

Family Information

Ladies Day At Fishinger & Kenny

The Fishinger & Kenny congregation is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday March 5, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (lunch will be provided). If you would like more information, or would like to register, contact their office at office@fandk.org or 614-824-2298.

This Is The Day

Sigh of the breezes or sob of the tempest,
Skies of pure azure or clouds hanging low,
Sunshine or frost or the last of the storm wind,
Veiling of mist or the white whirl of snow,
Welcome the day! For the Lord, He hath made it,
Cometh it golden or cometh it gray.
Bringeth it burden or giveth it blessing,
Let us rejoice and be glad in His day.

*Annie Johnson Flint,
1866-1932*

A Shield Of Safety, A Spring Of Comfort

If I believe that Jesus died,
And, waking, rose to reign above;
Then surely sorrow, sin, and pride,
Must yield to peace, and hope, and love.

And all the blessed words He said
Will strength and holy joy impart:
A shield of safety o'er my head,
A spring of comfort in my heart.

*- Anne Brontë,
1820-1849*

On Line Bible Studies

Current On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details and the current schedule.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. The current study is on Colossians. Contact Karen for more details.

Contact Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4787	\$4344
Designated:	\$80	\$30

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

Service Times
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Spanish Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship 12:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship 4:00 PM

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

The Lord Is Our Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. - Psalm 23:1

The Lord is our Shepherd, who alone meets all the deepest needs of our souls. The Son of God came to be our good Shepherd; he is our Way and the truth and our life. Our Heavenly Father has given us the blessing of his Spirit, who gives us spiritual comfort as we endure this world's confusion and uproars, and who helps us understand God's words and his ways. God renews us inwardly and he nourishes us with the water of life - *He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. - Psalm 23:2-3*

In one of her poems, Mary Oliver (1935-2019) writes about the ways we can sense God's care and compassion all around us. Aware of our many needs and of God's eagerness to show us kindness and grace, Oliver writes, "Lord God, mercy is in your hands, pour me a little. And tenderness too. My need is great. Beauty walks so freely and with such gentleness." Indeed God surrounds us with beauty and gentleness, and he cleanses us of all our sins and stains.

Mary also wrote, "When I first found you I was filled with light." This world is full of emptiness and darkness and gloom, yet our Father in heaven is always near, and he guides us each step - *He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. - Psalm 23:3-4*

God's presence is always around us, and he gives us many reminders of his constant care and understanding, as Mary Oliver's poem continues, "Of course I have always known you are present in the clouds, and the black oak I especially adore, and in the wings of birds. But you are present to in the body, listening to the body, teaching it to live."

As we endure this world's sorrows and fears, Jesus patiently calls us to hold fast to him, as the poem says, "Help me to hear and to hold in all dearness those exacting and wonderful words of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: Follow me." Truly it is wonderful that the Son of God knows each of us by name and that he desires to be with his flock; truly his compassion and his care will follow those who put all our faith in him - *Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalm 23:6*

Surely our Heavenly Father surrounds us with reminders of his unfailing care amidst this world's chaos and harshness; surely the Lord has prepared an eternal home for those who walk humbly in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner



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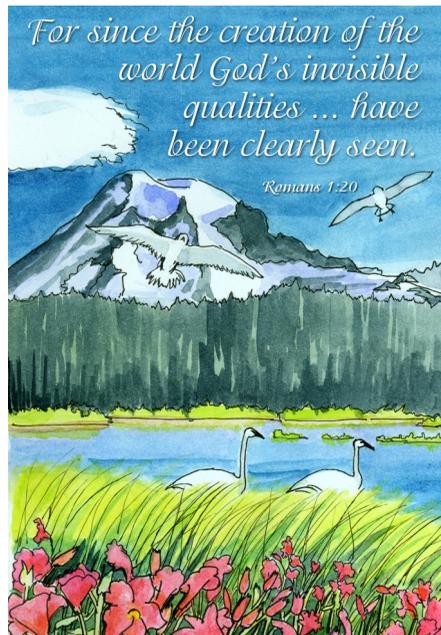
There's A God Somewhere

Each day the sun comes out to shine
The stars and moon they leave on time
The winds they blow we listeth where
 We breathe the living air
The flowers grow and do not toil
They do not spin or work at all
The birds they live and get their care
There must be a God somewhere

There's a God somewhere
There's a God somewhere
Where he helps me when
My load is hard to bear
When I rise from dark despair
And surmount my every care
My heart tells me
Surely there is a God somewhere.

- Thomas Albert Dorsey, 1899-1993

Musician and songwriter Thomas A. Dorsey wrote several hundred hymns as well as several hundred other songs. His best-known hymns include "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" and "Peace In The Valley", which each have been recorded by numerous singers. Note that Thomas A. Dorsey is a different musician from 1930s and 1940s bandleader Tommy Dorsey.



Renewed Inwardly Day By Day

This world's futile thinking may perplex us, and its empty ways may hard press us, so in our Heavenly Father's unfailing care he renews us inwardly day by day. This week, Dot Duncan writes about the ways that God's Spirit comforts and guides us each step.

The Holy Spirit - Our Counselor, Our Comforter

I've had a few professional counselors, both Christian and non-Christian over my lifetime. Each helped me overcome a challenge or accomplish a goal. In the beginning, I did not see my need for them nor value their profession, until I saw the results from our sessions.

You see, those human counselors helped me work through grief, self-doubt, and fear. They were not there to judge, but to guide and strengthen me, and so it is with the Holy Spirit.

As Jesus was preparing to go back to the Father, I am certain that He sensed the uneasiness and fear in His disciples. He wanted to reassure them that He was not going to leave them helpless, comfortless or bereaved (without a Comforter or Counselor).

John 14:16-17 - And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever - The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know Him, and recognize Him, but you know Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you. (Amplified Bible)

Jesus stated that He would ask the Father, and the Father would give another Counselor to take His place. This Counselor would remain forever. We are heirs to this promise. God has given us the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (God's presence in us) I Corinthians 6:19.

No need to schedule an appointment. He's readily available. We never need to worry about how many sessions the insurance company will pay for our deductibles. Jesus has given us an audience with God as often as we need without charge. He has paid the price. The Holy Spirit gives us peace when our hearts are troubled (John 14:27). He shows us the truth, for He is the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17). The Holy Spirit will teach us All things. He will never judge us but guide and strengthen us daily. He is the power of God and Christ in us.

This Counselor is available to all who believe Jesus and the Father are One and show their love for Him by obeying His commands. What a small price to pay for an indwelling Counselor! The counselor Jesus promised will live with us and be in us always.

- Dot Duncan