



The Pleasant News

Sunday Worship 10:05am
Bible Study 9:00am

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Pastoral Ponderings

October- time to put the garden to sleep, time to bring the wood into the garage, time to put the outdoor furniture inside. Time to prepare and transition. When Jesus was getting ready to transition from living on earth back to living in heaven, He gave us a sacrament to remember who and whose we are so that no matter where we are in our seasons of life, we could hold Jesus close to us and remember.



Jesus made Himself known in the breaking of the bread to the two companions He had been walking with and talking to. It gives us pause and time to think about how Christ makes Himself known to us. Do we see Him around us? Do we take communion for granted or do we reverently take in the body and blood of Christ represented in the bread and juice? Can we know He is within us? Is Christ making Himself known to us?

Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life. Bread is made of grains, sugars, water, oils, yeast and salt. These ingredients are the building blocks of life. Protein, sugars, moisture, leavening, and stabilizers. We all need these things to live and grow and breathe. Jesus wants us to live and grow and breathe. When we take the bread, we take in the essence of Christ and He gives us LIFE!

When Jesus and His disciples met in the last Passover Jesus celebrated on Earth, He gave us a sacrament to remember He is our Passover lamb nourishing us with the bread and covering us with His flesh and blood. During the Passover, Jesus told the disciples to drink from this because it represented His blood. Because it was Passover, the wine served represented the blood of the lamb covering the Israelites during the last plague. When we take Communion. We remember Jesus blood, represented in the juice, covers all our sins.

Communion invites us into belief. We ask Jesus to help our unbelief. We are called into belief of the life Christ gives us by sacrificing His body. We are called into belief of the forgiveness of our sins by the outpouring of His blood. As we take the elements into our body, we are called to remember who and whose we are.

We are taking communion every Sunday this month to remember. To examine ourselves, to examine our hearts, to ask for redemption, to repent, and to take in the essence of Christ.

Communion

This is the month we as Christians celebrate communion with other Christians around the world. During this time, we not only remember who and whose *we* are, but also remember who God calls us to be in community with other Christians.

Communion is completed in many different ways, and with many different ideas of how the bread and juice work within us to nourish us with the spirit of Christ.

The communion sacrament, started in an upper room during Passover was meant to remind the Israelites— and now us— Jesus is the representation of the Passover lamb, The unblemished lamb was killed— Jesus was crucified, then the lamb was roasted— the bread represents the body of Christ, and the blood applied to the doorframe as a distinction an Israelite family lived in the house and the angel of death would pass over them- Jesus blood is applied to us through the juice (or wine in some denominations) and our own repentant hearts as a distinction we belong to Him and our sins are washed clean.

We should always come to the communion table with broken and contrite hearts. We should always come to the communion table repentant of our sins and seeking the forgiveness of Christ. We should always come to the table remembering the sacrifice He gave for us and the coverage of His blood. BUT it is up to us.

As we take communion with the world, we gather together with each other as the body of Christ. Taking the same spiritual nourishment and claiming the same coverage by His blood. Together with the world we remember. Together with the world we proclaim— AMEN! (So be it)



Bring completed pictures to the Pastor for a prize and best picture posted on the bulletin board!

PRAYERS.....

In addition to prayer requests included in your weekly bulletin, please lift up our church family in prayer celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:



OCTOBER

Birthdays:

8 Sharron Plummer

Anniversaries:

10 Dave and Jane Baker

NOVEMBER

Birthdays:

1 Alex Martenies

16 Chris Taylor

29 Roger Menges

29 Lauren Hook

Anniversaries:

4 Ed and Christine Fodrea

16 Kevin and Michelle Moster

Food Bank

October 29

Stained Glass Tour November 7&8.

Times TBA

Refreshments will be served

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES

October 5 — Known in the Breaking of the Bread

October 12 — Bread of Life

October 19—Drink from this

October 26— Help my unbelief

CHURCH FINANCES

Please continue to support our church. You may continue to send your financial support to Mt. Pleasant UMC, c/o Jim Ros-enbury, 4099 CR 59, Butler, IN 46721