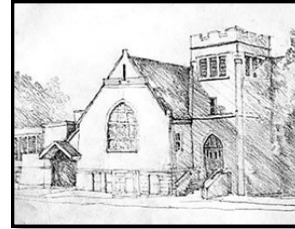


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Pastor's Letter

Hey Church!

Here is a devotional from the Bible Project that I've been meditating on this past week. Give it a read and ponder it!

When our Israelite brothers and sisters walked through the wilderness telling stories, they began to meditate on the sea. They determined that the sea must be chaotic; after all, storms destroyed entire fleets of wooden ships and weird creatures lurked in the seas' depths. It is this dark, mysterious chaos that spawns a legendary creature in our Bible: The Chaos Sea Dragon, Leviathan.

The Sea Dragon is connected to the serpent who tempts Adam and Eve in the Garden. It's a spiritual being luring humans toward our own self-destruction. But the Bible also uses "dragon" imagery to describe violent human rulers like Pharaoh and Goliath. Whole empires are even described as "beasts/dragons" in Daniel. Daniel sees four beasts rise from the depths, only to be struck down by a mysterious figure.

Who is this dragon-slayer? Daniel calls him "One like a Son of Man", which is what Jesus calls himself! The Bible shows Jesus taking on the "dragon" in many ways: walking on and calming the stormy sea, resisting temptation in the wilderness, overcoming death and sickness in others. But the ultimate defeat comes when Jesus resists by surrendering his life, willingly entering the belly of the beast. But Jesus wasn't done; he rose again to show us a new life on the other side of chaos and death, encouraging us to follow his example. We must resist the temptation to use the violent, destructive ways of the dragon; but we must also learn not to be afraid of the dragon at all. Jesus gives us a way to deny its power over us until the bitter end, when we will all face it and escape it, courtesy of Christ's grace and love. In the meantime, while we struggle against our stormy seas, choose kindness. It is how we help slay the dragons in ourselves and in the lives of others; and I'd say that's a story worth wandering for.



*The United Women in Faith will meet February 19th at 1:30 pm.
A date for March will be announced later.*

Advent Services

UCC will host the Advent services. Ash Wednesday is on March 5th. The other services will be on March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th. The hosts of the soups will be announced at a later time. Palm Sunday is on April 13th and Easter is on April 20th, this year.

Happy Birthday!

- Feb. 5 George Skerritt
- Feb. 11 Kim Vashus
- Feb. 12 Melissa Kwasney
- Feb. 14 Ruth Powell
- Feb. 17 Heather Haas
- Feb. 18 Anne Friestone
- Feb. 22 Cole Neard



Thank you


to all who hosted the Coffee Hour in January!
Betty C. Phyllis, Twylla, Sue A., Andrine, Verle,
Millie, Joan H. and U.W.F.



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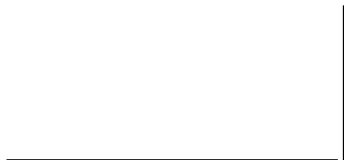
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