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“Stop... and Look Around!”

Traveling is one of my passions. I have always liked to travel. I remember traveling with my parents and grandparents-- vacations and camping and traveling all over Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois. It was and is always exciting to see and experience new places.

Since then I have been blessed with seeing many places: some while on vacation and some through ministry. I have seen beauty, I have seen destruction, I have seen smiles, I have seen tears. I have been on mission teams, ministry teams and Disaster Response teams and on vacation. I have been to Costa Rica, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama, Chile and most of the continental United States. I have helped with Disaster Response in North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Someone once asked me my favorite and least favorite places I have been. The least favorite place (although I would go back again) would be Haiti. I still have the images in my mind of all the poverty and struggles and tears (also, civil war broke out while I was there). My favorite place without a doubt was Easter Island. It is an incredible place with the nicest people. It was BEYOND awesome. My favorite states? Well, I have enjoyed all of them with Wisconsin, Louisiana, Minnesota, and North Carolina probably at the top... until recently.

Near the end of May, Lori and I moved our daughter Brianne to Saratoga, Wyoming for an internship. I met them in Davenport, Iowa and continued with them to Wyoming. It was a spectacular drive. I thought the Blue Ridge mountains were big but they paled in comparison to the Western mountains. Traveling the highways and roads that course the West is one-of-a kind experience. We saw buffalo, elk, mule deer and pronghorn antelope (thousands I believe) and beautiful scenery. The high elevation roads took us past all kinds of terrain: meadows filled with wildflowers, the Badlands (stark but beautiful) and then above the tree line and through the mountains.

Have you ever just looked out the windows and been awed? It does not have to be South Dakota or Wyoming; it can be here in Grant County or Iowa County or Crawford County. God's incredible creation is everywhere! From flowers to animals to terrain to the mountains and hills and rivers, God's creation never ceases to amaze me. God thought of every detail and made everything uniquely gorgeous!

On the way to Wyoming, we stopped at Wall Drug and I got to ride the jackalope (on my bucket list) and then Lori wanted to see Mt. Rushmore (on her bucket list). We got to Mt. Rushmore and drove up to the park and they would not let us in as it was raining heavily and very foggy. So, we spent the night in Hill City. When we got up the next morning it was rainy and foggy again, but we thought we would give it another try. They let us in and as we were walking up, we could not see Mt. Rushmore at all, and we were all disappointed. However, all of a sudden, the fog and clouds parted and there was Mt. Rushmore and it was ... AWESOME!

As I sat later, drinking a cup of coffee and looking up at glimpses of Mt. Rushmore, I thought about how we were disappointed that we could not see Mt. Rushmore, yet it was there the whole time! How many times are we disappointed that God is not there, that we do not see or feel God's presence, but God is there the whole time?

"THE ASSOCIATE'S CORNER"

PASTOR YANG

The Meaning of Family

As a teenager my friends and I would go fishing, play sports, and even travel together if it was the summer time. Unfortunately during the same time there was violence between Hmong gangs and my parents were afraid that my brother and I might end up with the wrong crowd. Even though many of our friends went to church with my own family it was difficult for my parents to distinguish the bad teenagers from the good ones since we all dressed the same and were all seemingly doing the same things.

It finally came to a head one day when I came back from college for the summer and my friends and I decided to go up north for a fishing trip. My dad knew my friends but distrusted them for reasons which I thought were unwarranted and untrue. My dad said he did not trust them and did not want us hanging out with them. I was insulted since they were the sons of my father's old friends from Laos and we've been friends with them for years without any issue. Plus, I was 18 or 19 at that time and I felt I was mature and enough to make my own decisions without my father advising me on what to do.

After 10-15 mins of arguing I uttered words to my father that I thought I'd never say – I told my dad that I hated him. Of course I did not hate my dad but in desperation to make a point and to end the argument in my favor I pulled out what I thought was my ace card and played it. My father stopped arguing right there and for the first time in our relationship gave up – "Do what you want..." he said as he walked to couch and sat down to watch TV.

As I walked to my room to pack my things the guilt of what I said and why I said started to bottle up inside me like a shaken bottle of soda.

My father and I had a good relationship and to see him hear what I said and basically just surrender was not like him. I knew my words had cut deep and I knew what I did was not right. After struggling for an hour – a lot of it with tears in my eyes – I finally decided to "man up" and talk to my dad. I stopped him as he was getting ready to go to bed and I told him I was sorry for what I've said and that I was wrong. My father, who seemed to be taken back in surprise, said he had forgiven me. In a un-Hmong like gesture my father also added that he loved my brother and I and only wanted us to be safe. Hmong people do not use the word "love" often but it was the first time I've heard it from my dad.

I believe it was our connection as father and son that made this possible. We knew that as a family we can get angry and disagree but at the end of the day the cohesion of our relationship and the family was more important than our own selfish motives.

Often times as a Christian we may find ourselves in the same situation with those around us. Whether it'd be family members, friends, co-workers, or even strangers. Sometimes we lash out in order to hurt others or maybe even find some sort of victory. In reality these actions only cause more pain not only to others but also to ourselves. Living with a scar that'll never heal is tough but helping that scar to heal but admitting to our faults and asking for forgiveness may help heal that scar over time.

As one creation we are true brothers and sisters in Christ. I believe that if we could realize this this would make forgiving and getting along a lot easier. Even if that person is not a Christian, just knowing that God had a part in that person's existence as well as mine draws us ever closer to one another. In this way we may forgive what seems unforgivable and even through disagreements we can still show love, grace, and mercy. I believe that when Christ says that the Kingdom of God is within us (Luke 17:21) he means that we can experience a piece of Heaven on Earth through our actions and words. That by loving others as we love ourselves we can truly bring God's will on Earth as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:10). Amen.

Who's Serving in June in Fennimore?

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ushers

Date	9:00 AM
7/7/2019	Dave and Ann Stenner
7/14/2019	Sandy Knapp
7/21/2019	Connie Neal Sue Hentschel
7/28/2019	Carl and Judy Nelson

VBS at Fennimore has come and gone!
... and we had a GREAT time! Fun was had and memories were made.
This year we started a new challenge! Our mission was the Fennimore Food Pantry. VBS participants brought in change and it was weighed ... boys VS girls. The boys one! So, their reward was putting a pie in Pastor Bud's face. Bu, no worries! The girls got to put a pie in Pastor Yang's face!

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	9:00 AM
7/7/2019	Rob and Karla Rands
7/14/2019	Dick and Bonnie Carlin
7/21/2019	Curt and Kathi Freymiller
7/28/2019	Roberta Galer Jan Ready

The grand total was \$468.11!

Thank You for allowing us to share God's Love with your Children!

Another GREAT VBS Opportunity!
"Roar" VBS 2019

Stitzer United Methodist Church
Monday, July 15 — Thursday, July 18
5:00 — 8:30 PM

A light supper is served at 5:00 PM.
"Roar" VBS Program — Thursday, July 18
at 8:00 PM

Liturgist

Date	9:00 AM
7/7/2019	Ann Stenner
7/14/2019	Glen Klais
7/21/2019	Connie Neal
7/28/2019	Judy Nelson

Stay tuned next month for Christian Education details for Fall!

Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center
Nip Leffler, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds, Dennis Freymiller,
Jeannette Schneiderwind

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackburn and Paul Rector



United
Methodist
Women

**Fennimore
UMW News:**

July 2019 Mission

Local Assistance Fund

Finally Summer has arrived!

Several UMW ladies met and attended the Stitzer UMW Supper on Wed June 26th. SO many delicious salads and sandwiches. And the pie wasn't too bad either!

We returned to the Fennimore church to have our June Quarterly meeting. Good fellowship and many good ideas were shared. We decided on our annual gift to Red Bird Mission and discussed the Fall Salad Luncheon. A meeting is in the works to organize the luncheon and if you would like to lend a hand, please let us know.

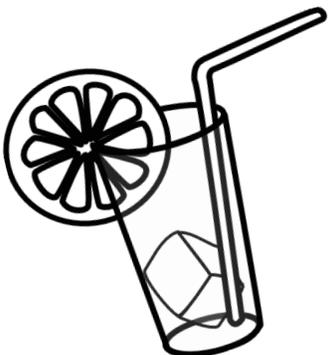
Also the Creation Team meets to piece Covers/Quilts on the third week of each month. Helping Hands are needed to tie covers on the 3rd Tuesday. If you are so inclined, join them (time listed on the calendar). It would be greatly appreciated!

Also, we continue to give monthly to the Depot Exchange and also help prep items for sale. Contact Audrey if you would like to join in and help. The second Monday of the month, at 2:00 PM.

Any amount of time you can help is appreciated. It is the UMW's favorite local mission to support the Depot and the Food Pantry there.

Dates to Remember:

Salad Luncheon – Wednesday,
August 28th
UMW Sunday – TBD
Quarterly
Meeting – Wednesday,
September 25th



Stay Cool!

The Fennimore United Methodist Mission/Social Concerns emphasis for July will be the Local Assistance Fund, administered through our local church. This fund is for the purpose of helping people in the Fennimore School District, on a temporary basis, such as for gas money, milk and bread, etc. by providing limited funds for emergency needs. This fund replaces our participation in the *Helping Hands Fund*, because we do not have a fully functioning ministerial association at the present time.

Please place all mission offerings in the offering envelopes provided in the weekly bulletins, and use the missions line to list amount and what mission it is for, in this case, Local Assistance Fund. If you wish to give but cannot attend, please send checks to the church office. All checks should be made out to *Fennimore United Methodist Church*, with Mission Offering designation marked on the line provided on the check.



Thank you

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers for the help with funerals, whether it is physical or donating food. It is a big job and your help is greatly appreciated!

Audrey Doan

A big thank you goes out to those of you who sent cards and memorials after the passing of my mother, Betty Reeves, who lived in Milford, IL. Your acts of kindness were appreciated and will be remembered! We made a memorial donation in my mother's name to Fennimore United Methodist Church.

Linda and Tom Parrish Family