



The Messenger

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BUILT ON THE ROCK

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Dear friends:

I am sure we are all familiar with Jesus' story of the house that is built on the rock versus the house that is built upon the sand. As Jesus notes a life, or a church, or a family, that is built upon the rock when *"the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it was built upon the rock."* (Matthew 7: 25) Jesus is saying that those things that are built upon the foundation of our faith in HIM will stand and abide even in the times of storm in our lives.

It has been my experience in the churches I have served that some things I have started do not outlast my ministry in that congregation, whereas some things do. What is the difference?

I have been thinking a lot about all the things which have endured from our friend and brother, Pastor Randy's ministry. *We are committed to Reach Out Weekend this month and to see that it continues and prospers and grows, not the least because we know this is important to Randy.* We have stepped up to the plate to make certain our hosting of Family Promise (IHN) continues unabated. Likewise, we are committed to see the Healing Service continue. The list goes on and on.

The reason why these are important to us is because they were important to Randy. And these things endure because they were built upon the rock of faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Why do these things endure in our heart to do? *Because even when the times of storm have come in the life of our congregation these were built upon the rock and so they shall endure.*

I am asking for there to be an outpouring of participation in this year's Reach Out Weekend. There are opportunities to help in local mission concerns like Family Promise and the Washington Christian Outreach. And there are also opportunities to help out with church families who need a little boost, some yard work, some errands run, a little encouragement from their friends. Surely, you could spend some volunteer time on Saturday, October 6th and come to church on Sunday, October 7th to hear our missionaries the Roths?

Let's demonstrate that we have learned the lessons from Randy's life and ministry. Let's demonstrate that our church is built upon the rock and that no storm in this life will ever stop us from doing the things God has placed in our hearts to do.

Build your life upon the rock! See you in church and on Reach Out Weekend!

Faithfully,
Dr. Stu Broberg



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Worship Services
Sundays: 8:30, 9:43 & 11:00

Adult Sunday School and
Children's Sunday School
Will resume on
September 9, 2012.

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY OF FAITH



Mernie Patterson

Women's Ass'n Funeral Dinners Grace & Nat Roe

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I am overwhelmed by all the support and encouragement I'm receiving from all of you as I fight (what I call) "the Battle of the Back". Sometimes it's hard to remain optimistic when I feel I go forward 2 steps and slide back 3 - but it's easy to go forward with the "the Battle" when a card, a call or fragrant flowers arrive from our church family members - or I snuggle up with the warm, cozy prayer shawl. Thank you, thank you, thank you for caring and most especially for the gift of your prayers.

Hugs for each of you,
Johnnie Broberg

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards and visits and calls and encouraging words during my knee replacement surgery and recovery!
What a blessing to have such support to comfort away the pain and fear.

May God continue to bless and use all of you!

Love,
Janet Nevin

DEADLINE FOR THE November MESSENGER Is October 15TH!

USHER TEAM 8 IS ON FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Brant Bartletta	Joel Braun
Lou Barletta	Don Faust
Brian Edwards	Homer Prigg, Jr.
Chris Edwards	John Riddle
Jim Edwards	

WEDDINGS

Crystal Heck and George Miles were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant on July 21, 2012 with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

Courtney Walters and Evan Uselton were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant on July 28, 2012 with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

Kerri DiGiovanni and Ty Lacock were married in the sanctuary of The Church of the Covenant on September 9, 2012 with Dr. Stuart D. Broberg officiating.

NEW MEMBER CLASS!

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of our family of faith a class for new members will be held **Wed. October 17, 24 and 31 at 7:00 PM in the parlor**. A dinner with the session will be on **Monday, November 5 at 5:30 PM in the dining room** and the class will be received by the congregation at the **11:00 AM service on Consecration Sunday (November 11)**. To register please sign up at the Welcome Center or call Debi in the office ~ 724-222-0190 x 12.



Become Part of Our Church Family

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH!

Calling all women of the Church! The Evening Circle will meet on **Thursday, October 11th** at 6:15pm in the dining room. We are starting a new Bible Study called **"Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles"**. This is a great time to join Presbyterian Women! Presbyterian Women are involved in Mission, Bible Study, Fellowship and so much more! We invite first-time participants; you can join us at anytime. Please call Linda at 724-228-5828 if you are interested or have any questions! We meet for one hour and refreshments are served. Child care will be explored if the need is there.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

Check out all the events and happenings at the church online. The address is www.churchofthecov.org. You can download the Messenger by going to the Newsletter tab and then clicking on "Download the Messenger".

OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READINGS**Monday October 1**

Morning Ps. 62, 145

Evening Ps. 73, 9

Tuesday October 2

Morning Ps. 12, 146

Evening Ps. 36, 7

Wednesday October 3

Morning Ps. 96, 147:1-11

Evening Ps. 132, 134

Thursday October 4

Morning Ps. 116, 147:12-20

Evening Ps. 26, 130

Friday October 5

Morning Ps. 84, 148

Evening Ps. 25, 40

Saturday October 6

Morning Ps. 63, 149

Evening Ps. 125, 90

Sunday October 7

Morning Ps. 103, 150

Evening Ps. 117, 139

Monday October 8

Morning Ps. 5, 145

Evening Ps. 82, 29

Tuesday October 9

Morning Ps. 42, 146

Evening Ps. 102, 133

Wednesday October 10

Morning Ps. 89:1-18, 147:1-11

Evening Ps. 1, 33

Thursday October 11

Morning Ps. 97, 147:12-20

Evening Ps. 16, 62

Friday October 12

Morning Ps. 51, 148

Evening Ps. 142, 65

Saturday October 13

Morning Ps. 104, 149

Evening Ps. 138, 98

Sunday October 14

Morning Ps. 19, 150

Evening Ps. 81, 113

Monday October 15

Morning Ps. 135, 145

Evening Ps. 97, 112

Tuesday October 16

Morning Ps. 123, 146

Evening Ps. 30, 86

Wednesday October 17

Morning Ps. 15, 147:1-11

Evening Ps. 48, 4

Thursday October 18

Morning Ps. 36, 147:12-20

Evening Ps. 80, 27

Friday October 19

Morning Ps. 130, 148

Evening Ps. 32, 139

Saturday October 20

Morning Ps. 56, 149

Evening Ps. 118, 111

Sunday October 21

Morning Ps. 67, 150

Evening Ps. 46, 93

Monday October 22

Morning Ps. 57, 145

Evening Ps. 85, 47

Tuesday October 23

Morning Ps. 54, 146

Evening Ps. 28, 99

Wednesday October 24

Morning Ps. 65, 147:1-11

Evening Ps. 125, 91

Thursday October 25

Morning Ps. 143, 147:12-20

Evening Ps. 81, 116

Friday October 26

Morning Ps. 88, 148

Evening Ps. 6, 20

Saturday October 27

Morning Ps. 122, 149

Evening Ps. 100, 63

Sunday October 28

Morning Ps. 108, 150

Evening Ps. 66, 23

Monday October 29

Morning Ps. 62, 145

Evening Ps. 73, 9

Tuesday October 30

Morning Ps. 12, 146

Evening Ps. 36, 7

Wednesday October 31

Morning Ps. 96, 147:1-11

Evening Ps. 132, 134



CHURCH OF THE COVENANT TRAVEL GROUP
OLD FASHIONED CANTON CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012



Depart parking lot 8:00 AM ~ Return 8:00 PM.

Price: \$85.00 Reservations and full payment are due October 1, 2012.

We will kick off the Christmas season by visiting the Christkindle Market, their 41st year, followed by a Christmas show at the Palace Theater in Canton. The day will be completed with dinner before starting home. The itinerary is: Christkindle Market in the Cultural Center for the

Arts featuring local and national juried exhibitors. Lunch is on your own at the market. At 1:15 depart the market for The Palace Theater for 2:00 show then to the Canton Women's Club for a Holiday Buffet Dinner. Any questions, call or email Marge McWreath at 724-225-3226 or mmcwreath@msn.com. Check payable to Margaret McWreath and mail to 560 Shirls Ave., Washington, PA 15301

OCTOBER PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**September 30, 2012**

WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

Galatians 3: 23 to 4: 7

"So through God you are no longer
A slave but a son, and if a son then an heir." v. 7

Our identity in the world is that we are children of God; it defines who we belong to and who we are; it defines who we are not.

October 7, 2012

Guest Preachers: The Roths

World Communion Sunday

The Roths, our missionaries from the South Pacific, are coming as part of our Reach Out Weekend to encourage us to become more and more mission-minded and to commit our church as being a light for the community and for our world.

October 14, 2012

Three Kingdom Parables on Sowing

#1 DO THE MATH

Matthew 13: 18-23

"...bears fruit, and yields...a hundred fold..." v. 23

Jesus' Parable of the Sower explained in relation to the seeds we sow with our faith and life.

October 21, 2012

Cong Meeting

Three Kingdom Parables on Sowing

#2 IT JUST TAKES A LITTLE

Matthew 13: 31-32

"...it is the smallest of all seeds..." v. 32

Jesus' Parable of the Mustard Seed and how it produces great things for the Kingdom –words of encouragement to those who are called to serve.

The Congregational Meeting to elect officers as well as to elect the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is held in the sanctuary at NOON today. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

October 28, 2012

Reformation/

Memorial Sunday

Three Kingdom Parables on Sowing

#3 THE SERMON RANDY WOULD HAVE PREACHED

Matthew 13: 24-30

"Let both grow together until the harvest..." v. 30

Jesus' Parable of the Wheat and the nature of the church; leave judgment to God (after all, He's the expert).

We will have Mr. George Baldarose of the Balmoral School of Piping return as our guest bagpiper. Additionally, we will toll the necrology for those who have gone to be with the Lord over the previous year and dedicate memorial gifts to the glory of God.

**Sunday mornings at 8:45 - Video Bible Study**

- **Dining Rm. Led by Jonathan Pachter**

"The Lord of the Rings Trilogy ~ Lessons in What Movies and Modern Literature Can Tell Us about Our Faith". This class is back "by popular demand"! Jonathan will again lead us in a look at movies and how Christian faith can be seen "between the lines." Senior High Youth and adults of all ages will enjoy this look at movies and modern literature.

SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER!!

Would you like to help greet visitors and church members on Sunday mornings before the 9:43 and 11:00 services? Please sign up at the Welcome Center in The Commons and one of the Deacons will be in contact with you soon. Thank you!



THE MENAUL ADULT MISSION TEAM

For the third straight year, the Adult Mission Trip Team returned to the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico for 7 days. Departing on September 16th, the team members expanded their sense of the world beyond The Church of the Covenant by engaging in mission together with the students and staff of Menaul School. The following people worked, worshiped, engaged Menaul in prayer, conversation, song and helped to reflect Christ's abundant life in and for the world: Ginny Casper, Carol Hissom, Peg Nelson, Don and Linda Grimm, Ben and Deb Evans, Del and Patty Mounts, Skip and Connie Hornickel, Jean Stout, Pat Boyer, Dick Phelan, Linda Reese, Lois Gayman, Cookie Namie, and Leslie Zajdel. We thank you for keeping the mission team in your prayers for safety and the wise use of their time and talents for God. Thank you to all who helped in any way make this journey to serve others possible.



HELP ON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY!

Please consider giving some of your time and talents to Habitat for Humanity. The Church of the Covenant has committed to one workday each quarter for Habitat here in the Washington area. We work only 5-6 hours but make a needed contribution to the future and well-being of a neighbor. This is a "people project" that makes a positive difference in the lives of others. Please consider joining us in this worthy cause. Our next workday is **Saturday, November 10**, from 10 am.-2:00 pm. We won't know where or what kind of work until the week prior to the event. Please check your availability and put the date in your calendar. Sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Center starting in late July or you can contact **Steve Johnson** for information at [412-420-7253](tel:412-420-7253)

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

For prayer support or to join this ministry, call the church office. Please contact the Fellowship of Concern to give the names of those who are in need of prayer for health or other reasons. The names will then be called or emailed to the church members who pray daily for others. Prayer request forms are available in each pew. Completed forms may be placed in the offering basket on Sunday.



REACH OUT WEEKEND

Saturday October 6 is our annual Reach Out Weekend workday. On that day we will invest some "sweat equity" in helping neighbor organizations (Family Promise, Christian Outreach, and Habitat for Humanity) and some of our own congregation members with chores and light work that otherwise would not get accomplished. While the work is important, the Christian outreach to people with a need is what matters. Moreover, it is an opportunity to get to know other members of your church family in a relaxed situation. We will meet at the church at 8:30am for coffee, instructions, and prayer. We will then dispatch folks to the various places where work needs to be done. We will work generally from 9 to 2 but you are not bound to those times. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at the church or you can call Steve Johnson at 412-420-7253.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE **OCTOBER**

Food for the Food Bank

Please donate food items by placing them in the shopping cart in the commons.

55 PLUS

Harry Funk, a free-lance columnist at the Washington Observer-Reporter will present a program regarding Columbus on Oct. 12, 2012 at 12:00 noon at the 55 Plus luncheon. All are welcome.

AUTUMN CHOIR FEST!

The choirs from Center Presbyterian, First Presbyterian 1793, and The Church of the Covenant will present a concert on **Sunday, October 14, 2012, in our Sanctuary at 3:00 PM**. There will be no cost for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken, which will be given to the Boyer Family College Trust Fund. A cookie and punch reception will follow the concert. Please plan to attend this very special event.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RALLY DAY

What a wonderful day **RALLY DAY** was at The Church of the Covenant: delicious goodies during the Social time between services from the Preschool; a wonderful picnic lunch at noon with about 130 folks present organized and implemented by the Deacons; children ringing “Jesus Loves Me” with the crystal bells at 11:00 worship; dedication of the Sunday School teachers with a joyful cheer during 9:43 worship (thank you Don for leading that!); 309 in 3 worship services; and 105 children, youth and adults in Sunday School classes! If you were unable to attend, plan to join us next Sunday! Classes for children and youth meet during the 11:00 hour. Adult classes meet at 8:45, 9:30, and 11:00.

CHID PROTECTION POLICY

As we begin our Christian Education programs, it is important to remember that we have a new **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**. Adult volunteers who work with our children and youth as teachers, classroom aides, nursery aides, youth advisors, and chaperones are asked to complete an information form and apply for clearances. The church will pay for the clearances. Each classroom and or youth event here at the church should have 2 adult leaders.

Please consider offering your valuable time to share God’s love with our children and youth. **Remember, when a baby is baptized, the congregation takes a vow to share God’s love with these children as they grow!**

Please contact Janet Nevin if you are willing to volunteer in the Christian Education programs for our children and youth! (724-222-0190 ext 15 or jnevin@churchofthecov.org).



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

“PUNKIN” PATCH”

Saturday, October 27th @ 9:00-11:30 am

Come and enjoy a morning of fall activities for Pre School--2nd grade children and their families! SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more details!

EAGER LITTLE LEARNERS!!!



We are off to a great start for the school year! The children are settling in, connecting with their teachers, and making friends. There is a lot of fun and learning going on in our class rooms, and the children are also learning that school can be fun. We see so many smiling faces. The parents are feeling that this is their “family” school and are getting used to our routines. Parents also form lasting friendships just as much as the children do here at The Preschool.

The children have accomplished their beautiful self portraits, easel painting, learning to print four chosen letters in our curriculum, our five senses, the colors yellow and blue the Bible story of “God made us Special” and “Jesus loves the little children” and the list can go on and on.

We have been quit busy as you can see.

Remember, stop on down and see the children at work in our fantastic Preschool!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION cont.**ADULT DISCIPLESHIP**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is not just for children and youth! Some folks can be members of a church, yet not be a disciple of Jesus. When Jesus called His disciples, He spent His ministry teaching and equipping them to share the Gospel. As adults, sometimes it is difficult to admit that “we don’t know”! Being a “lifetime learner” is a blessing as it nurtures a lifetime faith journey with Jesus. There are numerous opportunities for adults, and what a wonderful example to the children and youth of our church family to see adults also participating in learning more about the Bible and Jesus!

SUNDAY MORNING classes began meeting on September 9th. New students are welcome at any time as schedules permit.

8:45 - 9:45 AM

“The Lord of the Rings Trilogy—Lessons in What Movies and Modern Literature Can Tell Us about Our Faith”
(Senior High youth and adults) - Jonathan Pachter

9:30-10:30 AM

The Parlor Class - “1 & 2 Timothy and Titus”
Andy Kluczyn

11:00-12:00

Bible Study in the Parlor - “The Book of Acts”
Joe Donham / Dr. George Jones

11:00-12:00

Women’s Bible Study
“Women of the Old and New Testament”
Donna Carlisle

MID WEEK small groups include **Tuesday evening** study with Steve Warren at the church @ 7:00-8:00. This group will begin with a book study of Mere Christianity by CS Lewis. A **Wednesday afternoon** small group will meet at the church @ 2:00-3:00 with Joe Donham. They will begin with a small group study by Max Lucado, Out Live Your Life.

Some folks were not able to participate or complete last spring’s **EXPERIENCING GOD** small group study. Please sign up in the Christian Education folder at the Welcome Center if you would like to participate this fall. Every effort will be made to accommodate busy schedules.

Please contact Janet Nevin if you have an interest or questions about any of these Adult Discipleship opportunities.

3 CHURCH EVENT - “Tip toe Through TULIP”
October 13, 2012 9:00-Noon - Faith United Presbyterian Church

“Tiptoe through TULIP” will be this fall’s presentation and discussion by the **3 Church Lecture Series**, a collaborative effort by the clergy, lay leaders, and staff of Faith United Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, 1793; and The Church of the Covenant.

TULIP is an acronym for famous five doctrines of the Reformed Christian faith: **T**otal Depravity, **U**nconditional Election, **L**imited Atonement, **I**rresistible Grace, and **P**reservation of the Saints. These doctrines were affirmed at the Synod of Dort in 1619 and continue to exercise influence in the Presbyterian, Reformed, Baptist and faith traditions influenced by John Calvin. Consideration of these doctrines is helpful to all Christians who ponder such questions as: Do we really need to be “saved”? Are we “predestined” or do we have free will? Can I fall away from faith along the way? These are basic questions about the Christian faith that deserve good answers. Come explore TULIP in an informative and enjoyable way. “**Tiptoe through TULIP**” will be Saturday, October 13th; 9:00-Noon; at Faith United Presbyterian Church. The presenters will be: The Rev. DR. Stuart Broberg, The Rev. Jason Hefner, and The Rev. Dr. L. Stephen Smith, Jr.

REGISTRATION FORMS are available in the rack beside the Welcome Center and can be turned in to the church office by October 5, 2012.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION cont.

MID WEEK SPEAKER SERIES

The **MID WEEK SPEAKER SERIES** will return this fall beginning **OCTOBER 9TH** (7:00-8:00) with **Rev. Craig Kephart**, Executive Presbyterian of Washington Presbytery. Rev. Kephart will share information about the **General Assembly**. Please sign up in the Christian Education Folder at the Welcome Center if you are interested in attending.

“TULIP: What it Means for Us Today” will be the second offering for the **MID WEEK SPEAKER SERIES** led by our friend, **The Rev. Dr. John P. Burgess**. This offering will be October 16, 23, 30, November 6, and 13 @ 7:00-8:00. It will be a five week follow-up of the 3 Church Event, October 13th “Tiptoe through TULIP!” (see related article)

WHAT IS TULIP, you may ask? Our Presbyterian, Reformed tradition has always insisted that what we believe makes a difference for how we live. One summary of what we believe comes from the early 17th century and is called TULIP: Total depravity, Unconditional election, Limited atonement, Irresistible grace, and Perseverance of the saints.

Each week we will unpack one of these doctrines and show what it means for our lives today. Enjoy the flowers with us!

The Rev. Dr. John P. Burgess is professor of systematic theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian minister, and a regular speaker in congregations in the Pittsburgh area. **We welcome him back to The Church of the Covenant!**

YOUTH MINISTRY STUFF

Youth ministry is off to a solid start for the new ministry year at The Church of the Covenant. We have six quality adult leaders and more are a possibility. The summer ended with a swim party at the Edwards' home and a trip to Ohiopyle. Now all of us are looking forward to a great fall that includes a "Johnny Cash" concert, hayride, service to many in need and a high school retreat to "Fallout" at Salt Fork State Park in Ohio. The middle school retreat will take place after the first of the year.

This fall we are carrying out a theme of "Know what you believe and why you believe it" for Sunday School. The Covenant and Covenant JV youth programs will be dealing with relationships for the fall...relationships with self, family, friends and God. All of the fun, activities and effort invested by the leadership team are designed to bring teenagers into a vital and growing relationship with their Creator.

Our team so far: Shelly Armstrong, Heidi Bury, Marna Day, Audrey Hawker, Jeff Legler and Dave Narigon. Several others are involved with logistics, etc. Please be praying for all of us as we reach into the lives of our teenagers and their friends.

Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

As part of our function as the 2012 Nominating Committee, we have been charged with nominating a Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (“DAPNC”). In the next few weeks the Nominating Committee will be contacting those members whose names we are given to invite them to serve on the DAPNC.

We ask that you give this some prayerful thought and consideration; and, if you feel that God is leading you to serve on the DAPNC, please provide us with your name and telephone number below. Or you may choose to nominate someone else to serve on this committee. Again, please provide their name and telephone number, if you know it.

Finally, we ask that you keep the 2012 Nominating Committee in your prayers as we go about the business of discerning God’s will and direction in the formation of the DAPNC.

God Bless You All! The 2012 Nominating Committee ~ Joyce Camlin (mjcamlin@gmail.com), Co-Chair

Elsie Hall (elsie@cmhallass.com), Co-Chair

Members: Jim Edwards; Linda Marriner; David Warne; Karen Davison; George Camlin, Barbara Reintgen

I nominate the following person(s) to serve on the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:

Name: _____

Phone: _____



THE CARNAHAN LIBRARY

Dedicated on 11/1/09 to the memory of Thomas Dorrington Carnahan II, Thomas Dorrington Carnahan III, George Kirk Carnahan and to the glory of God.

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm



Given in Memory of The Reverend Randy Boyer by the Monday Readers. (Randy gave the group the recommendation of a book to learn more about the Middle East and we all benefited from reading and discussing it. The book “The Media Relations Department of Hizbollah Wishes You a Happy Birthday” by Neil MacFarquhar is available in the library.) We think Randy would have liked this new publication.

House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East by Anthony Shadid. The author was the Middle East correspondent for the *New York Times*

until his unexpected death on 2/16/12 at the age of 43 of an asthma attack while leaving from war torn Syria. He received two Pulitzer Prizes for his coverage of Iraq and the Arab Spring. Shadid was a Lebanese American who was raised in OK. In 2008, he returned to his great-grandfather’s estate in Lebanon and began to rebuild it. In this memoir, he ties together the past and the present, tracing his family’s flight from Lebanon to America along with documenting the current shifting Middle East.

Given in Recognition of Barb Knight’s dedicated work for the library by Lolly Carnahan (7 books).

A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana by Haven Kimmel.

This is Haven Kimmel’s memoir. Haven was born and raised in the small town of Mooreland which only had a population of 300 people. She was nicknamed “Zippy” for the way she would bolt around the house. She describes the period of the 60’s which was an innocent postwar time where neighbors helped each other and went to church on Sunday. A reviewer from *USA Today* says that “...Kimmel pulls off a feat that’s harder than it looks: write for adults from a child’s perspective.”

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. This book is described as an emotionally riveting family saga of Africa and America. Twin brothers are born of a secret union between an Indian nun and a British surgeon at a mission hospital in Ethiopia. Both boys pursue medicine. Unfortunately, their love for the same woman will tear apart their close relationship and one twin leaves Ethiopia to work in a hospital in NYC. In time this twin must entrust his life to the two men he trusted least -- his father and his brother. This book was on the bestsellers’ list for a long time. (Recommended by Kay Sneec)

Imperfect: An Improbable Life by Jim Abbott and Tim Brown. Jim Abbott was born without a right hand. Fortunately, his parents saw in his condition not a disability but an opportunity. He was a two sport standout in high school and then an ace pitcher for the University of Michigan. At the 1988 Olympics,

he won the gold medal game at the age of 21. He then became part of the pitching rotation for the California Angels. Eventually, he became a NY Yankee and in 1993 pitched a no-hitter. In this memoir, Jim reveals the insecurities of a life spent as the ‘different’ one and how he hid his disability in his right pocket. He also tells about the down times during his baseball career. His greatest honor has been to help others who have lived with disabilities.

One Perfect Word: One Word Can Make All the Difference by Debbie Macomber.

Macomber is best known as a writer of fiction but this book is not. This work of non-fiction began with Debbie’s taking the time to focus on a single word for a whole year. By doing this, she found that she not only changed but also the ones around her were changed. Each chapter is about a focus word such as hunger, trust, brokenness and prayer. This book would be worthwhile for individual or group study.

The Beginner’s Goodbye by Anne Tyler. Aaron, the main character of this novel,

loses his wife in a freakish accident at their home. He is devastated and the only events that seem to restore him are her frequent appearances – in their house, on the road and even in the market. Eventually, these appearances help him to live in the moment and to find some peace. As always, Tyler uses humor and wisdom in her writing to make her characters very real and very human. (There are 3 other of this Pulitzer Prize winning author’s novels in the library.)

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. The narrator of this novel is a very wise dog named Enzo. Shortly before his death from old age, he takes a look back at his life, recalling all that his owner, Denny and Denny’s family have experienced. The book is funny, sad and uplifting. It was on the bestsellers’ lists for a long time. (It’s recommended by more than one church member.)

Mrs. Kennedy and Me by Clint Hill. Clint Hill was the Secret Service agent assigned to guard Jacqueline Kennedy from the time of John Kennedy’s election in 1960 until after the election of LBJ in 1964. Initially he was reluctant to take the assignment but he found her to be intelligent, funny, and to exhibit composure and a wonderful spirit. Clint was the agent who climbed into the car after Kennedy was shot. For many years, he blamed himself for the tragedy. In a recent interview about the book, his eyes still welled with tears. In 1967, he became the Special Agent in Charge of presidential protection. In reading reviews of this book, it was apparent that other agents regard him as one of the best agents in the history of the Secret Service.

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