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In Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, she walks the reader through a month of night time, finding blessings in waxing and waning moon, finding the darkness of a new moon not as scary as we might imagine. Of course, it all a metaphor for our lives, our souls, and our faith. Sometimes, things are revealed in the darkness that we'd never see in the light.

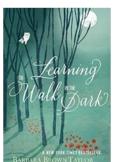
Of course, Taylor isn't the first person to consider the soul and night time. The Dark Night of the Soul was first present, discuss, and named by St John of the Cross in the 1500s to describe those moments solitude, introspection, lost-ness, maybe hopelessness and despair. It is a transition point. It might last a single night or it might persist.

For you, maybe it has persisted since March when your world became much smaller than it had. In these COVID times we've had fewer visitors, fewer celebrations, fewer just about everything, and more time to think. We have been living in a time of increased anxiety, depression, and isolation. And first, please seek all the professional help you might need, there is no shame in naming mental health needs. But, maybe there is something to learn in this time of global loss and fear. We won't come through this unscathed, but perhaps we can be more whole, more compassionate, more generous people.

So, I'm inviting you to join me to read and discuss *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, **n**ot because I think we'll come up with any answers or it will make everything ok, but taking intentional time is a places to start and process.

Starting August 19th, 6 weeks, Wednesdays 7-8:30pm. Zoom Only. Meeting ID: 342 957 1341 Passcode: 9652429 (i.e. pastor's church phone number minus the hyphen) We're asking if you are able to purchase your book, to do so. It can be found at Books and Company for \$16.99.





The Messenger

AUGUST 2020

August Worship

August 2



Congregational prayers for Laurie & Buck Buckett and Ann & Bill Carpenter 9:30 AM Worship in the Park(ing) Lot (weather permitting) Acts 15 "Change"

August 9

Congregational prayers for Michael Clark and Jeanette Collins 9:30 AM Worship in the Park(ing) Lot (weather permitting) Acts 16 "Resurrection Practices: The Marks of Discipleships"

August 16

Congregational prayers for Kris & Dick Davidson and Ryan Dockstader 9:30 AM Worship in the Park(ing) Lot (weather permitting) Acts 17 "Spirituality"

August 23

Congregational prayers for Pat & Mike Doering and Mary Edwards 9:30 AM Worship in the Park(ing) Lot (weather permitting) Acts 20 "Leadership for the Church"

August 30

Congregational prayers for Nancy Edwards and Evelyn Faircloth 9:30 AM Worship in the Park(ing) Lot (weather permitting) Acts 25 "Church and State"

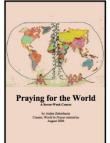
Zoom Coffee Hour resumes August 2nd, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM (see article)

Return of Zoom Coffee Hour

We've taken a bit of a Zoom break since Outdoor services began, but we'd still like to see you! Let's return to coffee hour **August 2nd at 11:30am-12:30pm**. It'll give folks who drove into church a chance to get home, give us a chance to clean up some, and we can check in a bit more completely than we might in outdoor service. Meeting ID **342 957 1341** Passcode: **9652429** (i.e. pastor's church phone number minus the hyphen)

World in Prayer (Tuesday Morning Bible Study)

Let's return to Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Tuesday August 11th at 10am on the church patio (bring your mask and maybe your more comfortable chair) and Zoom. We'll keep some space between us while we connect to the world around us. We'll start by discussing how we can be in prayer for the world. Find out more at: <u>http://worldinprayer.org/praying-for-the-</u> world/



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Zoom Information

If you don't want to create a Zoom account: You do not have to have a Zoom account to attend a Zoom meeting. You will be prompted to download the software, once you have clicked on the link that you have been provided. You may also wish to create an account, but that is not required to participate in a Zoom meeting.

If you don't want to download Zoom to your computer: You'll have to make a Zoom account. In "Settings" go to "In Meeting (Advanced)" and scroll down until you find "Show a "Join from your browser" link" and click on the toggle on the right. This should allow to join a meeting without downloading the program.

You can use Skype for Business in Zoom: if that is something you have connected with in your work/business.

Gratitude

Our outdoor worship has been a success! We have been glad to get to see each other's faces while we maintain our healthy distances. I want to offer thanks to those who have worked to make worship happen: Peggy and Pete Hazelberg, Kristen Voskuil, Donna Newland, Jeannie Phelan, and Jim, Adam & Belle Langreder. And a special thanks for Steve Schultz and Sue Pakula for use of their trailer as our "apse" area.

Subscribe on YouTube

We're still working out our technical details, if you don't want to miss our serves on YouTube, subscribe! Go to YouTube.com and search "Emmanuel UCC Dousman". Hit the "Subscribe" button. When the Bell appears, click that too and you'll never miss a service or video



BIRTHDAYS

Melanie & Mike Laur

Kathy Zebrowski	4	Emily	Pakula		15
Sawyer Bensing	5	Ken F	Pike		17
Frieda Goetsch	7	Ben L	Jui		21
Terese Leonhard	7	Rene	e Obenk	berger	24
Xavier Hazelberg	15	Heather Brisk			28
ANNIVERSARIES	_				
Nancie & Dick Gryske	1	Ann a	& Bill Car	penter	20
Sue & Gary Phelps	13	Laurie & Buck Buckett			25
Sharon & John Perez	15	Jan & Jim McGraw			26
MEMBERSHIP ANNIVE					
Peggy & Pete Hazelber		5	2007	13 yrs.	
Steve Thompson		22	2010	10 yrs.	



2011

9 yrs.

28

	Ushers	Scripture Readers
2	Shirlene Hazelberg	Ashley Berman-Kinney
9	Donna Newland	Sarah Erickson-Bhatt
16	Sue or Tom Stelling	Julie Ball
23	Laurie Buckett	Mike Ball
30	Debbie Morgan	Robert Zondag



August 2nd

We'll be coming together for communion for the first time during out outdoor worship. There are 2 options for you if you will be joining us for worship on August 2nd. 1: You can continue to bring your own communion elements, like a picnic for service. You're invited to bring some bread/grain and a drink—something that connects you to the earth and what the earth grows. 2: We have individual, prepackaged

communion packets. Imagine a single use creamer cup, juice on the bottom, wafer on top, all sealed up safely waiting only for your touch! They will be given out by our masked and gloved ushers with your bulletin!





SINGING BOWL

We will continue to collect for Family Promise for the foreseeable future. While Family Promise is unable to house the homeless, their mission has turned to

fundraising for rent assistance to keep their clients from becoming homeless.

If you would like to mail in a Singing Bowl donation, please mark your check for The Singing Bowl and mail it to Emmanuel UCC, PO Box 216, Dousman, WI 53118. Another option is donate through the Family Promise website: <u>https://familypromisewaukesha.org/donate/</u>



Due to the pandemic, again we were unable to host families at Emmanuel. Since the

rotation shelter program for families in crisis had to stop, our Waukesha affiliate initiated a Family Homelessness Prevention Program to help families facing eviction or looking for shelter. This temporary program provides funds that can help a family remain in their home through direct payment of rent to a landlord. It can also help pay for utilities, groceries, gas for their car or household supplies. It might even cover the cost of a hotel room if a family is evicted. Family Promise of Waukesha County is holding a mid-year fund raiser hoping to yield \$45,000.

Emmanuel held its own fund raiser in lieu of housing families and serving meals in April and July. This was a huge success bringing in the following:

gift cards \$755, cash or checks \$1,225 hygiene items 81

A hymn we sang at our first in-person worship in the church's parking lot spoke to the very need you stepped up to provide. The song was written by Carolyn Gillette specifically for Family Promise. The second verse states, "Yet near us are families with no place to stay, And children who won't have a good meal today. Your will is for justice where everyone thrives; May we build communities, strengthening lives."

Your contributions will, indeed, give families hope and strength. "Thank You", seems inadequate to express appreciation for your generosity.

Bless You! Charlotte Voigt & Sue Stelling

- SOPHIA Waukesha is hosting a Zoom book discussion on racism on Wednesday, July 15 at 8:30 AM. The link for participation was emailed to the congregation.
- Planning is underway to have fun activities available for children during outdoor worship services.
- Fall Christian Education planning will begin soon.
- Our Singing Bowl donations will continue to go to Family Promise to help offset costs of keeping their families from becoming homeless during this time when we are unable to house them in church buildings.
- Trustees are busy taking care of repairs and projects in and around the church building.
- Touchless paper towel dispensers are installed.
- The first in person parking lot service was discussed. It was great to be able to gather in a safe environment. A few details need to be tweaked to improve the experience for those who attend as well as those who are watching online. Those issues are being addressed. In the event of a rain-out the service will be live streamed on Facebook and Youtube and the congregation will be informed via an email sent from Donna's home early on Sunday mornings. THANK YOU to all who are making this possible.
- We are well underway with creating the Transition Team that will do the preliminary work for the Pastoral Search Committee. Once the makeup of the team has been confirmed, those details will be shared with the congregation as will their progress in fulfilling their duties.
- We are doing our best to keep the congregation informed on what's going on in the church through emails and monthly newsletters; however, if questions or concerns arise, please call the church office (262-965-4022) or Pastor Leanne (262-965-2429).

If you are continuing to maintain "safer at home," we appreciate your ongoing support. Donations may be sent to our P.O. Box address: Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 216, Dousman 53118. THANK YOU!!



THANK YOU for your ongoing support!

Council Meeting Highlights

Council met after worship on Sunday, July 12. In attendance were Pastor Leanne Rose, Gary Phelps, Kathy Zebrowski, Jeanne Phelan, Sherri Krantz, Donna Newland, Ken Pike, Sue Stelling, Charlotte Voigt, Kristen Voskuil, Shirlene Hazelberg and via Zoom Peggy Hazelberg.

• The church's financial picture is continuing to be healthy...THANK YOU all for making this possible!



THANK YOU to all who regularly leave bags of aluminum cans and other precious metals outside the garage door.

A reminder to everyone, our recycling of these Precious Metals helps Emmanuel's bottom line, so please save them, bag them up and leave them by the garage service door.

This n That...



 Dousman Meals Drivers for July: Nicole Kerr, Kristen Kramer, Charlotte Voigt, Lorna & Jere Marheine, Kris Davidson, Sue Stelling, Jo Quaden, Francine Langlais, Ron Blaschuk and Shirlene Hazelberg.

♥Tom Stelling, Michael Clark, Ken Pike and former

member Rod Podszus for keeping the lawn mowed and trimmed.

THANK YOU for seeing a need and jumping in!!

Marjore Thompson and her 13-year-old granddaughter, Lauren Thompson put a new coat of paint on our swing set!!

Ken Pike installed the new touchless towel dispensers that Gary Phelps picked up for us!!

Tom Stelling & Ron Blaschuk installed new 'boots' over the furnace roof vents to stop the leaking!!

Charlotte Voigt and her dear friend, Mary Maselter trimmed the shrubs by the flag pole and the lilacs by the building entrance!!



• Evelyn Faircloth who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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• Gregg Jarrett who is recovering from surgery on his mouth to remove

cancer.

- Judy Stanek whose rehab continues at Hickory Suites.
- Those dealing with cancer: Shirlene Hazelberg's mother, Marie; Steve Thompson's brother, Wayne; Lisa, a friend of Julie & Mike Ball.
- Everyone affected by the COVID-19 situation, healthwise, employment-wise, etc.



Updates...

- In-person Worship services are being held outdoors in the park(ing) lot each Sunday at 9:30 AM. In the event of rain or if you are maintaining safer at home, they are also being streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- Everyone is required to wear a face mask/covering. Any type of mask is acceptable; however, please be

advised that those containing vents or exhaust ports to not offer as much protection for you or others.

- You are asked to maintain safe distancing from others at all times.
- If you need to use a restroom, we ask that you first make sure no one else is currently using the facility. We have installed new paper towel dispensers that operate by touching only the toweling you are pulling out to use. Soap dispensers will continue as always, knowing that after you touch the pump, you are washing your hands.
- Monthly newsletters will continue to be available only in the electronic format except for those members without access to the internet. If you really want a hard copy, please speak to Donna and she will print one for you that you may pick up in the office.
- Finally and most importantly, if you are feeling under the weather or have any question about your physical condition, PLEASE STAY HOME!



Sun.	EACH	Worship at 9:30 AM in the Park(ing) Lot or Live Streamed in case of rain.
	6	Holy Communion
T-F	1-4	Emmanuel delivers Dousman
	28-Oct. 2	Area Home Meals
Tues.	Each	Bible Study, 10 AM
Weds.	2, 9, 16, 23	Book Study via Zoom 7-8:30 PM
Sun.	13	Council meeting after worship



"This isn't the caring way to treat a person who disagrees with you, Pastor Bob."

Treasurer's Report for June 2020

PLEDGED Income received

(June 2020)		\$8,990.00
(June 2019)		\$8,936.00
	Difference	\$54.00
NON-PLEDGES & PLATE Income Received		
(June 2020)		\$1,850.00
(June 2019)		\$1,836.00
	Difference	\$14.00
Total INCOME for (June 2020) *		\$11,755.00
Total INCOME for (June 2019)		\$13,677.61
	Difference	-\$1,922.61
Total EXPENSE for (June 2020)		\$11,127.99
Total EXPENSE for (June 2019)		\$14,934.98
	Difference	-\$3,806.99
Checking Account Balance as of June 30, 2020		\$17,051.63
Checking Account Balance as of June 30, 2019		\$691.41
	Difference	\$16,360.22

*TOTAL INCOME includes funds received that are designated funds for:

Singing Bowl	\$50.00
WI Conference offering income (OCWM, Christmas Fund, etc)	\$525.00
SCRIP sales	\$0.00
Fund Raiser	\$0.00

\$3,706.17

Capital Funds Campaign	\$13,782.75
Income	\$ 155.00
Expenses	\$ -
Interest	\$ 0.61
TOTAL	\$13,938.36

Please direct questions or comments to Kathy Zebrowski 262-646-8882 or Jeanne Phelan 414-940-4464.





SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT AT 9:30 AM WEATHER PERMITTING

(also streamed on Facebook & YouTube) in the event of rain, the services will be live streamed on Facebook & YouTube

Zoom Coffee Hour, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM each Sunday (see article)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	EMM	ANUEL DELIVE	RS DOUSMAN	AREA HOME	MEALS	
9 10:30 AM Council meeting	10	11 10 AM Bible Study	12	13	14	15 Deadline for August Newsletter Articles
16	17	18 10 AM Bible Study	19 7-8:30 PM Book Study via Zoom (see article)	20	21	22
23	24	25 10 AM Bible Study	26 7-8:30 PM Book Study via Zoom (see article)	27	28	29
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