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Words of Wisdom From Reverend Cheryl Kincaid



Are you a wrinkle counter? Many of us are. Our culture encourages us to be obsessed with looking younger and finding perfection in our bathroom mirrors. Making us feel insecure is a great way to sell creams, lotions and make up. There is nothing wrong with trying to look your best, but our society has put a premium on youth and perfection that is unhealthy.

The great gift of our faith is that we can accept ourselves as God's craftsmanship and not compare ourselves to this world's frivolous standards. I love the scripture that says:

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Our standard of beauty is in God's favor not in our mirror. I like this passage because it reminds us that God is the one who has prepared a job for us. He has already planned the "good works" that we should do. We just must seek His guidance.

The bible also reminds us that this vessel in which we live in will quickly fade with time.

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Isaiah 40:6-8

Paul paraphrases this passage later in his second letter to Peter when he says:

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:23 -25

These scriptures remind us that there is something very temporary about us and something that is eternal about us.

My temporary side is my human flesh and all the foibles that go along with being human. These things will pass away, they will grow old and frail. But the living WORD that God has placed in me will be eternal and will not fade away.

The scripture teaches us that:

"In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in Heaven for you."

1 Peter 1:3-4

The inheritance of Christ's resurrecting power will never fade away.

I was moved, like many of you, by Dick Sterling's testimony at church on May 21st. He left us a great gift by his testimony and his assurance of heaven. His words reminded me of how temporary our lives are but also how eternal our Christian witness can be. We may wonder if our effort for the gospel is accomplishing anything. But when we realize that we are not preaching it alone, but our voices join in harmony with other Christian voices, like Dick's voice, we realize that great power of the Christian witness.

Prayerful Practices for People of the Presence

What time is it?

In Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 King Solomon writes,

There is a time for everything. and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- a time to kill and a time to heal,
- a time to tear down and a time to build,
- a time to weep and a time to laugh,
- a time to mourn and a time to dance.
- a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.
- a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.
- a time to search and a time to give up,
- a time to keep and a time to throw away.
- a time to tear and a time to mend,
- a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- a time to love and a time to hate.
- a time for war and a time for peace.

There is a movie (which I probably will not see) entitled "Everything Everywhere All at Once".

I like the title. And when we read this passage, it occurs to me that sometimes many of these times coincide or overlap or impact us all at the same time. Everything. Everywhere. All at once.

There is great sorrow in the loss of loved ones. Calvary will have honored the lives of three saints gone to be with Jesus within a few weeks period from late May to early June. It is a time to weep and a time to mourn. There are times when we need to embrace, to hold each other close and times when we need to be alone with our thoughts and emotions. We need to try to recognize those needs as we spend time with those experiencing loss.

But it is now spring going into summer! And it is a time to plant, (and weed), a time for gardens, a time for new life, a time to watch things grow and produce. And yet, for others it is a time to do that spring cleaning - to decided what to keep and what to throw away, what to repair and where to let go.

For some of us it is a time to be silent – to take time to sit with Jesus. For others a time to speak – to share our faith, to offer words of hope and healing to those we encounter as we go through our day to day living. And in all the emotions expressed in this passage, there can be healing.

Healing in tears. Healing in laughter. Healing in dancing. Healing in celebrating the joys of life. Healing in being together in a time of loss. Healing in weeping together or holding one who weeps. Healing in working together. Healing in worshipping together. Cont. page 3

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What time is it in your life? Take time to prayerfully read this passage and ask the Lord.

Whatever time, whatever season, know God's love for you and be at peace.

Rev. Donna Yanosy

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Choir News from out Music Director

Soon the Choir will be on a well-deserved break. Why not share your gift of music during the offertory this summer? Please contact me when you would like to participate.

Thanks!

Speaking of Choir, there will be a Summer Choir on Sunday, July 30 or August 27!

The date will be in a future bulletin and Constant Contact.

All are welcome to meet in the choir room at 9:15 AM to prepare the music for the offertory.



Lori Bourret

Make a joyful noise!

Pray 1, Stitch 2 MINISTRY GROUP



Every Wednesday Morning, a group of women get together to spend an hour or two knitting Lap Blankets and Prayer Shawls for those hurting, sick or need a little piece of TLC to wrap themselves in.

These women lovingly and faithfully make these items that are prayed over and then sent out to bless others.

Thank you Ladies for using your gifts and talents that God has given you to bring joy to others and brighten up the lives of those who receive them.

For more information about this group, you may call the church at 860-745-5211

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June & July Birthdays and Anniversaries

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

<u>Birthdays</u> <u>Anniversaries</u>

4 David Joseph 9 Bob & Lori Bourret (1984)

Tom Massetti

Bill McNabb

7 Sydney Hess

8 Bill Lee

9 Dawn Schoenrock

11 Susan Sterling

27 Dick Sterling

JULY CELEBRATIONS

<u>Birthdays</u> <u>Anniversaries</u>

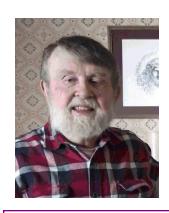
17 Marjorie Stradinger 3 Tom & Angie Massetti (1980)

Lori Beauchesne 29 Doug & Beth Gillette (1967)

Transitioned into Heaven



Olga Delosrios (Angie Masseti's Mother)



Dick Sterling



Gail Byers

CALVARY CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Memorial Service For Dick Sterling

Saturday – June 10th, 11:30AM

Reception following Service.

Sunday Church Service 10AM

Coffee Hour 11:15 AM

Adult and Kids Sunday School Classes

(will Resume in the Fall)

Wednesday night Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM in UL8

Thursday night Men's Bible Study

7:00 PM in UL8 . Meets on the 1st & 3Rd week of the month

Morning Prayer (ZOOM)

Tuesday & Thursday @ 9AM

Ladies ZOOM Bible Study

Monday – 7PM

Pray 1, Stitch 2 Knitting Group

Every Wednesday 11AM – 1PM in UL1

Healing Service at Calvary Church

WEDNESDAY - **JUNE 21, 2023** @ 4:00 PM

Church Work Day

Saturday - June 24, 2023

For more Information, See Evans Farrell

Church Picnics - Last Sunday of each Month

JUNE 25TH

JULY 30th

AUGUST 27th

(Following Church Service)

<u>Vacation Bible School - June 27 – 29</u>

9:30 AM - noon

Pre-Registration required

www.calvaryenfield.org or 860-745-5211

For More Information, please see Donna Yanosy

Enfield Fair On The Green - Volunteers Needed

Saturday July 8th, 9:30AM – 3PM

Calvary Church will have a table on the green.

2023 LESTER & LILLIAN B. BODLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application and Guidelines are available in the Church office and on Constant Contact.

Applications are due JUNE 20, 2023.

If submitted online, Please send to <u>dougbeth@cox.net</u>

If you have any questions,
please contact Doug Gillette at 860-763-3766
or <a href="mailto:ema

For More Information, Call Church Office at 860-745-5211 or www.calvaryenfield.org

VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR 2023

A HUGE <u>THANK YOU</u> TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THE "VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR" A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

We do have a <u>WINNER</u> of the "Passort Raffle Gift Basket!!"

<u>Congratulations to Lilyana Hancock</u>

(Martha Pearo's Granddaughter)

Again...This couldn't have been accomplished without the many hands and hearts of our volunteers.

Kathy Kane





















Vendor & Craft Fair