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Trust God Bless Others Celebrate Grace

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EMPOWERMENT
ACADEMY

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Sunday, April 11 at 6 PM

Sanctuary

Representatives of the Empowerment Academy will meeting with us to discuss a potential lease agreement of the 2nd floor of the Education Building. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to listen, learn, and ask any questions you might have.

Social distancing and seating protocol will be observed.

Everyone is reminded to please wear your mask.



Rev. Micah Spicer

In the last Courier I published the letter we received from our sister Church in Casablanca. This was my response to them.

To the

Parish of Casablanca, EEAM

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Morocco,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hearing kind words from your congregation brings us great joy. Knowing that you pray for us provides comfort.

Understanding your commitment to the ministry of the Gospel emboldens us to do likewise.

As you know, in Kentucky we recently experienced a significant winter storm. Snow and ice were piled up in our yards, on our roofs, and on roadways. Ponds were frozen for more than a week. It was cold, blistering cold. For a brief time, life was inconvenient. A month has since passed. The days are getting longer and warmer. Beautiful colors are beginning to emerge as the sun sends down its lovely rays on plants preparing to blossom. Springtime is here. Easter is upon us. The tomb is empty, and Jesus is alive.

Like you, we have been struggling to overcome the Covid-19 Pandemic. Fortunately, many in our congregation have already been vaccinated, and others are scheduled to receive their vaccine. God has remained faithful to his people. We are looking forward to gathering on Easter morning to declare with our brothers and sisters around the world that "Christ the Lord is risen today!"

Our congregation is currently discussing how we might utilize our building in a more meaningful way. Right now, we are prayerfully considering renovating part of our church building to house homeless students. We appreciate your

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 18 Daniel Abshier
- 19 Peggy Maglinger
- 20 Caroline Whitaker
- 21 Nancy Walker
- 21 Brayleigh Rogers
- 23 Carolyn Estes
- 27 Bryson Crawford
- 29 Barbara Page
- 29 Hunter Welch

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest sympathy to Nancy Yaun and her family in the loss of her husband,
Frank Yaun.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ♦ Nancy Yaun
- ♦ The family of Muriel Martin
- ♦ Jim Smith (knee replacement)
- ♦ Jim Smith's brother & wife (Covid)
- ♦ Phil Shown
- ♦ Braxton Ledlow
- ♦ Lindy Mercer
- ♦ Joe Bob Pierce's father
- ♦ David Roberson's father
- ♦ Charlotte Benningfield's mother

DEACON INFORMATION

April 11

Chris Holbrook, Carole Anne Barrass
Hope and Harvest Team
Laura Bronn, Dan Atteberry

April 18

Laura Bronn
Hope and Harvest Team
Carole Anne Barrass, Bill Genet

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the Kroger gift card [Christmas]. It was so much appreciated from the church. You have always been so helpful for the community in need.

Sincerely, Katherine S.



prayers as we seek God's wisdom and follow our mission:

Trust God, Bless Others, Celebrate Grace.

We commend you in your current educational endeavors. The Role of Women in the church and society, and the proclamation of the Gospel according to Karl Barth are important subject matters for lay leaders and ministers alike. Moreover, we

pray that your congregation finds purpose and meaning as you reflect on your theme of being "rooted and founded in Jesus Christ" and abound in Thanksgiving. We are also deeply moved by your commitments to serving others. By feeding the hungry, providing housing to the homeless, and paying medical bills you are bearing witness to the "God who supplies all of our needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19)

We think of our friends in Casablanca often, and we count it an honor to be your sisters and

brothers in God's incredible family. It saddens us to hear that congregants have lost family members in sub-Sahara Africa, and that others in your church family have lost their job. Know that we love you and we pray for you.

Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. (2 Thess. 3:16)



Don't you just love hard work? Love is probably a pretty strong word, but, working hard at something and

feeling good about your accomplishments make us feel good. Sure you might be tired, or exhausted, but you have a feeling of a job well done. Maybe you have helped with yard work or moved a pile of rocks to the backyard; or helped your Mom bake lots of cookies for a special occasion. Maybe you play sports and had a really good game after several very exhausting practices - maybe you won! How about studying really hard for a test and you made a good grade. Congratulations on the hard work. It paid off!

There is something special about how you feel when you have overcome a challenge. The same thing can be said if

you take the easy way out. Sure, you might succeed, but the feeling is not the same as if you had worked hard to achieve the goal. Someone

once said, 'hard work is its own reward.' So true. In Isaiah 41:10 he tells the people of Israel not to fear the threats of other countries because God was with them. God helped them overcome the challenge! It is easy to ask God to take away our fears and challenges to make our lives easier. God does want to help. Many times God is trying to teach us something from the obstacles He allows in our lives. He wants us to be more like Him. Taking our challenges wouldn't make us more like Him - it could make us weaker. Next time you face a challenge, do not ask God to take it away; instead ask Him to give you the strength to overcome. Trust God, Bless Others, Celebrate Grace!

