

Connect

With Sunny Place Church of God

February, 2018

Drink Deep of the Living Water

Have you ever been really thirsty? Your mouth is as dry as a sandy, rocky desert; tongue moisture-less and throat scratchy. All you want is a drink of water to relieve this incessant thirst and you are sure you are dehydrated. There is an app for that; it's called plant nanny; a water reminder. A blogger wrote, "I downloaded the app. Offered a cute little cartoon plant, I set the app with my weight and read my results. The plant nanny determined how much water I must drink to keep me and my little imaginary plant alive and well. The seedling face blinked at me with trusting animated eyes. I found myself trapped; being forced to drink enough water to nurture the plant into a blooming dependent illusion."

Our physical need for water is similar to our spiritual need for something greater than ourselves. There is a longing like a thirst that we try to fill in many ways.

In the book of John chapter 4, a Samaritan woman walks to Jacob's well at the sixth hour to draw water, unbeknownst to her, she is spiritually dehydrated.

"Jacob's well was there and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her. "Will you give me a drink?" The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman, how can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her," If

you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:6-10

Jesus was referring to the spiritual life. He said, If you knew the gift of God (Jesus)

And who it is that asks you for a drink (Jesus the Son of God)

You would have asked him (Jesus) and he (Jesus) would have given you living water.

The Samaritan woman stuck in the physical realm said, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep."

The woman was locked in the practical, physical life not grasping the dialog with Jesus who was focused on the spiritual life, living water. This dialog is a good example of how to read the Bible, the Living Word. To not be focused on the physical aspects of the scripture, but open your heart to the spiritual world of Jesus, the Kingdom of God.

Jesus offered the woman Himself, as **He is the living water**, which satisfies our longing soul, our thirst for a spiritual relationship. This is an invitation to the world to quench their spiritual thirst with the living water of Jesus to experience His divine nature, the joy of being a child of God.

Jesus offers each of us His divine nature like an exquisite banquet, the vast array of His

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Godly characteristics. Peter explains **“His divine nature has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”**
2 Peter 1:3

His divine nature banquet includes His unconditional love, justice, forgiveness for the repentant heart, salvation, grace, mercy, all knowledge, all wisdom, all understanding, comfort, insight, revelation, intervention, faithfulness, protection from evil, guidance, healing, righteousness, peace that transcends understanding, patience, His presence, and strength. We can often go to the fountain of living water to fill our lives with His spiritual nourishment.

The Samaritan woman knew of a Messiah, and Jesus acknowledged He was the Messiah. Then the scripture continues describing how she brought the whole town to the well and Jesus began His message, the transformation of lives to conform with His. Jesus stayed in the town for two days, continuing His gospel message. “Because of his words, many more became believers.” Jesus has the power to transform lives as He did in the village of Sychar. Accepting Jesus as your personal savior, living a life pleasing to God, “Walking Humbly with God” can give us the hope of eternal life with God in heaven. **“but whosoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst, indeed the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”** John 4:14

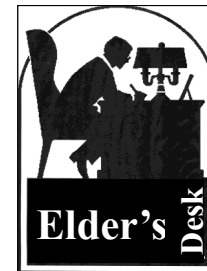
The Living Water is Jesus and He will quench our thirst for our deep spiritual needs. Yet there is more.

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There is a soulful paradox. While we are filled with Jesus, there remains a deep seated longing still. The Living Water of Jesus is the beginning of a journey. “That is the heavenly birth without which we cannot see the kingdom of God. It is however, not an end but an inception, for now begins the glorious pursuit, the heart’s happy exploration of the infinite riches of the Godhead.” A.W. Tozer The Pursuit of God. The door is opened to His divine nature and there remains a longing, a deep desire to learn more, grow more, drink more deeply of the Living Water. **2 Peter 3: 18 “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.”** The Living Word in the Bible continues to teach us life lessons when we have a desire to pursue God, with a teachable heart and longing for an intimate communion with Jesus.

John 4:42 “We KNOW that this man really is the Savior of the world.” Our Messiah -- The beginning of the lifelong pursuit of Him.

In His service, Nona



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Together Loving Christ

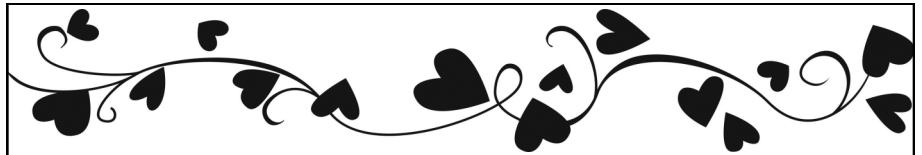
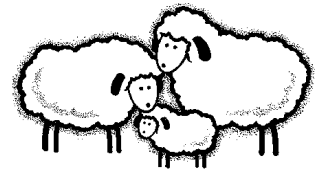
Are you sharing in the exciting and spiritual blessings of studying God's Word and discovering how it applies to your contemporary life?

Join with us in our Adult Study Group at Sunny Place every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Grow in the Word!

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Kid's Rock available
for children ages five to nine
Nursery Services Provided



Please join us for a free Senior Luncheon!

2nd Saturday Senior Luncheon

Saturday, February 10th, 11:00-1:30 p.m.

Come be our guest for food, great speakers and activities
Free event for Seniors 55 & up

Space is limited, so register now, at 630/398-2314

Visit us at: www.SunnyPlaceChurch.org



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Connecting Families With The Love Of Christ

Minutes of the Elder's Meeting - January 10, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Pete Weber, Sam Jacob, Ted Gehman, Tim Kasza, Glenda Kasza, Nona Koivula

Devotion and prayer: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

There was discussion about the book, "Church in the Middle" The book made a strong case for churches to become more missional; becoming the hands and feet of Jesus in the community. The question was discussed, how can we have the greatest influence on the Kingdom of God? The elders will pray about this and have continued discussion.

Ministry Reports:

Treasurer: Budgeted Bank Balance is \$1,012.03

Worship: There will be a Saturday, Jan. 20th worship service at 10 am. "Sing a New Song"

Christian Education: There is one class for students on Sunday morning with Carla as the teacher.

Hospitality & Encouragement: A baby shower is planned on Sunday, Feb 4 after church for Teresa Henneberg. Details are being arranged.

Prayer and Devotion: The prayer chain is being updated. There will be an afternoon of prayer on Jan. 21

Stewardship & Support Services: There will be a meeting in Feb. and a workday scheduled in March.

Ladies Ministry: A ladies night out is planned for Friday, Jan. 26.

Evangelism and Outreach: The Senior luncheon will be Jan. 13 and will continue each second Saturday per month.

Pastoral Counseling: Continues as planned.

Old and New Business:

- Addison Township Food Pantry There is an opportunity to serve the community at the food pantry. The pantry needs people to volunteer during the hours they are open for food distribution.
- 2018 Budget The budget was reviewed and a few minor changes were made. The Elders voted to approve the amended 2018 budget and present it to the congregation during the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 28.

Next Elders meeting Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 at 7pm



Kid's

Connection

"Jesus the Living Water"

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DRINK-FOUNTAIN-GIFT-QUENCH-RIVER-THIRSTY-WELL

LIVING WATER



The Father invites: “Come to the waters”

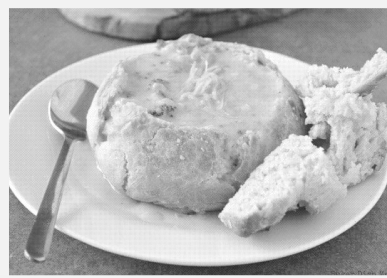
Isiah 55:5

The Son cries out: “Come to me and drink”

John 7:37

**The Spirit offers: “Come...
take the free gift of the water of life”**

Rev. 22:17



Cooking Contest - Soup !!!

Sunday, February 25th
12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place

It's all about warm, comfort foods for cold weather meals. Now's your chance to get inspired, and creative, with: **s o u p**. Most of us have favorites, so let us break bread and share our most delicious recipes.

Invite family and friends, all are welcome.
Please let Kim know if you will be a cook or taster.



Baby Shower

The ladies of the church are invited to a
Baby shower for Teresa Henneberg,
On Sunday,
February 4th, 12:30
at Sunny Place

Teresa & Dave are having a baby boy,
and are registered at Target.

Please bring your a side dish to share.
Chicken and Cake will be provided..

Please let Eva, or Nona know if
you will be coming.

Sunday School Line-Up

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Adult
Bible
Study

“Difficult Texts”



The Scriptures that you
may have wondered
about, or wrestled with.

Led by John Gryparis

Children's Classes

Led by Carla Weber

Nursery services are provided

Thursday Evenings

7:00 p.m.
at Sunny Place



“Making Your Calling and Election Sure”

A Bible Study
Through 1st & 2nd Peter

Led by Pastor Pete

FEBRUARY

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				<p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	<p>Groundhog Day</p> 	<p>Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. at Sunny Place</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Teresa's Baby Shower 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>			<p>Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	<p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>		<p>Senior Luncheon 11:30 a.m. at Sunny Place</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>Outreach Meeting 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>			<p>Happy Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>		<p>Men's Outing to The Chicago Auto Show</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>Afternoon of Prayer, light lunch following 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	<p>Presidents' Day</p> 		<p>Stewardship Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>	<p>Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>		<p>Flag Day</p> 
25	26	27	28			
<p>Cooking Contest 12:30 p.m. at Sunny Place</p>						