

Devotion

We began a sermon series this past Sunday on the story of Noah. The story starts out where God has had it. All humanity has become self-absorbed, they're ruining God's creation and they're destroying each other. But then God sees Noah. Noah's a guy who follows the beat of a different drummer. He focuses on doing God's will, he's a man of integrity and he knows and loves God. And so, it says, "God found favor with Noah."

Noah's the opposite of everybody else on the planet at that time. They were self-absorbed, and didn't care about other people, but Noah cared about others. They were destroying the planet but Noah cared about God's creation. They were creating violent and evil acts but Noah was walking with God. Noah was by no means perfect, he didn't always get it right, but Noah is an example to us of faith and obedience. He's meant to be a hero in the faith and this story encourages us to be more like Noah.

I'd like you to ponder the question, "Who have been the Noahs in your life?" Who has been an example of vital faith and encouragement to you? We, give thanks to God for them today. And if a present-day Noah comes to mind, why not give them a call or shoot them an email? We've all been in social isolation so long and we're all feeling lonely. You could brighten someone's day today just by letting them know that they've been an encouragement to you in your life, in your faith, and that you are grateful for them.

Gratefully yours in the journey,

Pastor Kristen

Announcements

Return Leadership Team: We've been looking forward to the time when in-person worship will reopen. To that end, a Return Leadership Team has been created and has been meeting weekly to coordinate the logistics to meet CDC guidelines for in-person gatherings. We are not ready to reopen the church yet, but we're getting closer. Our first priority is always to keep one another safe. We care deeply for you, and we are committed to doing all we can for each other's health and safety. The Team will be communicating to you in every way possible as we get closer to the time when we will be gathered together again.

July/August Upper Rooms Have Arrived and Pastor Kristen is once again looking forward to delivering them to your door. Just let her know whether you'd like your Upper Room devotional book in regular print or large print. She'll come to your door, ring the bell and leave the Upper Room on your step. If you choose to answer the door, she'd love to see you and visit with you! She'll be wearing a mask and will be standing the appropriate distance from your door. Please email or call the church office for delivery. Also, please give your phone number if you'd like to know when she's coming