

Weekly Message

February 7, 2018

Dear Friends,

Wow! We had about 25 people in the adult class on Sunday at 9:30. This is terrific. Several people couldn't be there this past week, so we could have as many as 30 when we look at Mark's gospel this coming Sunday. And, I'm sure that we can "squeeze in" a few more.

Adult faith development is important and, I believe, one good indicator of a congregation's spiritual health. We never stop growing in grace. As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, *"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways."* Having a childlike trust in God is a wonderful thing. Having the theology or understanding of a child in a complex world is not helpful.

And, adult faith development isn't just about the adults in the room. It's also about the young people who are not in the room. Parents and other adult family members are the primary "catechists" for their children. What's more, they are also models. If continued growth in faith does not appear to be important to the adults around them, it will probably not be important to young people either.

Covenant has many good Bible study groups. Take advantage of them. Or, round up some people and start something new!

Second thing. After Ash Wednesday, we are going to have a 40-minute service at 7:00 PM every Wednesday evening, February 21 through March 21. Along with hymns and prayers, each time we will focus on one of Robert Frost's poems and talk about what it might mean for our lives and faith. We are calling it *"Passion and Poetry: Discipleship and Robert Frost"*.

With the evening rush hour, I know that it's sometimes difficult to get to Covenant at 7:00 PM. But I do hope that people use the opportunity as they are able. We will gather in the Community Room.

Grace and peace,

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