



Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

Christ:
His
Understanding
Richly
Creating
Here.

Christ: our understanding of him shapes our world and forms our world-view. It guides the decisions we make, the choices we take. How we know him and how we understand him can create a life of love and generosity, a passion for him and his way.

We can better understand him through our worship together, through prayer and reading and study of the Bible, through conversations and dialogue with brothers and sisters in Christ, through attention to his presence and work in our lives.

But not only is there our understanding of him.

There is also his understanding of us.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. (I Corinthians 13:12)

Christ “searches us and knows us,” better than we know ourselves. With his understanding of us, he provides for us, comforts us, strengthens us, and guides us. But it is with *his* understanding, not our own, that he guides us. So, he may direct us in ways that make no sense to us, through valleys and down paths that *we* would not choose, but *he* chooses ... for our good.

It is quite a journey – quite a ride!

Never a journey alone.

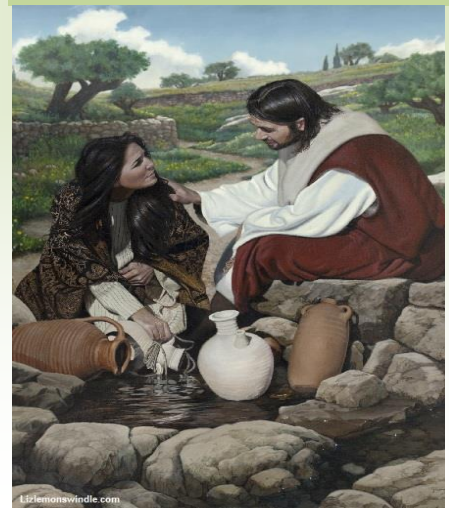
Never a journey without purpose.

But a journey in which we are being richly created, and re-created, here, now, in his image, for his sake, toward his purposes, by his love ... through his deep, gracious understanding of us.

So, trust him. He knows what he is doing. Even when he was strung up on a cross and looked like he had gotten it all wrong – even then, he knew what he was doing. He can be trusted now to know what he is doing with your life, and with mine.

Thanks be to God!

Bill Vincent



Worship Notes!

This month's Worship Notes ... are the notes 'C' and 'G'.

'C' = Come

I know summer can be especially busy for some people, with trips and outdoor activities and schedules and get togethers.

But if you're in town, Come! ... to worship. Come be a part of worship with your local church family.

'G' = Go

If you happen to be on one of those weekend getaways or a longer trip, if you're out of town, Go! ... to worship. Find a church where you are, and go be a part of worship with the broader community of faith.

Wherever we may be, God is there. And we need to worship: worship to remember God's goodness and grace, worship to give thanks for God's providing and protecting, worship to embrace God's wonder and way.

So hear (and sing!) the notes!

'C' = Come to worship!

'G' = Go to worship!

Wherever you are ... **Worship!**

GODSPELL

The summer play at East Central College is GODSPELL directed by John Anglin AND our very own Melissa Fyr is in the cast. We are planning to attend as a group on SUNDAY, JULY 23rd at 2:00.

Ticket prices are \$12.00. To reserve your seat, sign up with Susan Buchanan by July 2nd.

Susan's phone Number is: (636-257-9758)

Information about the play can be found at the link below:

<https://www.eastcentral.edu/events/godspell-4/>

Worshiping and serving God, loving, and accepting all



A reminder:

Prayer concerns can be shared with me via email or phone before worship (preferably by Saturday evening); or you can write them down (legibly, please) on a piece of paper and place them in the basket that will be located near the entrance to the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill

Sunday Worship service will be Streaming live on Facebook on Sunday at 9:00 am. The bulletin will also be available on Facebook and the church website (www.unionfirstpresby.org), posted by 8 am Sunday morning.

Link to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/firstPresbyterianChurchUnion/>

Bulletin can be found here: <http://www.unionfirstpresby.org/church-bulletins/>



**YOU'RE INVITED!
PUBLIC OPEN
HOUSE
and Barbeque!**

Sunday, June 11

At Bethel Hills

**10450 Voelkerding Road, Dutzow, Mo.
63357**

Noon- 4pm



FOOD: BAR B Q Pork Steak Meal (for purchase) Noon-3pm

Proclamation Brass (12pm gym)

Bethel Hill Chimers (1pm gym)

Ribbon Cutting at Villa 3 (2pm) Chapel Worship by BH Residents (3pm)

Tours of Buildings and Renovations, Sand Volleyball,

Corn Hole, Resident Art Show

***** bring your lawn chairs**

