



# UP Beat

United Parish

May 2017

FROM DARRELL'S DESK    *OLD TIME PICTURE, SAME OLD STORY*

There was an old picture on the walls of my parishners' homes I have seen during my visitations many times. I don't know who it was that painted it, but it is a picture of a wolf on a hillside overlooking a cabin. Perhaps you have seen the same picture. You can see in the moonlight smoke coming out of the cabin's chimney, which gives a sense of comfort. You can sense that the people in the cabin are safely behind the cabin's walls, but in the stark black-and-white, you get the eerily feeling that tomorrow when they come out of the cabin, they won't be safe anymore. They'll be at the mercy of the wolf.

It is also a picture of loneliness. While the people are sharing a home, with a fire, good food, and companionship, the wolf doesn't have anyone or anything to share. The wolf is painfully lonely and is ready to share his pain through howling at the moon. The "man in the moon" knows the wolf loneliness, for he is alone too.

Thirdly, this marks the progress of mankind. It foretold how the cabin in the valley will multiply and soon there will be more cabins and more people. The habitat of the wolf will be shrinking and soon the wolf would be no more. But the rebellious courage of the wolf is shown and he will not go easily.

It is an eerie and depressing old picture. I would like to own one.

Last month while I was sitting at Horizons at sunset, I heard a chorus of coyotes (Brush Wolves) sing out to the west. Or at least I thought they were coyotes. Maybe they had a few feral (once tame but reverted to the wild) farm dogs with them. First, Alpha Coyote let loose with his deep bass howl. Then, the second-in-charge joined in the howl, then the rest of the pack followed suit, followed up with feral farm dogs Chihuahuas at the end with their yips, yips, yips. They were close by down below me, which startled me some. 15 minutes later they howled again, but they were on the move southwards. They were on the hunt looking for a rabbit, a dead deer, or a sack of Purina Chow coyote food.

The loneliness of the wolf is natural. They prefer being alone. But that is not the natural state of a human. Human beings are a "social animal". They have an urge to socialize. Years ago there used to be social organizations all over the place; Kiwanis, Odd Fellows, Toastmasters; to

name a few. Now, those organizations are mostly gone. Their urge to socialize is met through the internet. That is sort of sad.

Of course, that is one part of the job description of the Church; to sing hymns, pray for others, listen to the sermon, and to socialize afterwards. See people to connect to, to welcome new people in, and to share your life with. It is joyful to come to church to meet again the same people who think enough to pray (when necessary) for you. It is joyful to come to church to worship God among friends. And then to welcome new people in to make new friends.

But don't feel like you have to join the wolves to feel like one of the pack. It gets mighty cold when you're on a hill overlooking a cabin in the moonlight. Cold and lonely.

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CHURCH TALK *God is Love*

1 John 4:8-9--

*Whoever does not love does not know God, For God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only son into the world so might live through him.*

This is one of my favorite bible verses, but how should this bible verse affect any of us. *For God is love. For OUR Father is love.* There is a personal love offered between God and each and every person on the earth.

When one does not have love for God and neighbor, doesn't make one an antichrist? An antichrist is one who denies the Father and Son (I John 2:22) or denies that Jesus had come as fully human, (as well as fully divine). There are charges about whether if sin matters and also exhortations to love others and obey God's commands. I believe that not a one of us wishes to be an antichrist.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 the Love Chapter; *love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. Since God is Love, let us substitute God in for love. God is patient; God is kind; God is not envious or boastful or rude. God does not insist on its own way; God is not irritable or resentful; God does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. God bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. God never ends.*

It is hard not to love God, for look at all his wonderful characteristics. While God does not force himself on anybody, he does not ever give up offering himself and his love to us.

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OUT OF 100 Americans

77% are white

18 % are Hispanics

13% are Black

6 % are Asians

2% are Jewish

1% are Moslem

1% are Native Americans

71% are religious

23% aren't religious

13% are on food stamps

37% are obese

20% believe in border controls

22% own a gun

2% are in correctional institution

7% believe moon landing was fake

8% have a substance abuse problem

9% have no health insurance

61% have no passport

12% own their own business

(or in process of starting one up)

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” John F Kennedy

GRACE; the exercise of love, kindness, compassion, favor. The disposition to benefit or to serve another.



Thank you to those who worked on April 15th outside cleaning up the Church yard before Easter Sunday. The yard look very nice for Sunday



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### **Easter Breakfast**

Special thank you to Pat & Scott Kippen for chairing it, Dixie Pasiczynk, Wyatt & Alexis Heil for preparing, serving and cleaning up.

### **Sayings Of Bible Mothers**

10. Samson! Get your hand out of that lion. You don't know where it's been! (Judges 14:5-8)
9. David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We pay good money for those lessons!
8. Abraham! Stop wandering around the countryside and get home for supper!
7. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! I told you never to play with fire!
6. Cain! Get off your brother! You're going to kill him some day!
5. Noah! No, you can't keep them! I told you, don't bring home any more strays!
4. Gideon! Have you been hiding in that wine press again? Look at your clothes! (Judges 6:11)
3. James and John! No more burping contests at the dinner table, please. People are going to call you the sons of thunder! (Mark 3:17)
2. Judas! Have you been in my purse again?! And the number one biblical saying of mothers is:
  1. Jesus! Stop working on that old wood and come in and eat! You'd spend your life on that wood, if your father asked ya to!\*

\* Please note that the word "spend" isn't used in the sense of time, but in the sense of "giving his all" "being poured out".



- 6 – Melanie Pewe
- 6 – Jerry Wettlaufer
- 8 – Jacquie Robertson
- 10 – Sharon Marquardt
- 12 - Alison Glinz
- 14 – Shyla Wettlaufer
- 16 – Noreen Bahn
- 21 – Howard Beyer
- 25 - Lisa Vad
- 27 – Mae Streich
- 30 – Pastor Boe



Birth Announcement  
 Zahra and Tyler Moss  
 became the proud  
 parents of a baby boy.  
 Hector Mateo was born  
 on April 2nd.



High School Seniors will be recognized Sunday, May 21 during Fellowship with cake before the Worship Service. They are Ethan Kippen, Bailey Schmidt, Nolan Pewe, Sasha Peck and Wyatt Heil.

United Parish Memorial Fund

Jean Lund - O.D. & Betty Herbel

United Parish Roof Fund

Elois Halvorson - Donna & David  
 Reinholz

Al Genre - Delbert & Mary Lou  
 Reamer

Lowell Nelson - Karol Patterson

Gary Kippen's

Linda & David Kyle

Les & Shari Turner

Bernyl Nelson - Gary Kippen's

Dwight & Gloria Olson

Sharon Marquardt

Les & Shari Turner

Maynard Herigstad - Gary & Marlys Kippen

Marlys Hummel - Linda & David Kyle



**Sympathy** is extended to the family of Bernyl Nelson. His funeral was Saturday, April 22nd.

**Sympathy** to the Lloyd Nelson family on the death of his brother Lowell.

**Sympathy** to Melonie Pewe and family on the loss of her father.





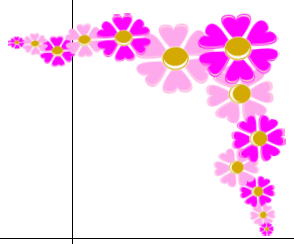
Thank you,

Thank you to Mary and the quilting group for making and gifting me the beautiful quilt. It arrived yesterday and is perfect to use when I am resting in my easy chair. Marlys & Rick

Donation for Foundation Festival

Thank you for the two quilts donated to our annual St. Andrew's Health center Foundation event. Your support for St. Andrew's Health Center is deeply appreciated.

# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship Service	1 10:00 Fellowship 7:00 Happy Hearts	2	3 2:00 P.W. 7:00 Parish Council	4	5	6
7 Last Sunday for Sunday School 5:00 Family Fun Nite - pizza	8 10:00 Fellowship 7:00 Happy Hearts	9	10 11 - 1 Salad Luncheon 2:00 UMW	11 10:00 Bible Study	12	13
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21 Recognition of Seniors during Fellowship 9 am - 10 am	22 10:00 Fellowship 7:00 Happy Hearts	23	24	25 10:00 Bible Study	26	27
28 1:30 St. Andrew's	29 	30	31			



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**Deadline for June Newsletter is May 30**

**Pastor Boe's Cell phone 320-305-1953**

Deja Vu – When you think you're doing something you've done before, it's because God thought it was so funny, he had to rewind it for his friends.



**UMW Salad Luncheon**  
**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**May 10, 2017**  
**United Parish Church**

