

FAITH AT WORK

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Pastor's Corner

I continue to be blessed as your pastor. One of the great joys is being with you all in worship. At the center of that joy for me is leading in worship with such a capable and experienced musician as Anna. She is creative and works well with each and every one of our musicians. She is a joy!

You may have noticed some fun additions to worship this last month, from the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant the week after Easter, to the OKC Bombing Remembrance, to Earth Sunday where we focused on mission and celebrated our mission support of Solar Under the Sun.

As Anna and I look off into May, June, and July there are more surprises in store! On May 6 we will celebrate Rural Life Sunday. In June Anna and I will be doing some fun things with the Broadway musical, Godspell.

May and June also bring with it a lot of continuing education opportunities and also General Assembly. Rick Baggett will be preaching on Mother's Day and Pentecost. Bob Bentley will be preaching while I am away at General Assembly, supporting our commissioners.

It is a fun-packed and busy couple months!

*Joy
Matt*

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May Anniversary
Stan & Julie Martin May 28, 1977



5/02 Jim Barthell
Elizabeth Pitts-Hibbard 05/06
Eloise Hofmann 05/11
Payten Ferguson 05/19
Robert Johnson 05/29

Wildfires

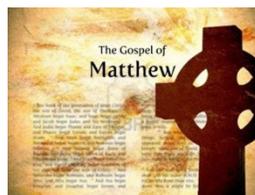
The news has been filled with tragic stories of how wildfires have destroyed acres of land, agricultural products, homes and citizens. National Geographic Magazine tells us that unlike many natural disasters, most wildfires are caused by people and can be prevented by people as well. The most frequent cause is discarding cigarettes, matches and other smoking materials from moving vehicles. Another cause is burning trash in windy conditions. Meteorologists warn us of the possibility of wildfires when factors conducive to outbreaks are present: low humidity, strong winds and high temperatures. The Nature Conservancy tells us that Eastern Red Cedar trees, thought to be another major factor in wildfires, reaches more than 9 million acres of rangeland and forests in Oklahoma.

What preparations do you need to make when a wildfire may occur in your area? If you have days or hours to prepare to evacuate, pack your car with your valuables, medications, legal papers and other items you have on your disaster list. What can you do to deter wildfire damage to your home? Remove combustibles, including firewood, yard waste, barbecue grills and fuel cans from your yard. Also, keep the grass around your house trimmed and remove any collections of leaves and other refuse from the house foundation. Last but not least, if you're advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Submitted by Jo Flanders!

Noon Bible Study

May 2



Pastor: Dr. Matt Meinke
Director of Music: Anna Adams



Church Secretary: Lori Crispin
Nursery Supervisor: Vicki Zimmerman

Sunday Worship: 10:45am