

Community Life Beginning 7/26/2015

Today

- We welcome to worship today **Rev. Don Robinson and his wife Judy**. Don serves as Assoc. Superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, the pastor to our pastors.
- **Community Lunch:** please join us today for our monthly Community Lunch after this service. During lunch, Rev. Don Robinson will share with us his experiences as Assoc. Superintendent with the Covenant Church.
- **Sabbatical Update:** Pastor David has been at Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon, on a prayer/study retreat, studying church growth through the centuries, in the lives and writings of key heroes of the faith from the medieval period of church history. (You can follow the details at David's blog, vinea.church: **July 20th, Trellises** & **July 21, The Fruit of Quietude** posted this week.)
- **Grow:** Today we are distributing the 4th "Grow" brochure, "**Becoming Generous...**" Extras are available at the Welcome Center and as a PDF on our web site, www.beachcommunity.org.

Looking Ahead

- **The Church Office and Building:** Will be closed tomorrow July 27th. Nancy will be working on home projects. Buzz will be available for scheduled appointments.
- **The Adult Sunday School Class @ 9am** in the basement will be starting a new 4-week series on August 2nd entitled "Christianity and Islam." This series will compare and contrast the two faiths looking at which beliefs are shared in common and where are they different. All are welcome to attend.
- **Homeless Ministry Meeting 8/6, 6:30pm at the Church.** In August we will get be getting more active about collecting needed items for the homeless travelling & visiting our church & the homeless in our county. Please join our meeting, if interested in helping organize & plan the collection, organization, & distribution of these items.
- **CHURCH PARKING LOT SALE**—To be held on Friday, 9/11 & Saturday, 9/12 from 9-4. Bring items to the church (no clothing) on Wednesday 9/9 & Thursday, 9/10 after 9am. Call Judy Wood (503-436-2826) if you have any questions.
- Thank you to all the ladies who worked on Baby Blankets on Thursday. We will need to work again on August 6th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. We still need sewers (bring your own machine), ironers and turners. Question? Call Barbara Campbell at 503-738-3148.

Sunday Children's Schedule

Kid's Church is provided for both the 1st & 2nd Service. At the 1st Service kids 5-8 years old begin in the service & at the 2nd service children 5years old – 5th grade begin in the service & then both are dismissed during the respective services.

Nursery care is provided for infants & children up through 4 years old during the 1st & 2nd Services.

Sunday Adult Schedule

8:15am Sunday Prayer Team (Pastor's Study)

9am Contemporary Worship

9am Adult Sunday School (Basement)

10:45am Classic Worship Service

10:45am Book Club (4th Sunday, Basement)

11:45am Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

6pm Evensong (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Through the Week at Church:

Women's Prayer Group – Tuesdays 8 am

Women's Bible Study – Not meeting until Sep.

Knitting-Stitchery-Crafts—Not meeting presently.

AWANA—Wednesdays 6-8pm, kids 3-12, adults (Oct.-Apr.)

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Thursdays 6:30am

"Brush Away the Blues"— Thursdays 1-4pm

Sacred Dance Rehearsal – Thursdays 7pm (Sanctuary)

Home Groups:

Bob & April Ray - 717-1793 – Seaside, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Young Adult, David & Trina Robinson -436-1303-Cannon Bch, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Laura Chen, 920-284-1525 – Gearhart, Women's Home Group, 2nd Saturday

Buzz & Nance Johnson – 436-1728 –Cannon Bch, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 7pm

Leaders, Staff, Reaching Us:

Leadership Team: David Robinson, Buzz Johnson, Doug Wood, Doris Stephens, Cole Horsley, Cat Wollen, Dale Thompson, Mattias Ekstrom, Marki Grenon, Doran Lower, Trina Robinson **Deacons:** Eileen Nordquist, Janis Lewis, Susan Rice, Katie Paaso, Judy Wood, Deanne Johnson

Church Staff: David Robinson, Pastor

Buzz Johnson, Associate Pastor

Nancy Giasson, Church Administrator

Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-12:30 pm; Tues-Thurs 1:30-4 pm.

Building: M-F 9:30am-5pm; (Closed Church & National Holidays)

Website: www.beachcommunity.org; **Pastor's Blog:** vinea.church

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THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Study Questions

Jul 27 – Aug 2, 2015

READ Acts 21: 1 - 16

EXPLORE Acts 21: 1-16

- Vs. 1: Who did they “tear themselves” away from and what does that tell us?
- Vs. 1-16: Trace their journey from Miletus to Caesarea.
- Vs. 4: What does it mean that they urged Paul “through the Spirit” not to go to Jerusalem and why do you think he chose to continue his journey?
- Vs. 5: How was Paul sent on his journey from Tyre and by whom?
- Vs. 8-9: In Caesarea they stay at Philip’s. Who was Philip and why was he called “one of the Seven”?
- Vs. 11-12: What prophecy is spoken to Paul and how do his companions respond?
- Vs. 13-14: What is Paul’s response and what is the subsequent response of his companions?

APPLY Acts 21: 1-16

- Though this is the story of Paul’s journey, it is also very much a story of community? How can we apply the community actions here to our own communities?
- Paul receives two warnings not to go to Jerusalem, but goes anyway. How can we discern our own paths while also considering the input of others?
- Paul expresses great confidence in the face of these warnings. From where is his confidence derived and what lesson(s) can we apply from this?
- The disciples’ final words, “The Lord’s will be done.” are not words conceding defeat, but a prayer for the future. Given this prayer, and Paul’s confidence, consider what life and faith lessons we can learn and apply to our own life journeys?

PRACTICE & PRAY: How can you apply the lessons of this study to your upcoming week?

THE LAST FAREWELL:

A Legacy of Grace

Acts 20: 17-38

Donald Robinson

Assoc Superintendent

PacNW Conference, ECC

July 26, 2015

INTRO:

SCRIPTURE Acts 20: 17-38

MESSAGE

- Vs. 17-27, 33-5: The grace of looking back on a life well lived.
- Vs. 22-31: The grace of looking ahead with purpose and commitment.
 - For ourselves (22-27)
 - For others (28-31)
- Vs. 32, 36-38 : The grace that sustains us for the moment giving us eternal hope.
- Lessons from Acts 20: 17-38