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“Walking on Water”

*“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.
Matthew 14:29*

Last Sunday, Nancy Wadman, used the above scripture in her Missions Trip Report and Devotional Message. She talked about what the phrase “Walking on Water” means to her and her growth as a follower of Jesus. Some of her friends even had shirts made with the abbreviation on the front: WOW to stand for Walking on Water. They have applied this well-known story of Peter walking on the water to much more than literally walking on water. They have applied the lessons of faith and trust in this story to their own spiritual lives, and it has shaped the way they have learned to trust God as he calls them to new ministries and to do new things in His name.

Many times God asks us to consider doing something that is completely outside of what we usually do and something that we think we could never do – at least as we first think about it. As we turn it over and over again in our mind and as we pray about it, we have to discern if it is really a call from God or just some random idea that popped into our heads. Once we determine that it is really

God urging us to move forward, we have to consider our fear and hesitation at trying to do something new. That is when we need to trust God for the strength, guidance, and help rather than letting our fears get the best of us. Peter had to decide to get out of the boat and begin to walk toward Jesus while the other disciples just sat there in the safety of the boat – afraid to move, afraid to believe it was really Jesus, and afraid to trust his power to help them.

During the month of September, we will explore this theme in our sermons. We will look beyond the story of Peter to other Biblical passages to help us better understand how we can apply these principles in our own lives and faith walk. Each one of us needs to be extra sensitive to what God may be calling us to do in the ministries of Spiceland Friends. Already several people have volunteered to do parts of the ministry that they had never done before. They volunteered not just because they knew of the need, but because they knew of the need AND felt that gentle nudging from God that they should be the one to step forward and fill that need. They are willing to trust God to give them the ability, wisdom, and insight to push aside their natural fears and trust Him to work through them as they take the first steps. Peter had to get out of the boat before he could see how Jesus would help him.

What might God be urging you to consider? Are you willing to trust him to help you “Walk on Water”? Let’s pray a little extra for each other as we discern God’s leading in our lives.

David Brock

Please Remember in Prayer

Church Family

Barbara Ward – broken foot
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems;
Richard Ratcliff – pneumonia; blood clots in lungs;
spot on lung
Tommie Hunt – TIA mini-stroke, blood pressure
problems
Libby Henshaw – knee replacement surgery;
assisted living at Glen Oaks – Room 515
Bertie Darling – health problems
Eleanor Painter – starting chemo again; fatigued
David Baker – chemo treatments
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee
Amy Upchurch – chemo treatments
Barbara Meade – starting radiation treatments
Don Meade – very weak; at home
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle; breathing
problems
Family of Pete Kiger (Judy Sadler)
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor

Extended Family and Friends

Cousin of Jason Ash – chemo treatments
Mother of Jason Ash – not doing well
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – back surgery
Draper – computers hacked
Jill Fitzhugh (Barbara Lacy) – chemo treatments
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine
cancer
Rhonda Meade Brown – broken ankle
Ron Bryan (Presiding Clerk of FUM) – significant
pain
Colleen Wallace (Marcia Byrket) – cancer
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer
Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast
cancer surgery
Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer
treatments
Our country and servicemen and women
First Responders – 9-1-1 Dispatch Operators
Mass Shootings – Dayton and El Paso
Pray for Christians who are persecuted
Farmers and crops

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac &
Bernie McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar
Mmbali, Nikki Holland)
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

Grief Support Group Starts Soon

A new GriefShare grief support group will be starting on Thursday evenings beginning September 5. The class will offer support and encouragement after the death of a family member, loved one, or friend.



You are welcome to begin attending our GriefShare group at any point. Each session is “self-contained,” and you can pick up missed sessions later. The class is led by **Janet Putnam** and **George and Shirley Fort** and meets 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Mary M Room. The class is free and open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one. Contact Janet (765-571-0192 or putnamj@indy.net) or George or Shirley (shirleymfort@yahoo.com or 529-1409) if you'd like more information.

Please invite friends/co-workers who have lost loved ones and might find a grief support group beneficial. Brochures are in the Welcome Center.

Contact Information for Prayer Requests

Please send information for prayer requests to: spicelandfriendschurch@gmail.com or call/text/email **David Brock** at 524-4428 or dbrock@defur.com.

Bound by Grace

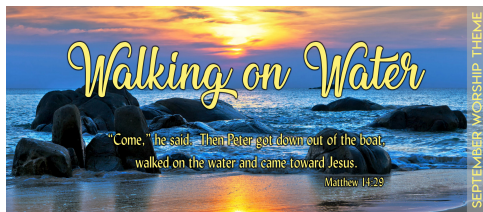
“Grace binds you with far stronger cords than the cords of duty or obligation can bind you. Grace is free, but when once you take it you are bound forever to the Giver, and bound to catch the spirit of the Giver. Like produces like, Grace makes you gracious, the Giver makes you give.”

– E. Stanley Jones



Sermon Topics for September

David Brock will be preaching each Sunday in September. On Sunday, September 22, personnel from Raintree Square Apartments for Senior Living will give us a short report before the sermon about the ministry there. Spiceland Friends appoints three board members to the board of Raintree Square.



September 1

Sermon – “Look to Jesus”
Scripture – Matthew 14:22-36

September 8

Sermon – “Saying Yes”
Scripture – Acts 8:1-6; Acts 8:26-35

September 15

Sermon – “Taking the Next Step”
Scripture – 1 Kings 17

September 22

Sermon – “Worry or Worship?”
Scripture – Acts 4:23-31

September 29

Sermon – “Growing Your Faith”
Scripture – Acts 3

Fun today, hope for more tomorrow

A little girl saying her prayer at bedtime, after a fun-filled Monday, was heard to say, “It has been fun today, God, what do you have in mind for Tuesday?” With an attitude like that, it is likely her prayer will be answered positively.

Worship Assistants for September



Scripture Readers

Sept. 1 – Nancy Wadman
Sept. 8 – Janet Putnam
Sept. 15 – Sandi Swann
Sept. 22 – Mike Van Osdol
Sept. 29 – James Putnam

Junior Church

Sept. 1 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket
Sept. 8 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith
Sept. 15 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith
Sept. 22 – Darlene Darling & Brenda Reece
Sept. 29 – Children stay in worship

Hosts – Randy & Sonja Coffman

Children's Story

Sept. 1 – Linda Brock
Sept. 8 – Mike Van Osdol
Sept. 15 – Janet Putnam
Sept. 22 – Mike Van Osdol
Sept. 29 – Linda Brock

Report from Our Missions Team

“Vickie Richardson, Susan Waggoner, and I had an amazing trip to the Mesquakie Friends Center in Iowa! We worked, played, worshiped, and learned about a culture that is different from ours but similar in many ways. Like Jesus told Peter in Matthew, we just have to get out of the boat and have faith in Him! Come join us on our next missions trip! Thanks for your prayers for our trip!

“Please pray for our friends in Iowa, Bernie and Mac and the Mesquakie people.”

– Nancy Wadman



New Association 2019 Annual Gathering for Nurture and Fellowship

The New Association of Friends is having its annual Gathering for Nurture and Fellowship on Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Friends Meeting in New Castle.

The day will feature a keynote speaker, the Raintree Children's Choir, a catered lunch, the Manchester University Conflict Resolution Workshop, and a Peace Day Walk. The keynote speaker will be Christine Ashley, who is a Quaker from Iowa Conservative Yearly Meeting. She currently serves as Field Secretary for the Friends Committee on National Legislation – one of our nation's oldest, faith-based lobbying organizations.

Cost for adults is \$15, which includes lunch. Children ages 10 and under are free.

Our church is part of the New Association of Friends, and this is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with folks from other Quaker meetings.

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Peter Kiger** upon his passing on August 19. Peter was the brother of Gretchen Kiger and brother-in-law of Judy Sadler.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pam Reno and family on the death of **Karen Reno**, her step-mother.

Have You Lost Anything?



The Lost and Found box runneth over! Check it out – you might find something that belongs to you. Among other things, there are gloves, glasses, clothing, and umbrellas. The box is on the bench in the coat room adjacent to the Welcome Center at SFC.

Walking Group Begins Soon!

Walkers, dust off your walking shoes and get ready to walk! We will start meeting again on September 9 in the Family Center. We will be meeting regularly on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Coffee, hot tea, bottled water and good fellowship are also a part of these gatherings.



Everyone is welcome to join us. Some folks like to walk fast, while others walk at a much slower pace – and that's fine. Walk at your own pace and then stop and rest and have something to drink when you get tired. **Tom & Pam Pyle** are coordinating the walking group.



Notes of Thanks

"Friends, I appreciate you more than words can say. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity for this partnership in ministry, for allowing me to be a part of your lives, and especially for your friendship. You have inspired me and together we have sought to deepen our faith in Christ and to be faithful in ministering to those around us. May God bless you all."

Love,
Cathy

"I appreciate all the cards & visits – especially from David, Linda & Cathy. Most of all the prayers mean so much. Every day is a blessing!"

– **Eleanor Painter**

"Thank you for allowing me and trusting me to work in the nursery this summer. It allowed me to make some money before I head off to Ball State and I appreciate that! I will miss all the kiddos and I'm very thankful to have met so many sweet/nice people. Thank you for this awesome/enjoyable working experience.

"God bless you all."

– **Maggie Smith**