



Weekly Newsletter

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Can't see the forest for the trees. This is a statement that can be true for all of us sometime. We get caught up in our day to day lives, just trying to get through the routines, make sure the things that need to happen happen, and hope for the best. But when we get into these habits and routines we can very easily lose track of the bigger picture. And that leads to small daily priorities and goals superseding our larger goals and desires.

It isn't that we don't want to do the important things or that they aren't priorities, it's that our vision becomes overwhelmed by the trees of day to day life. This is why it is important to regularly take a step back in our lives and zoom out to see the whole forest. If we don't take time to make sure that our day to day lives are lining up with what matters to us we will slowly get a little more off course.

I hope that you will take some time soon in your own life, and the lives of those who matter to you to do this kind of zoom out. I think the last several months at Unity have given us the opportunity to zoom out, to remember the importance of what we do, to center our friendships, our community, and our impact in Radford. So much of what is so good about Unity is the balance between accomplishing the day to day stuff of worship, study, and service, with who we want to be and making sure we are shining the light of God's love.

Pastor Ben



SOCK-IT-TO-ME SUNDAYS

THE CWF WILL BE COLLECTING SOCKS FOR ALL AGES (CHILDREN, WOMEN & MEN) TO DONATE TO THE CLOTHING BANK. THERE WILL BE A CART TO DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS ON OCTOBER 18TH & 25TH.

Dates To Remember

- 10/3** Community Table 4-4:30pm Moore Team
- 10/4** Worship 11am
- 10/5** Brown Bag Bible Study 12-1pm at UCC (Matthew 21:33-46, Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9)
- 10/6** Oasis Circle 10:30am; M&M's Circle 6pm; CWF 7pm
- 10/10** Community Table 4-4:30pm Grove Team
- 10/11** Worship 11am
- 10/12** Brown Bag Bible Study 12-1pm at UCC
- 10/12** God and My Girlfriends 6:30-8pm

BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK

- 5. Micah 5-7
- 6. Nahum
- 7. Habakuk
- 8. Zephaniah
- 9. Haggai
- 10. Zechariah 1-5
- 11. Zechariah 6-10

WORSHIP OCTOBER 4

Announcements/Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sisters and brothers arise! Lift your hearts, your eyes, your voices!

People: The living God has called us together!

Leader: We have received the invitation!

People: Our hearts are ready to receive the goodness of God!

Scripture Luke 14:15-24

Worship and Wonder

***Opening/Communion Hymn** no. 408
"Come, Share the Lord"

Invitation to Communion

Prayer for Bread and Cup

Communion by Intinction

Children's Blessing

Special Music UCC Choir
"In Remembrance of Me"

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14, Psalm 23

Good News "A Table Prepared"

Prayer for the People/Lord's Prayer

Response Hymn no. 340
"Softly and Tenderly"

Moment of Gratitude

Music During Offering

Prayer for Offering

***Praise Hymn** no. 668 (1-3)
"For the Healing of the Nations"

*Closing Prayer

***Going Forth** "Weave" no. 495
*Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.*

*denotes standing, if able

Serving in Worship

Rev. Ben Moore
Elder: Susan Barton
Media: Nicole Altizer
Worship Leader: Kelly Evans
Deacons: Gary Davis, Wendy Clark, Anna Goodall, Katie Lemmon
Music: UCC Choir, Praise Team
Accompanist: Gina Rhea

Praying for -

Church Members: New Concerns:

Susan Barton, Anne Chrisman, Sharon Dodson, Ruth Hinkley, Tom Johnson, Betty Jones, Lauren and Addison Lawson, Joe Marshall, Barry Moore, Sandy Pascoe, Brittney Stike, Angela Thompson

Long-Term: Frances Carter, Johnny and K.C. Cole, Alice Gallimore, Glenn and Karen Johnson, Jessica Jonas, Max Mottesheard, Richard Sandoe, Aubrey Scaletta and family, Danielle Shelton, Phyllis and Alban Shumate, Keith Whitt

Community Friends: Hope Aidam, Teddy Altizer, Pamela Bartle, Larry Beverley, Matt Byrd, Becki and Addy Calfee, Douglas Chapman, Lucy Coleman, Mike Crews, Kem Darden, Marika Delgado, All military in the Middle East, Brooke Exum and baby Emory Exum, Catherine Fox, Holly Gearhart and baby Hattie Gearhart, Jerry Gill, Phillis Grubb, Toby Hedge, Kathy Jackson, Ricky Jackson, David Johnston, Rosemary Kesling, Jeff McConnell, Dori Meginle, Joey Murphy, Renie Price, Wayne Queen, Harold Rhodes, Kay Snider, Paula Sparks, Mary Ann Tate, Pam Thomas, Daniel Todd, Amanda and Alex Wilkens and family, Sherry Wolfe

Shut-ins:

Delilah McConnell - Commonwealth, Christiansburg
Betty Wilson - Kroontje Health Care Center
Doyle Barton - Kroontje Health Care Center
Annie Akers - Heritage Hall

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