

June Link

So, this is it!

I re-read the very first newsletter I wrote a mere 2 years ago. It was written before I had met any of you, there was promise, excitement and hope that our time together would be prosperous and exciting with plenty of growth for the Kingdom of God.

Over that next several months, there was much learning on both the pastor and the congregation. I had to learn how to shut up after about 15 minutes of preaching, and you all had to learn a strange sense of humor and develop an ability to translate strange, word-play sermon titles. As we learned, exclamations were made and people in the community began to take a bit of notice. Mostly wondering if that crazy pastor actually knows what “friends with benefits” means (yes, yes he does), and what on earth could he possibly mean by “Jesus said Meow!” (we even had people stop and take pictures of that sign!).

And then as we are getting into our stride. . . BAM! A pandemic that no one was ready for hits, and we had to pivot from a steady, in house service to completely online. We had to figure out a temporary green screen system until we could re-enter the sanctuary, and when we did, it was with new technology in place that has helped us grow our ministry beyond Pleasant Valley.

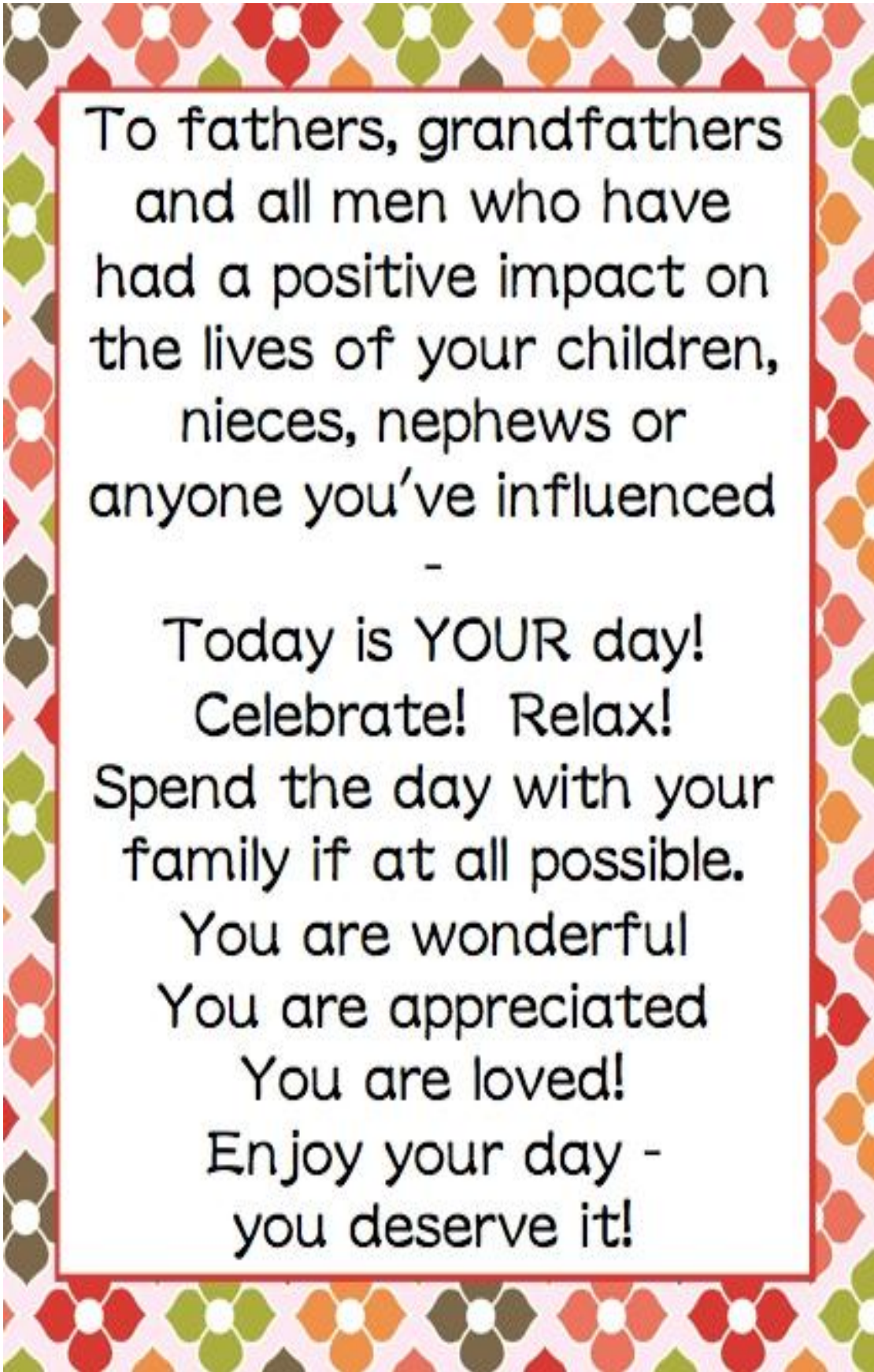
We kept our head up above water, paid our bills and was even able to pay our 2020 apportionments, we have been blessed over the past 2 years and the coming years will be more of the same, have faith in the next pastor, give him some space to breathe, but let him know what’s important to you. Things you like and things you do that you want to keep, and things that are ok to change. Be transparent with the new pastor and bless him as much as he blesses you.

It has been an honor and a true blessing to be your pastor over the past 2 years. Karen and I have created some life-long bonds with many of you. While we pack up, pick up and move ourselves pretty much as far away from CT as you can get and still be in the USA, we really and truly will miss Pleasant Valley and look forward to spending time with many of you in the future.

Stay in prayer, stay with God and never let the enemy get a foothold in on your life. We will never stop praying for Pleasant Valley UMC.

Blessings Always

Pastor Mike and Karen Antici



To fathers, grandfathers
and all men who have
had a positive impact on
the lives of your children,
nieces, nephews or
anyone you've influenced

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Today is YOUR day!
Celebrate! Relax!
Spend the day with your
family if at all possible.
You are wonderful
You are appreciated
You are loved!
Enjoy your day -
you deserve it!

Scriptures for June

June 6: "I'm not Cycling": Colossians 3:5-10

June 13: "Self Destruct": Genesis 1:1-10

June 20: "A Hui Hou": Titus 2:1-15

June 27: Jean Schlapfer

June Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Mike at mike@antici.com.**

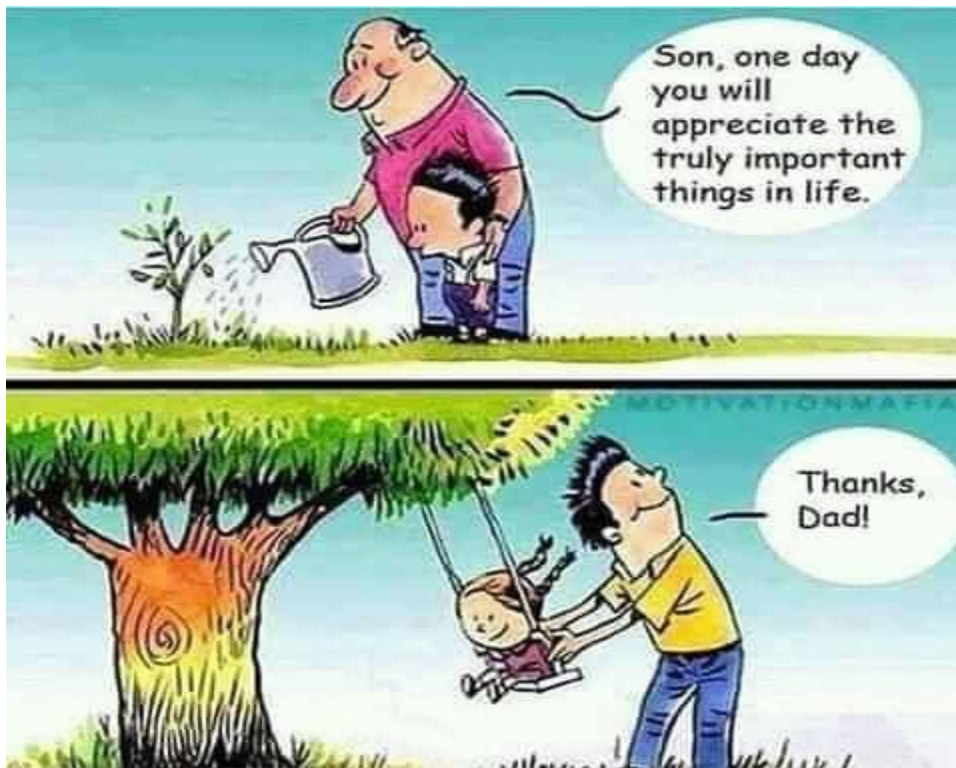
Catholic Pastor Mike at MikeGanderson.com			
June 6 June 13 June 20 June 27	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
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June 6 June 13 June 20 June 27	<u>Children's Message</u>		
June 6 June 13 June 20 June 27	<u>Lector Readings</u> Colossians 3:5-10 Genesis 19:1-10 Titus 2:1-15 Jean Schlapfer		

****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

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<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
		1 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	2	3	4	5
6 10:00AM Worship Servicewith Holy Communion	7 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	8 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	9	10 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	11	12
13 10:00AM Worship Service	14 	15 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	16	17 6:45PM AA	18	19
20 10:00AM Worship Service Pastor Mike's last day 	21 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	22 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	23	24 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	25	26
27 10:00AM Worship Service	28	29 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	30			

Church Humor:



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An old preacher was dying. He sent a message for his IRS agent and his Lawyer both church members to come to his home. When they arrived, they were ushered up to his bedroom. As they entered the room, the preacher held out his hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The preacher grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the IRS agent and Lawyer were touched and flattered that the old preacher would ask them to be with him during his final moment.

They were also puzzled because the preacher had never given any indication that he particularly liked either one of them.

Finally, the Lawyer asked: "Preacher, why did you ask the two of us to come?"

The old preacher mustered up some strength, then said weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too."

This 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last 10 years, mainly due to her interest in health food and exercise.

When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen, master bath suite and Jacuzzi.

As they oohed and aahed, the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied. "This is Heaven."

Next they went out back to survey the championship golf course in the backyard. They would have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course would change to a new one, representing the great golf courses on Earth.

The old man asked, "What are the greens fees?"

Peter's reply, "This is Heaven you play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet? This is Heaven, it's FREE!" Peter replied with some exasperation.

"Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

Peter lectured, "That's the best part you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

With that the old man went into a fit of anger, throwing down his hat and stomping on it, and shrieking wildly.

Peter and his wife both tried to calm him down, asking him what was wrong. The old man looked at his wife and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your blasted bran muffins, I could have been here 10 years ago."

June Announcements

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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