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God's Love Is Here for You
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Greetings, dear friends!

We have another snowy week here in Coshocton. Barring a blizzard or ice storm over the weekend, we are planning to gather for in-person worship this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Our service will include the ordination and/or installation of ruling elders and deacons.

In our Scripture readings, we will remember the call of Isaiah and the first disciples in Luke 5:4-6—fishermen, such as Simon Peter:

“When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.”

Jesus changes everything, my friends. When we are weary and discouraged by the effort it takes to be the Church, to resist the temptation to be passive or give up when it gets too hard, he beckons us to keep going. Do not be afraid. Go out into the deep water, once again; take risks to serve him. He promises to always be with us. Abundant life is the reward. The peace of Christ is the blessing. The world reconciled to God and one another is the hope.

Please warmly welcome and commit to prayerfully support our ruling elders and deacons. They have answered the call to serve, like Isaiah, “Here I am, Lord.”

Grace and peace!

Pastor Karen



Those who will be ordained and/or installed this Sunday:

Elders: Kirsten McPeck, Linda Weber, Nancy Cox, Loran Fry, and Don Harrison

Deacons: Norma Grewe and Cindy Walling

OUR 2022 CHURCH BOARDS

Session

Jim Arganbright	Caroline Heading
Debbie Clark	Kirsten McPeck
Nancy Cox	Linda Weber
Loran Fry	Chris Yost
Don Harrison	

Deacons

Judy Addy	Betty Harrison
Janet Ashman	Glenn Kinkade
Cathy Evans	Carol Moore
Ron Geese	Lew Terrell
Norma Grewe	Cindy Walling

Trustees

John Addy	Stewart Henderson
Sally Bullens	Jeff Sycks
Dave Custer	Denny Walters
Jim Gill	

What's Happening with the Church This Week?

Thursday (2/3):	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Fellowship in the Fireside Room
Sunday (2/6):	10:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary
Monday (2/7):		Pastor's Sabbath
Wednesday (2/9):	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal



Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

In our hearts and prayers:

Wilma Hunt - The Oaks at Bethesda, Rm. 213, 2971 Maple Ave., Zanesville, 43701
Jan Kobel - Altercare, Room 201
Barb Moore - Home
Donna Westfall - Home
Barb Wheeler - Home



Happy Birthday to: Mike Poorman (2/3); Barb Bosson, Cathy Evans, John Snyder, Janice Sycks (2/4); Jacob Muller (2/5); Jim Crawford, Vicky Potter (2/7); Ed Bullens (2/8); Lizzie Horst (2/9)



The youth will be meeting at the church on Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to make soup, create Valentines, and decorate cookies to deliver to our homebound church members.



This Grace That Scorches Us

From Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons

By Jan Richardson

Here's one thing
you must understand
about this blessing:
it is not
for you alone.

It is stubborn
about this.
Do not even try
to lay hold of it
if you are by yourself,
thinking you can carry it
on your own.

To bear this blessing,
you must first take yourself
to a place where everyone
does not look like you
or think like you,
a place where they do not
believe precisely as you believe,
where their thoughts
and ideas and gestures
are not exact echoes
of your own.

Bring your sorrow.
Bring your grief.
Bring your fear.
Bring your weariness,
your pain,
your disgust at how broken
the world is,
how fractured,
how fragmented
by its fighting,
its wars,
its hungers,
its penchant for power,
its ceaseless repetition
of the history it refuses
to rise above.

I will not tell you
this blessing will fix all that.

But in the place
where you have gathered,
wait.
Watch.
Listen.

Lay aside your inability
to be surprised,
your resistance to what you
do not understand.
See then whether this blessing
turns to flame on your tongue,
sets you to speaking
what you cannot fathom
or opens your ear
to a language
beyond your imagining
that comes as a knowing
in your bones,
a clarity
in your heart
that tells you
this is the reason
we were made:
for this ache
that finally opens us,

for this struggle,
this grace
that scorches us
toward one another
and into
the blazing day.

Fishing for People

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 5:1-11 (NLT).



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F	T	U	C	E	X	O	E	Y	A	I	M	I	Q	K
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Q	E	E	N	T	A	G	J	E	L	C	R	Q	F	P

Peter
shore
sinking

people
preaching
afraid

deep
fishing
Sea

washing
boats
Galilee

nets
Jesus
fishermen