



Weekly Booster

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Do you know what Fear and Faith have in common, besides the letter F? A future that hasn't happened yet. Fear believes in a negative future. Faith believes in a positive future. Both believe in something that has not yet happened. So, I ask you, if neither the positive or negative future has happened yet then why not choose to believe in the positive future? What do you have to lose but the fear that is sabotaging your joy and success?

I believe during these challenging times we have a choice between two roads. The positive road and the negative road. And our bus can't be on two roads at the same time. So we have to make a choice and this choice determines our belief about the future and the attitude and actions we bring to the present.

I'm not saying we shouldn't have any fear. There are times when fear is a gift. A healthy dose of fear causes us to examine our situation and plan for the future. It moves us to smell the cheese and anticipate change. When used wisely it allows us to manage risk and make better decisions. Some fear is good.

However, what I have observed lately is a supersized, mega dose of fear that is pervading the hearts and minds of far too many people. This jumbo sized fear is causing leaders and their organizations to either act irrationally or to not act at all. They are either scurrying in a million different directions because of fear or paralyzed by it. In both cases, fear is leading them to take the negative road to failure.

The answer is the positive road paved with faith and a belief that your best days are not behind you but ahead of you. With this belief you make the right choices and actions today that will create your positive future tomorrow. You continue to invest in your organization, your people and yourself. You stay calm, focused and committed to your vision and purpose. You look for ways to save money and cut costs without making irrational fear-based decisions that sacrifices your future success. You identify opportunities in the midst of the challenges and you focus on solutions instead of problems. Most of all your belief spreads to others. You impact the culture, mindset and attitude of your organization, your team and your customers through your faith and belief.

Your faith and belief in a positive future leads to powerful actions today. The future has not happened yet and you have a say in what it looks like by the way you think and act. Fear or Faith. The choice is yours.

Is fear impacting you and your organization? How are you overcoming it?

Adapted from article by Jon Gordon, The Jon Gordon Companies, Weekly Newsletter (Positive strategies to fuel your life and career), August 30, 2021, as published at www.JonGordon.com.

*Blessed are those who
can laugh at
themselves, for they
will never cease to be
amused.*

Reminders

September 5th
Communion Sunday

September 6th
Labor Day
Office Closed

September 8th
Praise Team
5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.

September 9th
T.O.P.S.
4:30 p.m.

September 11th
Benefit Concert
For Qixin Sun & family
2:00 p.m. (UMC)

****Worship Assistants needed
for September 12th, 19th,
and 26th**

**** Fellowship Volunteers
Sign-up sheet on the counter in
Fellowship Hall**



This one is a potential minefield of issues and observations that could surprise the diligent worship team attempting to capture James's central point. James points out the economic distinctions that we are all too likely to make in our hospitality ministry. But it wouldn't be too big a leap to talk about racial and immigrant and gender and orientation distinctions at the same time. This is not, however, a recommendation to avoid the issues We are called to speak up and to follow the boldness of James and talk about the lines of respectability that we too often draw, consciously or unconsciously. It is better to enter into these delicate subjects knowingly than to be surprised.

How do we proclaim inclusion, particularly in what are often homogeneous congregations? One way would be to look at the source of the words that you use for worship. We offer, in our liturgical resources, liturgies from a wide spectrum of writers and encourage you to look at the source of the prayers and litanies and songs that you choose for worship. Who is given a voice in your worship setting? Is it only those who look like you? How might other voices be heard?

Ruth Duck, in her book *Worship for the Whole People of God* (Westminster/JKP, 2021, 2nd ed.), points out that to sing a song from another culture as a one-off is not as welcoming as we might think. It would be better to become familiar with the songs even before seeing them as invitational (See Chapter 3, "Diverse Worship", pp.51-55). The purpose of broadening our horizons is not only to be appealing to others, but to increase our own understanding and experience of the world. This enables us to see commonalities and connections and lessens our desire to make distinctions between cultures and peoples.

How can worship bridge the gaps that we have begun to take for granted in our world? What symbols can convey reaching across the aisle or tearing down the walls that separate us? Maybe the hospitality team could take the lead in this worship experience to talk to us about what it means to welcome and to include. What priorities help us overcome the distinctions that we might unthinkingly make? Let this be a worship experience of reconciliation, not just between individuals, but between the church and world, between economic status, between races, between orientations. Let's tear down what divides and invite all into the discipleship journey so that we can be forgiven and transformed.

Adapted from article by Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, as published at UMCDiscipleship.org for September 5, 2021.



Greetings Church,

Our denomination is a connectional one. Each geographical grouping of churches has a yearly gathering called our Annual Conference. Ordained elders in the United Methodist Church are said to be in "full connection". We are to be in connection to one another and one of our goals is to make it easier for new people, and newly returned people, to connect with us. It's about that "Next Connection". How will we make that Next Connection? Will it be a phone call or visit from the pastor? Will it be an invitation to a shared meal? An invitation to serve? To a study group? Will it simply be an invitation to share contact information so we can make that Next Connection?

There is always that next connection to make, and I'd like you to be thinking about it. How will you make that next connection with someone new to you whom you've noticed in worship? Will you introduce yourself? Will you encourage them to fill out that connection card? Tell them about what coming event or activity you're excited about?

We have changed our email addresses. We will be changing our website soon. We will be announcing some new software to help the church make that Next Connection with people. I am excited for these changes and how we can use them to stay connected with each other and welcome others into connection with us.

God bless you,

Pastor Kelly

Church Office Hours

**No children or adult Sunday School at this time. <u>Ask how you can help</u>	Monday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.
**Bell Choir – Volunteer needed	Tuesday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	
**Chancel Choir – Wednesday, September 1 st 7:00 p.m. Come join us!	Wednesday CLOSED	
The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.	Thursday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	
	Friday 9:00-11:00 12:00-3:00	



*Thank you!
Thank you for giving me a scholarship again this year. I really appreciate all your support! – Devin Morelock*



Where did God confuse the language of the early humans?	What was the nationality of the giant warrior Goliath?	What idol fell to the ground and broke after the Ark of the Covenant was placed nearby?
a) Babel b) Sodom c) Gomorrah d) Nineveh	a) Philistine b) Moabite c) Phoenician d) Ammonite	a) Dagon b) Ashtaroth c) Molech d) Chemosh

Check next week's Booster for answers to the three trivia questions.

August 29th answers
b) the book of life, c) float
b) Pleiades

Book Your Appointment Online



Would you like to chat with Pastor Kelly, maybe over coffee, tea, or soda? Need to get something on the church calendar or need something brought to our attention? You can book an appointment online with Jeff or Pastor Kelly by going to the following link <https://bit.ly/3sm5lyY> (click on the link or copy and paste into your browser). You may also use a QR reader.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 6th – Bruce Johnson
- 7th – Dixie Major
- 8th – Dennis Bayless
- 11th – Doug McElroy



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**Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

L: We can trust God.

P: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

L: God loves all the people:

P: The poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger

L: We can depend on God.

P: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

L: Praise our Loving God.

P: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

"Taming the Tongue"

Old Testament Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-23

New Testament Scripture: James 3:1-12

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-28

Songs

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #57 (Hymnal)

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning #2004 (Black Book)

Take Time to Be Holy #395 (Hymnal)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #2129 (Black Book)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 70

Online Worship – 29

Our Mission:

"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."

Our Vision:

"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."