

Faith United Church of Christ



JUNE 2019

SUNDAY

Fellowship

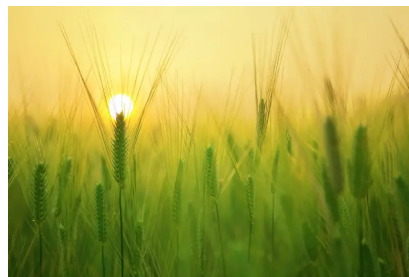
10:30 am

Join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP

SERVICE

11:00 am



" The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

The Parable of the Sower was told to the crowd that had gathered around Jesus. Jesus tells a story of a sower who scattered seeds on four different types of soil. The first type of ground was hard and the seed could not sprout or grow at all and became snatched up instantly. The second type of ground was stony. The seed was able to plant and begin to grow, however it could not grow deep roots and withered in the sun. The third type of ground was thorny and although the seed could plant and grow, it could not compete with the amount of thorns that overtook it. The fourth ground was good soil that allowed the seed to plant deep, grow strong, and produce fruit.

Jesus used this parable to explain to his followers and the disciples how there are different responses to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. The sower in the parable is Jesus and the seed is the word of God (both Jesus' spoken word and today the Bible). The hard ground represents someone with a hardened heart full of sin that hears the word of God but does not accept it. Satan is able to keep this person from growing at all. The stony ground is someone who shows interest and awareness in the Gospel, yet his heart isn't fully convicted so that when trouble comes his faith is not strong enough to stand. The thorny ground is a person who receives the Gospel but who has many other idols and distractions in life - worries, riches, and lusts, which take over his mind and heart and he cannot grow in the truth of God's Word. The good soil is someone who has heard and received the Word of God and allows it to take root and grow within his life. This person represents true salvation that bears good fruit.

Jesus spoke the Parable of the Sower to teach how important the state of our heart is to receiving the Gospel and how our salvation is proved by our choices and actions after hearing the Gospel.

In The Bible...

MATTHEW 13: 1-23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. **2** Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. **3** Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. **4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **9** Whoever has ears, let them hear.” **10** The disciples came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” **11** He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. **12** Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. **13** This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. **14** In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: “ ‘You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. **15** For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.’ **16** But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. **17** For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. **18** “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: **19** When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. **20** The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. **21** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. **23** But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

THIS STORY IS ALSO IN : MARK 4:1-20 AND LUKE 8 : 4-15



*"I call on you, my God, for you
will answer me; turn your ear to
me and hear my prayer"*

Psalm 17 : 6

MARIANNE BALTROTSKY

TOM BAZAN

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To **ADD** or **REMOVE**
names to :

- Prayer List
- Newsletter Mailing
- Birthday/ Anniversary

*Please contact Jennifer Stull
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Our In-Home Members

Margaret Sunday lives at home, visitors welcome - call first 301-304-0214.

Brenda Dinkle Wright lives at home, call to say hello - 301-663-8341.

Bob Warner lives at home, call to say hello - 240-490-5343



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Consistory

The next Consistory meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 7:00 pm.



JUNE 12 - Vickie Warner

JUNE 21 - Jennifer Stull

JUNE 13 - Tom & Shirley Bazan

JUNE 19 - Joey & Francia Stanley

Thank You!

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

2 Corinthians 9: 13

Thank you to our mowers, **Jim Bostian and Bill Houck**, for keeping the church grounds looking great!

Thank you to **Pat Harley** for stepping in for Mary Frances playing the organ for our May 12th worship service.

Thank you to **Mary Catherine Martz** for scheduling our pastors and keeping them on the books! They have all been a blessing and we enjoy the sermons.



We express our sympathy to Joey Stanley for the death of his father Robert Stanley Sr. who passed away on May 30, 2019. He was the father-in-law of Francia Stanley and the grandfather of Bobby and Lindsey Stanley.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lindsey Stanley who graduated on May 18, 2019 from Hood College. She has a Degree in Environmental Science and Policy and minored in Biology. Lindsey is currently working for Frederick County Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources. *Best wishes to you!*



GREETER

Donald Shook

ORGANIST /PIANO

Mary Frances Bostian

ACOLYTES

Kevin Sunday/Ashlee Sunday/Jim Bostian

USHERS

Bill Houck / Doug Sunday / Jennifer Stull

ALTAR GUILD

Jim & Mary Frances Bostian/Carole Houck

Weekly BULLETIN

Jennifer Stull

CHURCH TREASURERS

Jennifer Sunday / Shirley Bazan

Monthly NEWSLETTER & MAILING

Jennifer Stull

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Carole Houck / Loberta Staley

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Jennifer Stull

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Carole Houck, Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, William Houck

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Jim Bostian, Doug Sunday, Jennifer Stull



*My heart is like a garden bare
Until God's breezes fill the air;
Awake, O winds, and blow about
That the fragrance may float out.*

*Come thou North wind with biting pain
And temper me to withstand strain;
Through suff'ring's sting and sorrow's chill
Help me learn to seek God's will.*

*Come thou South Wind of hope and cheer,
Surround my heart; drive off the fear;
Inspire the spark of life to see
Rhythms of eternity.*

*Come thou West Wind of troublous ways
To strengthen me for calmer days;
Make strong the roots as life unfolds
Seeking joys which nature holds.*

*Come thou East Wind of love, and sing
The language of all living things;
That buds may burst to blossoms bright
Filling gardens with delight.*

*These winds are but Thy spirit, Lord,
That moves my heart to seek Thy word;
Awake, O Winds, and blow about
That the fragrance may float out.*

CASH/BASKET /PURSE BINGO!

SPRING BINGO FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, JUNE 15, 2019

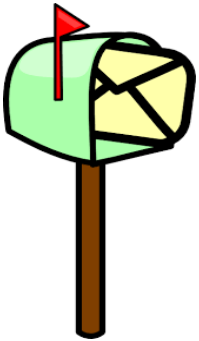
Held at Lewistown Fire Company

Doors Open : 4:30pm

Games Starts : 6:00pm

CASH/BASKET/PURSE Bingo —Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Door prizes and King Tut games! Baskets for specials and raffles are filled with great items. Bake Table items such as pies, cookies, brownies and oatmeal no bakes for sale by Faith Church. Great food, sodas and water will be sold by the Lewistown Fire Company.

Always a wonderful opportunity to gather together for this fellowship and fun. Invite friends and family! **Call Jennifer Sunday @ 301-788-2427 for tickets.**



Dear Pastors,

You are invited to *A Pastors Gathering*, one-day conference with renowned speaker Pastor Jim Cymbala of The Brooklyn Tabernacle. This FREE event will take place Wednesday, July 17th, 8:30am—2:30 pm at Deep Waters Tabernacle located in Ijamsville, Maryland. The gathering will focus on equipping pastors and ministry leaders to face the challenges and obstacles in ministry to better serve people including dealing with the opioid crisis that is prevalent in society today. Pastor Cymbala, author of best-selling book: *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, has a message that will be sure to inspire you!

CrossRoads Freedom Center, a faith-based residential recovery center for men, is proud to be sponsoring this event with the Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship. Together we pray this time of fellowship with other pastors within our community will be a blessing to you as a representative of your church. Registration is free but is required. Reserve your spot by Monday, July 15 at www.crossroadsfreedomcenter.com. We hope to see you there!

God Bless,

Joe & Maria Tarasuk

Co-Founders , CrossRoads Freedom Center

Pentecost Word Search

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