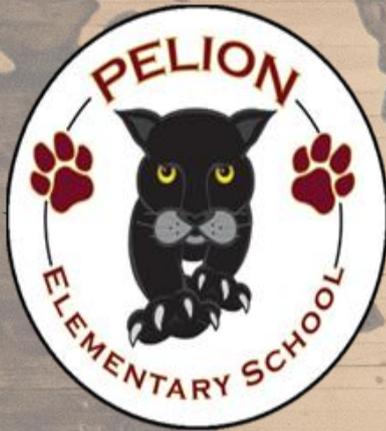


JOY MISSION CHURCH Newsletter

Joy on mission...the hands and feet of God!



June/July Ministry of the Month:

Teacher & Student Ministry – We are collecting supplies for Pelion Elementary School teachers & students.



Discipleship at work!

God is at work everywhere! Marshall Jumper made a ramp for his and Jackie's neighbor, Kay, just before her surgery. You never know where or how God might call YOU to serve.

If you see discipleship happening, send us a photo. We just might feature it in our next newsletter.

We are NOT the mission. Our mission is the Great Commission:

"And Jesus came and said to them,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of age." (Matthew 28:18-20) This is why we exist – to:

Love God. Love neighbor. Serve with joy in Jesus' name.

JOY MISSION CHURCH

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name through worship, fellowship, and discipleship.

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Time to Grow

Seeds planted in the spring have sprung up from the ground. Leaves are now lush and green, some hanging with fruits that each day mature little by little. Fed by the soil, showered with rain, nourished by the sun - in each seed is the promise, that when cared for well, it will germinate and grow into something wonderful.

It truly is a miracle, that from even the tiniest, unassuming seeds, new life springs forth. Each blossom and fruit bears witness to our Creator and His power in the world around us - from the simplest forms of life to the complex workings of the human body, mind, heart, and spirit. Our God is at work all around us and within.

The Sundays after Pentecost are a celebration of this ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives - the force within us that stirs us from complacency to action, from stagnant waiting to vibrant growth. Though we call this season "Ordinary Time," it is far from ordinary. It is extraordinary, because, like the natural world around us, this season in the Church year is all about growing and changing, maturing and bearing fruit.

Perhaps you've been in a season of waiting. **Now is the time to blossom and grow!**

Our faith, like a garden plant, needs good care to grow well. If you are not already doing so, I invite you to come and grow with us! Attend Sunday school and worship in person (or via Zoom and Facebook, respectively, for those unable to attend in person) and Bible study on Wednesday nights on Zoom. Feed, shower, and nourish your faith with God's Word, Sacrament, and the fellowship of Christ's Church. You will be so glad that you did. And you just might be surprised at how much you grow in faith!

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, stir us, move us, and gather us as your people, that we might grow strong in faith and bear much fruit to your glory and in Jesus' name. Amen.

In the extraordinary power of the Holy Spirit,
Pastor Paulette



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