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402-261-0325

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Happy New Year! What a strange year it has been and I imagine there is more to come, but I am also hopeful that there are good things coming in 2021.

Do you ever find yourself in a post-holiday funk after Christmas and New Years? When my kids go back to school, and my husband and I go back to work, I am less than enthusiastic to pick up my ordinary, mundane routine. It's not that I don't love being your pastor, it's the best job in the world! I'm talking about the ordinary, boring tasks that coincide with the return to a normal routine.

But I think that if we look hard, even the most quotidian activities can bring about spiritual growth. That's going to be our topic for the next 5 Sundays in the series:

(extra)Ordinary

1/10/21 **Waking**

We begin as beloved, before our foot touches the floor.

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5 and Luke 3:21-22

1/17/21 **Brushing Teeth**

Our bodies are instruments of worship. The incarnation of Jesus confers dignity on embodied existence.

Scripture: John 1:1-5,14 and John 13:2-5

1/24/21 **Losing Keys**

Everyday inconveniences are opportunities for growth and grace.

Philippians 4:10-13; Matthew 6:9-14

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1/31/21 Answering Email

Combatting a sense of purposelessness in modern work and finding balance.

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

2/7/21 Sleeping

Embracing our God-given limitations and trusting God to take care of things while we rest.

Scripture: Luke 8:22-25

I want to give credit to Tish Harrison Warren, author of "Liturgy of the Ordinary" whose ideas inspired me in compiling this series.

May we all experience a very (extra) Ordinary New Year! Blessings.

Pastor Amy

Connection Point

Our drive up collection for peanut butter donations will be on February 7 from 9:45—10:45 a.m. You can bring your peanut butter (or other nut butter) to the church parking lot or drop it off anytime during church office hours.

Thanks to everyone who donated soap last month. The staff at Connection Point were thrilled with the result of our efforts to help restock these needed items.

Mission Giving

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Mission Market in December. Your gifts will provide much needed funding for the programs of this year's chosen organizations. South Gate raised:

\$701 for LuLu's on N St.
\$708 for Food Bank of Lincoln
\$595 for Heifer International
\$485 for Matt Talbot Kitchen

In addition, you made contributions to CEDARS Youth Services, Connection Point's pantry, Lincoln City Mission and UMCOR during December. Thank you!

Human Relations Sunday January 17

Our first special offering of the year celebrates Human Relations Sunday. We join other UMC congregations in this offering to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through UM Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.

You can donate online or by check:

southgateumc.org/donate



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Lynne Weinhold
2 Eric Parker
3 Eric Trautman
7 Fred Harb
9 Rex Newsham
16 Alfred Stark
17 Ryan McClain
19 Kathy Evasco
19 Tyler Zink
21 Jenna Brester

21 Cody Schilling
24 Betty Zink
24 Rachel (Snyder) Fuhrman
27 Ken Volker
27 Laurie Wieting
28 Vicki Leech
29 Charlie Bacon
30 Cinda Wacker

Anniversaries

27 Dave & Sue Brothorst

Little Free Library

The South Gate Little Free Library at the Community Crops Garden is fully stocked and operational. We invite you to use this library to borrow books for children and adults! The books are rotated out and replaced with new selections every two months. Just head north a half block from 46th & Pioneers and into the alley to access the library. Enjoy.

Christmas Eve

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas Eve worship service. You helped to make it special even if we couldn't worship in person.

Thank You Notes

We thank everyone for the prayers, cards, shawls and poinsettia. This has been a rough year for both of us.

Owen & Linda Humphress

Thank you for your generosity towards me this Christmas season with the Pastor's Christmas Gift. It has been a difficult year for all people in positions of leadership, but I consider myself the most fortunate of pastors because I get to be in ministry with all of you. Thank you!

Rev. Amy Slater