

Good Day, Horton Bay

Horton Bay United Methodist Church

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Sharing the love of God so that all may continually grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Pondering

The phrase, "Try Softer" has been simmering inside of me since I read it. It is a key component of *The Me I Want To Be-Becoming God's Best Version of You* (based on the book by the same title by John Ortberg) worship and small group series we are currently in the midst of.

For nearly my entire life I have been taught that growing spiritually into God's best version of me involves certain prescribed spiritual disciplines. For example, early morning devotional time, daily writing in a journal, praying for a certain length of time in a certain way, etc. John Ortberg defines a spiritual discipline as, "simply an activity you engage in to be made more fully alive by the Spirit of God". I have seen this come to life in a new way as I have re-read about the lives of many persons in the Bible. No two people grew to become God's best version of them in the same way.

This means I have to change how I think about what "counts" as spiritual, for what makes an activity spiritual is NOT the activity itself. It is whether or not I do it with and through the Spirit of God. It is the quality of the presence and interaction with the Spirit while I am doing the activity. In fact, many times the people in the Gospels who got into the most trouble with Jesus were the ones who thought they were working hardest on their spiritual life.

The river of living water, God's Spirit, is always ready to guide you toward God's best version of you. I invite you to *try softer, try better, and try different* to engage the Spirit of God in ways that make you more fully alive. I would like to hear how this is working out for you.

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Change In Office Hours

Beginning Oct. 6th, my office hours at Susan Hall will be each Wednesday from 1:30-3:00pm. These are my normal office hours, but emergencies do come up. Therefore, if you stop in to see me and I'm not there, please call/email me. You can always contact me by phone or email to set up a time to meet. Pastor Tim (231) 582-9441 home/office (wright.tim.b@gmail.com)



Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:30 AM
Children's Church during Worship
Adult Study Sun. at 9:15 AM & Wed. at 7:00

Tools of Faith, the Charlevoix County Habitat for Humanity group, sent our church a letter requesting some help with a few projects. Last year a group of people from seven churches in Charlevoix County built a new home for Megan Schlueter and her kids on Grant Street in East Jordan and on **Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00 a.m.**, there will be a landscaping bee to help spruce up the outside of the home. Other organizations helping out include the Evening East Jordan Garden Club, the Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scouts. The house sits behind a small duplex just west of M-66 on Erie St. Refreshments will be served.

Another home is in the planning stages by Habitat for a provisional partner family in East Jordan. A site supervisor is needed as well as plans for fundraising and other details. According to Kurt Jensen, Evangelical Lutheran minister in East Jordan, “. . . if each church in Charlevoix County did one fundraiser a year for Habitat, we would easily have the funds to build one or even two affordable, decent homes each year for needy families in our county.” If you have any questions, call Kurt at (231) 536-7566

Obituary

Author: Anonymous

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, **Someone Else**. **Someone's** passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. **Else** has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, **Someone** did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, **Let Someone Else Do It**. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; **Someone Else** can work with that group. It was common knowledge that **Someone Else** was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed **Someone Else** would make up the difference. **Someone Else** was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of **Someone Else**.

Now **Someone Else** is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. **Someone Else** left a wonderful example to follow but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things **Someone Else** did?

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Leslie Dhaseleer
7 Al Cadarette
14 Harry Caldecott
16 Rita Johnecheck

OCT. ANNIVERSARIES

4 Al & Linda Cadarette
8 Don & Sue Pepper

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Liz Nortley
10 Dave Skop
17 Vard Chellis

NOV. ANNIVERSARIES

26 Allan & Leslie Dhaseleer

WANT AD: Suzie Frisk will trade four pounds of ground venison for one quart of venison mincemeat. Call 347-4679

CROP WALK: Six participants (Judy, Jan, Melissa, Karen, Margaret & Hannah) raised **almost \$900.00 and counting! (WOMEN POWER!)**