



MONDAY NOTES/ **To** **THE RAINBOW DIASPORA** JANUARY 28, 2019

It took me a long time to learn that God is not the enemy of my enemies.

He is not even the enemy of His enemies.

Martin Niemoller

Monday Musings

January 28, 2019
Pastor Gary

We continue in the Epiphany Season, highlighted by the call of Jesus to follow him and become his disciples. None of us has chosen to be a disciple of Jesus; we each responded to his call. He chose us first. Some disciples in those early years were personally invited by Jesus. Others were welcomed by other disciples. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be given the task of inviting others to join the fun and mission. We don't have to follow Jesus; we get to! We might not know everything it means to be a disciple. But, hang on. Along the way of discipleship, Jesus promises to gradually open our eyes to who he really is and what he really wants.

I have long said that I don't always need answers. And, I don't always need advice. But I do need Jesus always. If all we needed in life was knowledge, then God would have just

given us a gift card to a Barnes and Noble bookstore. Like those first disciples, you and I came to Jesus. We took a risk. We didn't understand all there is to know about Jesus, but we bet our life on what we little we did know. Put it this way: we want more than just knowing about Jesus; we want to know Jesus. We don't need to be informed; we need to be formed.

Think back over your own faith journey. Think about your earliest memories of your first days as a Christian. Now think of all those wonderful, perhaps even scary, moments when you learned something new about Jesus, or when you heard some challenging scripture, or when you noticed a fresh light that shown on your faith. We are just like those early disciples, aren't we? We came to Jesus, and we saw. That same dynamic energy continues. In our life, we grow closer and closer to Jesus. And as we do, he comes closer and closer to us.

Peace, Pastor Gary

Notes

Peter was able to go home Friday night, with a big compression bandage around his face. Cindy says he's feeling pretty well - a little anxious about the pathology report still coming but heartened by the surgeon's sense that the surgery went well.

The Deacons will continue to be available to listen, pray with you, and support the people of DAPC in the coming months.

The Personnel Commission has told the Pastor and Minister of Administration that their positions will be terminated as of January 31, 2019. For questions about church affairs, we would suggest you contact Marv Eckerle, Stewardship Chair or Darlinda Coe, Clerk of Session.

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The **Annual Meeting** of the Congregation of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church has been set for **February 10, 1pm, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church** in the basement (Great Hall). You can park in the parking lot on Portland Avenue and enter in the back door to the east and go directly downstairs.

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1/4	Georgia Duncan				
1/5	Kristine Paulfranz				
1/7	Ernest Lloyd				
1/9	Kjersten Kramer				
1/14	Steve Wilson				
1/29	KeAndrea Paulfranz				
	Lizzie Thompson (Amber Dun-	6/6	Peter Knapp	10/14	Anna Kraning
2/1	can)	6/10	Ken Pugh	10/16	Pati Maier
2/1	Leon Sanders	6/11	Archie Weatherspoon V	10/22	Zachariah Thompson
2/3	Bridget Martin	6/12	Danielle DeVore	10/23	Julian Rhoades
2/8	Amber Duncan	6/12	Glen DeVore III	10/24	Doug Fink
2/9	Kamiah Holley	6/12	Guy Lawhead	10/26	Allyne Burg
2/12	Monica Wright	6/19	Kellen Kramer	10/28	Sharon Esch
2/13	Jessica Branch		Ashton Christian	10/29	Dean Pearson
2/14	Fern Weber	6/20	Weatherspoon	11/7	Charlotte Landreau
2/16	Edna Scott	6/22	Shekinah Stewart	11/10	Kris Lund
2/19	Junia Green	6/23	Kathy Lawhead	11/21	Betty Pearson
2/20	Dominic Richard Stewart		Amaya Freeman (Martin-	11/22	Archie Weatherspoon IV
2/22	Marge Cullen	6/28	Sanders)	11/23	Lou Bender
2/26	Sharon Pierson	6/29	Beckie Gienger	11/24	Miesha Martin
3/1	Ysabella Stewart	6/29	Lois Smith	12/2	Autumn Stewart
3/17	Ashley Weatherspoon	6/30	Allyson Pringle	12/3	Noah Rahn
3/17	Marcia Moermond	7/11	Sandra Brophy	12/4	Romaney Mugoodwin
3/21	Cindy Jesson	7/16	Marlene Peterson	12/7	Tara Duncan
3/24	Mary Lou Gilstad	7/21	Amelia Fink	12/9	Lynn Paulfranz
3/25	Lois Rhoades	7/31	Laurel Severson	12/12	Solomon Haile
3/27	Gary Titusdahl	8/2	Ruthie Fink	12/14	Elizabeth Bender
3/29	Ella Ramp		John Franco (Amber Dun-		Kimberly Kristine
4/3	Bethany Ramp	8/2	can)	12/16	Weatherspoon
4/7	Eric Etukudo	8/5	Kathleen Vellenga	12/20	Ron Esch
4/12	Zariah Amaris Sanders	8/12	David Stewart	12/28	Tim Kramer
4/13	Alexandria Smith	8/26	Brad Duncan		
4/27	Clinton Stewart	8/26	Theresa Rahn		
4/28	John Knapp	9/7	Vincent Stewart		
4/29	Sharon Sinclair	9/10	Jacob Rahn		
5/5	Elijah Smith	9/14	Cole Stewart		
5/11	Felicia Wilson	9/14	Regina Pugh		
5/11	Margaret Bender	9/14	Monica Joy Holley		
5/14	Kathy Johnson	9/15	John Stewart		
5/14	Laura Hutton	9/18	James Dixon		
5/15	Cynthia DeVore	9/19	Deacon Stewart		
5/19	Sheryl Anderson	9/22	Robin Dixon		
5/21	Shelby Richardson	9/28	Mary Gienger		
5/21	Loretta Smith	9/29	Glenn Neske		
5/22	Mel Duncan	10/4	Elona Street-Stewart		
5/28	Catherine Dittberner Lloyd	10/9	John Kraning		
		10/11	Bobby Gienger		
		10/11	Alesia (Lee) Thompson		
		10/12	Diane Follmer		

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From Chuck:

It has been a joy (with some sorrow, frustration and confusion) to serve the DAPC Community for the past 10 years. I have to acknowledge that Pastor David and Pastor Gary have been the best bosses to work with that I have ever experienced. Along with that, this community has been the best group to work for in all my years of management, retail, and construction supervision. YOU have forgiven my mistakes, shared joys and sorrows with me and made my service a fruitful one. This is not the way we wanted it to end. When I began my service, it seemed I would retire shortly after Pastor David and training the new permanent pastor to carry on. Thank you for all the joy and praise you have given me, thank you for sharing your woes, problems and mishaps with me. I will always think fondly of the years I was able to be here.

**Peace & Love,
Chuck Neve
former MoA**