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Are we living with a false imperative?

You are the fifth Gospel. Nineteenth-century Methodist Pastor Rodney (Gypsy) Smith reportedly first coined the phrase: You are the fifth Gospel. There are four Gospels recorded in the New Testament. Christians are to be the fifth gospel. Many in this world won't read the four Gospel narratives but they will learn about Jesus from you. Over the years, this concept has been expressed in many iterations: You are the only Jesus anyone will encounter. You are the hands and feet of Jesus. Go be Christ to your neighbor.

This way of thinking puts Christians in a position of power, allowing them to exercise a choice. Every day I can choose to be or not be the hands and feet of Jesus. I am certainly not the hands and feet of Jesus Christ when I argue with my kids about their outfits while trying to get out the door for work. My tone then is not very Christ-like — it is neither meek nor is it life-giving. I have not chosen to be the fifth Gospel. Then there are times when I am the fifth Gospel. When I share a prayer with someone who is hurting or provide comfort and encouragement to a stranger lying in a hospital bed, then I am the fifth Gospel. Every day, I make the active choice to be or to not be the fifth Gospel.

In the parable of the Sheep and the Goats, Jesus rewards the sheep for their action and penalizes the goats for their inaction. Both parties claim to be unaware of their actions or inactions. Jesus speaks to the sheep (identified as the righteous):

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." (*Matthew 25:34-36*)."

Jesus then makes a wild proclamation: When the righteous served the least — the hungry; the naked; the outcast; the misfit; the immigrant; and the rejected — they were serving Christ.

On the first Easter morning, women who went to the tomb were greeted by an angel who told them not to be afraid and to tell the disciples that the risen Christ goes before them to meet them in Galilee. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus walked with a few disciples who did not recognize him until he broke bread with them. Jesus walks beside and before all — both the sheep and the goats. We must look for Christ. We must break bread with him. Every day, we bump into Christ. When we serve "the least," we serve the risen Christ. When we break bread with the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the outcast, or make the misfit feel at home in our community, we encounter Christ. When we step out of our position of power, that of being the fifth Gospel, to serve the "least among us," we walk with Jesus.

This Easter season let us be on a quest to find Christ in our neighbor and in our neighborhood and to serve him. Let us look for opportunities to serve Christ in our community. Christ walks amongst us. One day, may Christ say to us, "Well done my good and faithful servant for serving the least."

Eastertide Blessings,
Pastor Johnson



Who's Who in the Pew



Beverly and Joe Cazzille

Beverly (Adams) Cazzille is the smiling face you see in the choir – smiling particularly at a certain pew – where her husband Joe is sitting – probably with their youngest daughter Charyl Morris and her 2 children (Tyler and Jada) and maybe granddaughter Michelle and her 3 little ones.

Bev was born and raised as an only child in West Chester. Her first job was at the Tastee Freeze. She met Joe Cazzille at a sock hop. That first dance was just the beginning – they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on March 11th.

Joe has worked for Yamaha, Pepperidge Farms, Lukens, Power Shack, and Be-Safe Driving School. Bev's work history includes Town & Country Store, Woolworths, Bell Telephone, and Pepperidge Farms. And the last employer for both of them was Krapfs Transportation. Joe retired in November 2018 after driving school bus for 33 years and Bev also retired in November after a 44-year career with them. I don't think Bev ever guessed when she drove that first bus at age 29, how many children she would transport or how many drivers she would train. The reason she stayed was that she absolutely loved the kids.

When their eldest daughter Jeannie was 2 years old, a co-worker of Bev's, Carol Wilson, invited them to Olivet. After many years -- being involved

in VBS and singing in the choir, she transferred her membership from the West Chester Methodist Church to Olivet. Her love of children led her to become a Sunday School teacher and then choir director for the cherub choir. She says that the cherubs lit up her life!

Bev and Joe enjoy their family. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. One of Joe and Bev's favorite hobbies used to be riding their jet ski with the children and grandchildren.

The Cazzille's faith has been tested by health issues the last few years. They want to thank the church for helping them through everything – Bev's leukemia and Joe's heart problems. Bev said that when Joe was really very sick at University of Penn, the doctors thought that she was in denial. But Bev had a deep conviction that Joe would make it. She truly believes she had a God moment when she was reading about how God said that there will be times when you feel like you are alone, but it is going to be ok! God is always with you, no matter what! Bev and Joe are truly inspirations for us.

Important Dates

- 4/30 Church Council Mtg @ 7 PM**
- 5/5 Easter Cantata (No Holy Communion)**
- 5/7 UMW Mother/Daughter Banquet @ 6 PM**
- 5/12 Mother's Day!** Guest Speaker:
Amy Walton, Parkesburg Point
- 5/19 Sunday Service with Holy Communion**
- 5/27 Memorial Day! Church office closed*
- 6/2 Choir Recognition & Holy Communion**
- 6/9 Pentecost
- 6/16 Anniversary Sunday & Father's Day**

Have You Considered a Legacy Gift to Olivet?

You can designate a gift in three ways, as an "**Outright Gift**", a "**Residuary Gift**", or a "**Contingent Gift**".

NOTE: Loved ones or charities can benefit from any of these gifts and estate taxes may be reduced.

Contact the Pastor or the church office for more information.



This Easter Season on Sunday May 5th, 2019 the Chancel Choir is excited to present the Cantata *The Body of Christ* written by composer Pepper Choplin.

"The Body of Christ" is an expression and theme that can represent many things throughout scripture. There is the literal, physical body of Jesus – the feet that walked the earth, the hands that touched and healed, the voice that spoke the Word of God, and the head that bore a crown of thorns as Jesus was sacrificed. This body was the sacrifice that stood for the intercession on our behalf so that we may be free from sin.

There is also *The Body of Christ* that was explained by Jesus to the disciples in the upper room before he was led to be executed. This body is represented by the bread and wine, His body and His blood poured as a reminder of His sacrifice.

Finally, there is *The Body of Christ* that manifests in the church. As Jesus sacrificed His own physical body, His truth and mission was passed along to those who follow him. *The Body of Christ* was then made manifest in the church. Jesus' feet that once walked the earth, His hands that once healed the sick, and His voice that proclaimed the Gospel have been multiplied in those who follow Him.

In the music of "The Body of Christ", Pepper Choplin beautifully weaves these themes together in this musical telling of Christ's final days. From the worshipful opener, *We Behold His Glory*, to the meditative and stunningly powerful path to the cross, *O Sacred Journey*, the importance of Christ's body remains the center point of this work. The final number, *We Are the Body of Christ*, is a benediction that will send the congregation out into their everyday world secure in the knowledge that we ARE the body of Christ.

The choir hopes that each of you experience and connect with the very real power of Christ that is demonstrated and made clear in the words and music of the cantata, so please plan to attend on May 5th for our presentation of "The Body of Christ."

Olivet Pentecost Challenge

April 22 to June 9

"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." Acts 2:46-47

On Easter Sunday, we launched our Pentecost Challenge. One of the basic practices of the early church was eating together. This year, we would like everyone in our church to have dinner or lunch at another member's house. There is no agenda, just breaking bread together.

Each host will provide a main course. Guests will bring sides and/or desserts.

A few members and have graciously agreed to host a meal.. If you would also like to host a date, please contact the church office.



Hosts should consider: Date and time? Can you host children? How many can you host (ie: 6-8 guests plus 1-2 hosts = 10)? Do you have pets? Guests should not if they have food allergies.

Sign up sheets can be found in the Garden Room at church.

Summer Camp 2019 Opportunities!

Summer Camp is an exciting place for children to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ through recreation, challenge, and reflection within a caring Christian Community. Many members of Olivet volunteer at or attend our Eastern PA camps. Olivet offers scholarships for children connected to our members (children, grandchildren, etc.) EPA camps include Pocono Plateau (Cresco, PA), Gretna Glen (Lebanon, PA), and Innabah (Spring City, PA). Camp brochures are available in the Garden Room or online at epaumc.org.

Coatesville Kids for College also offers summer camp. More information is available upon request at hopebeyondborders.org.



Give a child a great summer! Support Christian camping.



***Easter Sunday - Children's
Choir singing "Jump, Shout!"***

***Children of Olivet
Celebrating Easter!***



***Olivet Annual Easter
Egg Hunt! Craft time***