



FAITH CHRISTIAN NEWS

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Making the world a better place: What an interesting idea!

I was looking for something to write about this month. I ran across a 2002 article written by Rabbi Kalman Packouz; executive director of the Aish HaTorah Jerusalem Fund in South Florida. He was asked to come up with 10 rules for people to live by that would make this a better world. I'd like to share some of his rules list with you.

**** Speak right:** Gossip is the verbal atomic bomb of relationships. It destroys. High-level people speak about ideas, average people speak about things, inferior people speak about people. A kind word at the right time can change a life, inspire, encourage greatness.

***Act with honesty and integrity:** Your word is your bond. If you always answer truthfully, you will avoid doing things that you would be embarrassed to explain.

***Respect others:** Rabbi Akiva said it best, "Don't do unto others as you would not want done to you." Every person on this planet is created in the image of the Almighty. If you don't respect others, you don't respect the Almighty.

*** Be kind to others:** Go out of your way each day to help others. Hold a door open, carry groceries, listen to and smile at others and find something nice to say.

***Work for a cause:** Be bigger than yourself. Work to perfect the world. At the end, do you want to measure your life in terms of how many vacations you took or steaks you ate or what you did to help others and make this a better world?

*** Be Humble:** Humility is knowing exactly what your talents & capabilities are and knowing that they are gifts from the Almighty. An arrogant person is too full of himself for any wisdom to enter in.

***Pray:** God doesn't need our prayers. We need prayer to focus on the Source of our blessings, God. Even if a person doesn't believe in God, praying makes a person realize that he himself is not God.

***Be real with God and with life:** Realize that there are consequences for your actions. Ultimately there is reward for good actions and punishment for your transgressions, if not in this world then the next. Being real with life is realizing that you are going to die."

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 3 - 10:30 am. Worship

Monday, Sept. 4 - Labor Day, Office closed

Sat., Sept. 9 - 9-3 Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, Sept. 10 - 9:30 am Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship

Congregational Meeting following Worship

Tues., Sept. 12 - 5:30 pm Council Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 17 - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship

Sat., Sept. 23 - 9-3 Threadbare Ladies

Sunday, Sept. 24 - 9:30 am. Christian Ed. classes
10:30 am. Worship

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

3 Tyler Haithcock
8 Donna Greenland
14 Jane Urish
19 Robert VanMeter
22 Helen Scalzi
23 Jean Boyd
25 Janice Young
27 Baxter Steiner
29 Earl Weigt

This was some of Rabbi Kalman's list - It might be worthwhile to make your own list. After all, it's your life.

Anniversaries

3 Duane & Jean Boyd
18 Earl & Fran Weigt

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN - September 10, 2017

Christian Education classes will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 am. Adult class, Confirmation Class & Primary class will be offered. Please come and join us!

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Please join us Monday, September 11 at 10:00 AM. at the church.

Our Bible Study group will be studying the books of I & II Timothy & Titus this year. We will be using a Life Guide Bible Study Book written by Pete Sommer. We have used various Life Guide Bible studies over the years and have found them to be very rewarding. Peter Sommer is a new author for us and I & II Timothy & Titus are books we have never studied before. They were written in a time when there was a confusing mix of religions and a worldly and carnal society. Timothy & Titus were both leaders in the early church but also very human. There seems to be parallels to today's society for us to learn from.

Books can be purchased from Jane Urish for \$6.00.



Special Offerings coming in October

*The Neighbor's in Need and the Peace and Global Witness Appeal will be received on **October 1st** which is World Wide Communion Sunday. Inserts will be placed in your Sunday bulletins about both offerings.*

The Neighbors in Need offering

supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. 2/3 of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice & Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts (i.e. federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties & environmental justice), and direct service projects. NIN also supports our American Indian neighbors - 1/3 of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

Peace & Global Witness offering

(PCUSA) builds on the Presbyterian commitment to peacemaking established in 1980. At the national level, this witness means supporting those working to heal divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan, creating materials for congregations to deal with important issues (bullying, gun violence), using our seat at the United Nations table to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. 25% of the offering stays in our congregation, enabling us to provide support where we deem is most needed locally. It has meant scholarship for students recognized as peacemakers, support for shelter where those abused find refuge.

Let's support these offerings with generous giving! As followers of Christ, our call to work for justice and peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but one that we as Christians must follow.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
following Worship & the
Congregational meeting.**

Please join us!! Come and celebrate the beginning of Christian Ed. classes! Celebrate the new church year of activities! Celebrate new beginnings! Sponsored by Church Life & Christian Education.

FOOD PANTRY: The Program is doing well. Some improvements are being made at the pantry. Although a variety of goods are always needed and appreciated, some suggestions for donations include: canned vegetables like beets, spinach, cream style corn, potatoes. Also bottled water, flavored drinks, coffee, tea bags. Tuna is popular and not always available. Snacks of all kinds, i.e.: chips, cookies, M&Ms.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

Without a full-time pastor, our income stayed ahead of our expenses almost every month. February & June were the only months that our expenses were more than our income.

Our pledged income for the first 6 months is behind our budget by some \$3,900.00 and our per capita is at a standstill as not all members have paid their share as the end of June. The cost for each member is \$29.56. This amount has been sent to the proper people and is paid for the year but we have not received that amount back into our funds.

We had our kick-off fundraising drive for the re-pavement of the driveway & parking lot on Sunday, Aug. 13 and are continuing to accept pledges and donations.

DRIVEWAY FUNDRAISER

We continue to accept your donations for the re-pavement of our driveway & parking lot. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far but we have a long way to go. Prayerfully consider a donation to help offset the cost of this project. Thank you!

For World Peace, I Would...

In light of recent conflicts between nations, it's interesting to reflect on what students in 1994 at William Dandy Middle School, a pre-law and public affairs magnet school in Ft. Lauderdale tell what they would do for world peace.

Sebrina Loggins, grade 8: "I would pray every day and ask God to help this world before it's too late and before it gets out of hand. I would go talk to our president and then, if that didn't work, I will begin to talk to my precious black people and white, all colors. Everyone in this whole world is precious."

Joy Smith: "I'll try to bring blacks, white, etc., together to stop the prejudice. I'll try to stop blacks killing blacks, whites killing whites and blacks etc., killing each other. I'll try to stop the wars for people fighting against people because it's nothing but a bunch of hatred and racism."

Myrmose Marcellon: "What can I do to bring peace to the world? A BIG question to answer for many people. But I can answer it in just three words: 'STOP THE HATE!' Hate is what is causing the violence. If we stop hating each other and learn to respect our differences, maybe the violence can stop."

Spread God's love and peace to each other and to your neighbor!

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