00 am Traditional Worship

12:00 pm Leadership Summit-FH

*Nursery Provided

YC – Youth Center FH – Fellowship Hall

VV – Val Vers TR – Terrace Room

P – Parlor AC -Activity Center

PF – Pathfinders

Sanc-Sanctuary