



Special Edition

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July Tidings

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Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
 my soul thirsts for you;
 my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land
 where there is no water.
 So I have looked upon you
 In the sanctuary,
 Beholding your power and glory.
 Because your steadfast love
 is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.
 So I will bless you as long as I live;
 I will lift up my hands and call on your name.



Reflection

By Reverend Mary Jane Norville

Mark 5:21-43 This passage provides us with two healing stories. Jesus is out teaching a great crowd when he is approached by a leader of the synagogue. The man's daughter is sick, dying, and he begs Jesus to heal her. The girl is twelve years old. Before Jesus can even get to her house, his cloak is touched by a woman who has been sick for twelve years.

The woman has been sick for the entire twelve years that the girl has been alive. Twelve. In our modern times this age is a time when children feel the push and pull between childhood and teenage freedom. They are learning how to be with adults at family reunions while still wanting to play in the creek after the meal. Twelve is how many years it takes us to complete school, the number of donuts or cookies in a package and the number of day/nighttime hours.

In ancient times, a twelve-year-old would have been engaging in the work of an adult even though they were only just starting to mature physically. For the woman who had been sick, she was worn, tired, had been to all the doctors, gotten second opinions for second opinions. She was isolated, lonely, broke, and desperate, it represented the end, but it wasn't.

Our biblical understanding of twelve is that it is the number of completion, perfection, it represents God's power and authority. So here, at the twelve-year mark, while at the end of their lives, both women are healed and made perfect in Christ. They become a reflection of Jesus. A reflection of Jesus. A mirror of wholeness, health, showing us who Jesus was and is.

How do you reflect Jesus? What mark has Jesus made on your life? Where are you experiencing God's power and authority in all God's glory and perfection? When have you

WHAT'S NEW

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TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

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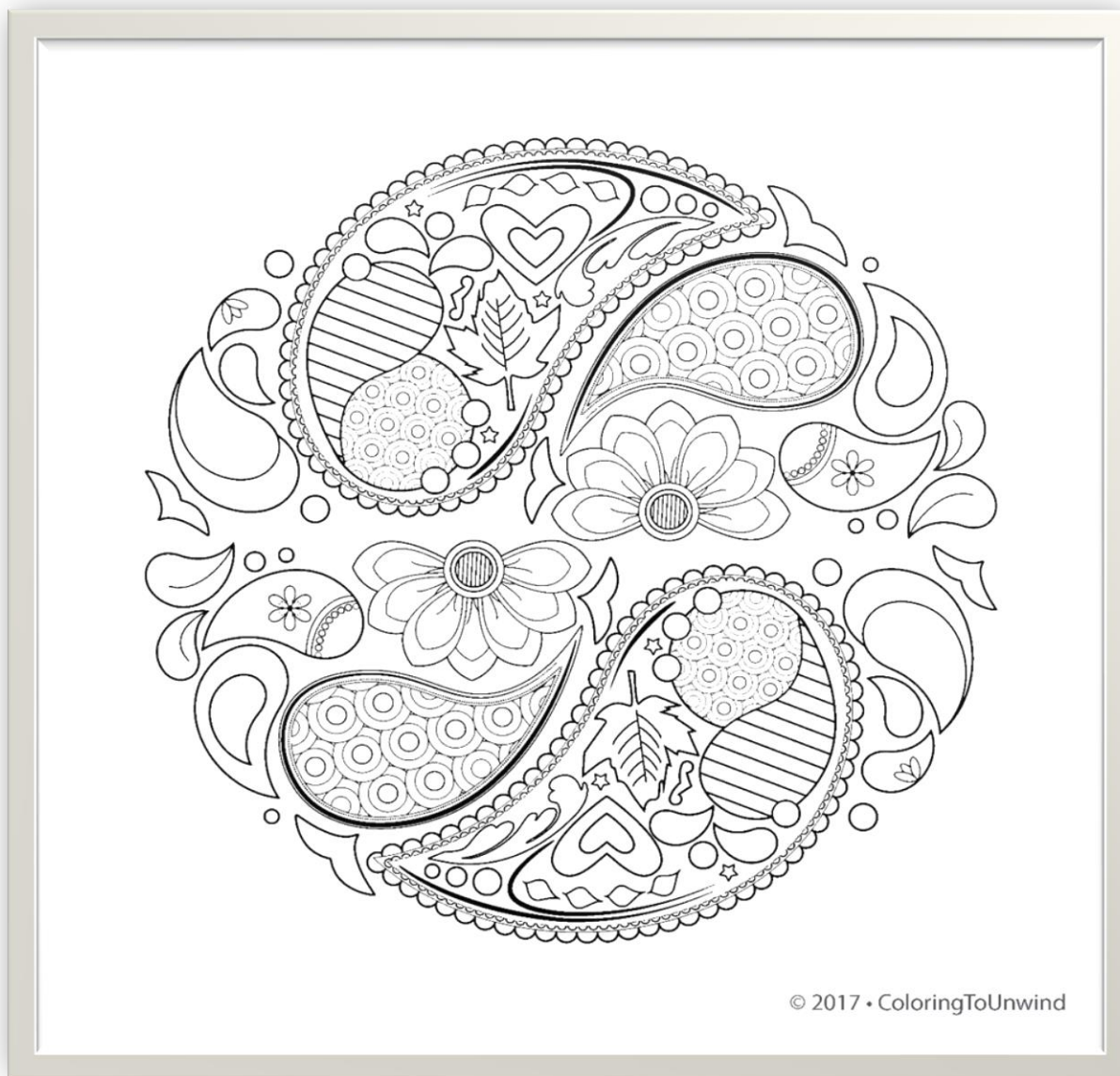
A CHANCE TO JOIN

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Synod

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given Jesus your weakness and let his reflection become your strength? May you recognize and live as Christ's reflection each day. Amen



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Church Staff

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| Rev. Mary Jane Norville | Senior Minister |
| Cheryl Wilson | Organist and Administrative Associate |
| Thomas Greenawalt | Tech Director |
| Margaret Bussard | Custodian |

Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30am

Consistory Notes

By Gene Jones

- Back 2 Church Committee is being formed. Please join in.
- Liturgists and Ushers are needed. Please call the church office to schedule.
- Drivers are needed to deliver flowers.
- Please welcome Cheryl Wilson who will be the new administrative assistant. Cheryl brings over 20 years of experience to the position. Cheryl will begin on June 28.
- Fencing for the east parking lot will be finished soon.
- Reverend Mary will take vacation the following weeks:
 - July 19 - August 1



July Lectionary



July 4 (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48
 Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123
 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13

July 11 (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19 and Psalm 24
 Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29

July 18 (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 7:1-14 and Psalm 89:20-37
 Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 23
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25 (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 11:1-15 and Psalm 14
 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Psalm 145:10-18
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-12

Special Edition 2021 General Synod 33

A virtual General Synod

We will gather under the theme: Rooted in Love, July 11-18, 2021. You can expect the vibrancy of Spirit-led worship with prophetic preaching, music- and art-filled experiences that will anchor us. You can expect the same Spirit-filled energy in an engaging meeting of the General Synod that tends to the business and forward-momentum of the United Church of Christ. And, you can expect to learn more and connect with the UCC by attending workshops and other opportunities being prepared for you. Penny Lowes Moderator July 11-18, register at UCC.org

Reflection

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 HEALING
 BELIEVE
 DAUGHTER
 WAILING
 JESUS
 WALK

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2546252/>

healing is not a gentle journey. it takes strength and courage. because it's not a straight line from pain to joy. it's a cycle. and one that must be repeated time and time again in order to truly grow.

as we shed our skin of the past we become exposed to the light of the future. we are raw and the fire burns. because everything is new. those parts of ourselves have never been seen by the sun before. and now that they have nothing will ever be the same.

and that's beautiful.
 and that's terrifying.
 and that's healing.
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July Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Mazzocchi
Linda Strite
- 2 Cindy Murray
Kelly Spigler
- 3 Stephanie Seward
- 4 Linda Punt
- 5 Cora Bussard
Bradly Jennings
- 7 Tom Yeargan
- 8 Kathleen Lucas
Julie O'Connor
Linda Waring
- 10 Brian Duffey
- 11 Sam Barkdoll
Carolyn Fisher
- 12 Charles Linebaugh
Alexander Scholl
- 13 Vivian Harbaugh
Faith Hoeck
Katie Mollo

- 14 Derek Eichelberger
Nicholas Spigler
- 16 Spencer Martin
Kathy Saylor
- 17 Joyce Powell
Charles Roelke, Jr.
- 18 Diane Baird
Cheryl Henry
- 21 Lois Henry
Christine Lohr
- 24 Amanda Mills
- 25 PJ Everett
Ryan Flurie
- 27 Ella Andrews
Robert Corderman
- 28 Bryce Miller
Kim Winebrenner
- 31 Leda Baer

July Anniversaries

- 4 Dave & Debra Eichelberger
- 7 Alan & Deborah Gladhill
- 11 John & Paula Kessler

CONSISTORY, ATS, WOMEN'S AND
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLES ARE ALL ON
VACATION DURING JULY. PLEASE ENJOY
SOME EXTRA TIME FOR YOURSELF. WE'LL BE
BACK IN AUGUST.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 2:00 pm AA | 2 2:00 pm AA | 3 2:00 pm AA |
| 4 6 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Independence Day</i> | 5 (Office closed) | 6 | 7 11:00 am Lectionary | 8 2:00 pm AA | 9 2:00 pm AA | 10 2:00 pm AA |
| 11 7 th Sunday after Pentecost | 12 | 13 | 14 11:00 am Lectionary | 15 2:00 pm AA | 16 2:00 pm AA Tidings Deadline | 17 2:00 pm AA |
| 18 8 th Sunday after Pentecost | 19 Rev. Norville's vacation begins | 20 | 21 11:00 am Lectionary | 22 2:00 pm AA Mail Tidings | 23 2:00 pm AA | 24 2:00 pm AA |
| 25 9 th Sunday after Pentecost James Funkhouse preaching | 26 | 27 | 28 11:00 am Lectionary | 29 2:00 pm AA | 30 2:00 pm AA | 31 2:00 pm AA |
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