

We seek to better understand
the Teachings of Jesus —
and live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find
yourself on the journey of
faith, you are welcome to this
church as you are
to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

3rd Sunday of Epiphany January 24, 2021

JUST BE — AND BE STILL

Various versions of the following sentiment are posted online: "I am a human being, not a human doing. It's okay to just *be* sometimes." Many of us get anxious if we think we're not *doing* enough, but peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh insists it's not a waste of time to just be: "To be alive, to be peaceful, to be joyful, to be loving ... is what the world needs most."

During the pandemic, when people were urged to stay home to slow the virus' spread, we had to think hard about how to continue being the church while limited in what we could go out and "do." Yet church leaders reminded us that we were actually loving our neighbors by staying home — by being less active.

It's sometimes okay — ideal, even — to just be. In quieting our bodies, minds and hearts, we may find ourselves more often in prayer, more aware of God's presence and more nourished for when the time is right to again take up more active forms of ministry, peacemaking and love. "In quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15, NIV).

—Heidi Mann

My child
YOU WORRY
TOO MUCH.
i've got this, remember?
Love,
God

AT HOME WITH GOD

Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. ... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

—A.W. Tozer



Methodist Mountain Mission Truck

will pick up all donations placed in
the church garage prior to

Tuesday, February 23rd

“GOD IS NOT A WORKAHOLIC”

In *Sabbath as Resistance*, Walter Brueggemann likens our consumerism-driven society to ancient Egypt. Hebrew slaves made bricks for storehouses for the wealth of the upper class, at the top of which sat Pharaoh. Now, as then, the push is always to do more, earn more, make more; we worry there’s not enough time or money. “In this system there can be no Sabbath rest,” says the author.

Yet, at the culmination of creation, “God rested on the seventh day. God did not show up to do more. ... God did not come and check on creation in anxiety to be sure it was all working.” And “because the creator is anxiety-free,” we can be too. “God is not a workaholic,” writes Brueggemann. “God does not keep jacking up production schedules. To the contrary, God rests, confident, serene, at peace.” God’s rest, in turn, gives us — who are created in his image — a “restfulness that contradicts the ‘drivenness’” of Pharaoh’s Egypt and modern society.



Izabella Hargiss ~ 25th
Shane Springer ~ 25th

DON'T CARRY TWO DAYS AT ONCE

“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength — carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time.” This wise counsel is attributed to Corrie ten Boom, a devout Christian whose family in Amsterdam sheltered some 800 Jewish people from Nazis during World War II, suffering imprisonment as a result. Her father and sister died in captivity, but Corrie was freed and later set up a rehabilitation center for concentration camp victims and supporters of the Germans alike.



Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself.
-Matthew 6:34 (NLT)

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Surely ten Boom couldn’t have survived and achieved what she did without laying aside her worries and trusting God. Indeed, her wisdom closely echoes Jesus’ teaching: “Do not worry about your life. ... Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ... Your heavenly Father knows [what] you need. ... Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Matthew 6:25-34, NIV).



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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

Panel 1: A dog says, "I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR A NEW WARDROBE." A dog replies, "DON'T DO THAT. MATTHEW 6 INSTRUCTS US NOT TO WORRY ABOUT CLOTHES. AFTER ALL, FLOWERS DON'T WORRY ABOUT HOW THEY LOOK, AND NOT EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL HIS SPLENDOR LOOKED AS GOOD AS THEY DO."

Panel 2: The dog says, "YOU MEN JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING." The dog replies, "FLORALS ARE 'OUT' THIS SEASON!"

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CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday:

9:00am † *Worship online*

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

9:00am The Lord's Pantry
is open to all
Haubstadt & Fort
Branch Residents

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † *Worship online*



Next Sunday Worship:

Reset for the New Year

"Our Mission"

John 8:31-32

James 1:19-27



We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others.



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

MESSAGE

"New Year Reset: Don't Worry"

Matthew 6:25-34

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen

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Matthew 6:25-34 NLT

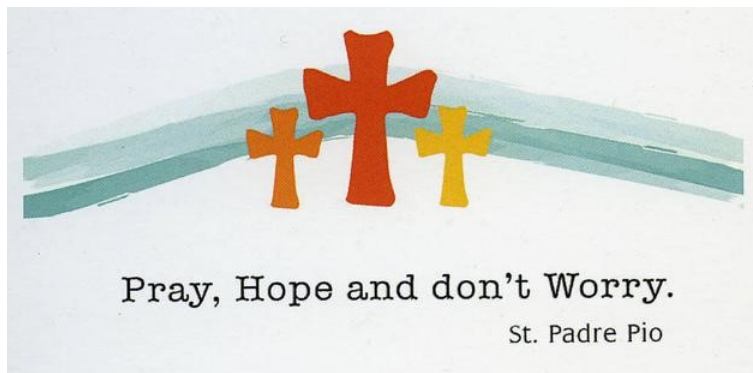
²⁵ “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

²⁸ “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

³¹ “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

³⁴ “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

RESPONSE: *The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!*



Prayer REQUESTS

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

*Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet,
Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion,
Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff,
Richard & Betty Michel, Becca
Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,
Deven Pohl, Julia Gentry, Joyce
Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Mark Fear,
CJ Hinkle, Poppy Petry, Judy
Basham, Thomas Brown, Wayne
Anderson, Connie Collins
The Family of Mike Hornbach
The Family of Beeper Kruse*



*We want to give God the Glory
for the many blessings in our lives.
Let's share these moments with
praise!*

Students are back in class at colleges. Be it virtual or in person, they are back in session this week! (Submitted by proud parents of 2 college students!)

happy 85th birthday

Let's wish Shane Springer a very happy 85th birthday:
1006 S Lincoln Street
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Listening Guide
“Don’t Worry”
January 24, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

How do we guard against worry? We realize that...

Worry Doesn’t Add _____ (vs. 25-27)

Worry Doesn’t Add _____ (vs. 28-30)

_____ God for the Moment (vs. 31-34)

Personal Application: Not matter what comes, God will take care of you because you have value. Being human means that you have the greatest value to Him. Where is your focus today?



THEREFORE I TELL YOU, DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR LIFE...BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED ONTO YOU.

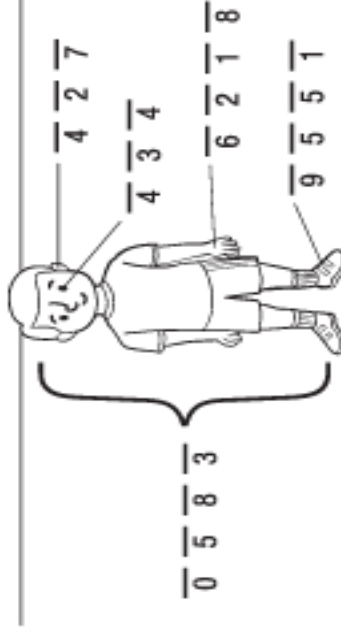
- MATTHEW 6:25-34

PUZZLE

WORKING IN UNISON

Just as body parts work in unison, the church – the body of Christ – is to work together for God's purposes.

Directions: Fill in the letters for each body part. Add up each part's number total, and use those totals to complete the Bible passage.



Now if the ²⁰ _____ should say, "Because I am not a ¹⁷ _____, I do not belong to the ¹⁶ _____," ... And if the ¹³ _____ should say, "Because I am not an ¹¹ _____, I do not belong to the ¹⁶ _____," it would not for that reason stop being part of the ¹⁶ _____. If the whole ¹⁶ _____ were an ¹¹ _____, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole ¹⁶ _____ were an ¹³ _____, where would the sense of smell be? ... As it is, there are many parts, but one ¹⁶ _____.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-17, 20, NIV

Answer: body – 16, eye – 11, ear – 13, hand – 17, foot – 20

