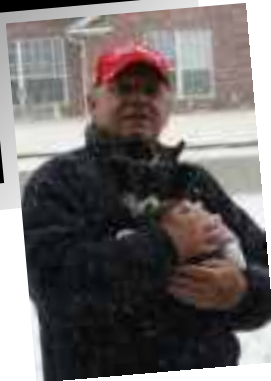




FUMC-WINONA NEWSLETTER



August 2010

THE PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

“Where can we go? You have the words of eternal life? John 6:68

Being a preacher is risky. Why – you might ask?

Because I believe that before the sun rises, when the candles are lit, when the scriptures are read, and when prayers are offered, I know that every person, every sermon, every doubt, every moment of faith, everything that has conspired to bring me to this moment, this place, and in this cloud of witnesses to hear what God has to say to me. And all those things scare me to death, and equally fill my soul with a sublime joy that is beyond words, thoughts, or tears.

Many times in my life, asking God what to do was my last option only after everything else had failed. I have found sometimes in my life that

I work in the dark. I bump into baggage uttering apologies for carrying my lamp under a basket, and wander off making lists of things to do this day like work on my sermon about the One who created us, the One who came amongst us, and the One who sustains us.

And always – always – Sunday is looming.

I believe it is risky to stand and speak about what the One whose name was so holy that it was not spoken for centuries by true believers. Think about that for a moment – to stand and say maybe God really did or did not mean this or that about the Sermon on the Mount, or money, or take your pick sounds like I might be on a slippery slope sliding toward taking the down elevator in heaven above.

In the end, I believe that all we are left with is the Word. And Simon

Peter’s words in the Gospel according to John are surely true. And that Word is greater than any preacher. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Paul Porter

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Tim & Becky
- Langley - A
- 3 Tony Wilson
- 8 Lee Brady
- 16 Buddy Bozeman
- 18 Mike Schlau
- 24 Hunter Lowry
- 27 Hailea Downs
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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

A Spiritual Journey through the Gospel of John Utilizing Cinematic Illustrations

Bible Text	Lesson Title	The Movie	Date
1. John 1: 1-18	The Messenger	<i>The Lion King</i>	Aug 4th
2. John 3: 1-21	Misunderstandings	<i>Christmas Carol</i>	Aug 11th
3. John 6: 22-71	I Am	<i>High Noon</i>	Aug 18th
4. John 7: 37-39, 8:12-20	Illuminating	<i>Mr. Smith Goes To Washington</i>	Aug 25th
5. John 11: 1- 57	Raising the Dead	<i>Saving Pvt. Ryan</i>	Sept 1st
6. John 13: 1-38	The Last Supper	<i>Babette's Feast</i>	Sept 8th
7. John 19: 16-30	It Is Finished	<i>The Passion of Christ</i>	Sept 15th
8. John 20: 1-18	Resurrection	<i>Groundhog Day</i>	Sept 22nd

The following words were meaningful to me when I found them when Suzie was going through chemotherapy. I pray that it may be so for you and yours.

Paul Porter



What cancer cannot do:
Cancer is so limited.

It cannot cripple love.

It cannot shatter hope.

It cannot corrode faith.

It cannot destroy peace.

It cannot kill friendship.

It cannot suppress memories.

It cannot silence courage.

It cannot invade the soul.

It cannot conquer the spirit.

It cannot steal eternal life.



PREACHING 101

The one word that will stop me in my tracks is "preaching." I will listen to anyone, anytime, and anywhere about preaching. I have learned about preaching from the laity, the clergy, and the Holy Spirit. Over the years, I have found the following things to be truthful about preaching.

- Five Essential Tasks of the Preacher**
- Representing Christ, we speak on behalf of God to:
1. Lead the church
 2. Pastoral care
 3. Equip and motivate (everyone including me)
 4. Disciple (learn in and by) God's Word
 5. Speak the Good News

- Three Ingredients to Preaching that Draws Hearers**
1. To Teach one thing hearers didn't know before
 2. To Inspire, encourage, or otherwise touch the soul at least once.
 3. To offer an invitation to respond in one concrete way.

SCRIPTURES

[Matthew 9:35](#) Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching** the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

[Luke 9:6](#) So the disciples set out and went from village to village, **preaching** the gospel and healing people everywhere.

[Acts 8:25](#) When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, **preaching** the gospel in many Samaritan villages.



SOME THINKING PEOPLE QUESTIONS

(1). What does this church do better than any local church?

(2). What does this church need to attract new members?

(3). Personally, what "feeds" your soul during worship?

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RESOURCES:

United Methodist News Service: (http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355375/k.FA13/UMNS_News.htm)

InfoServ: (<http://infoserv.umc.org>)

UM Reporter Interactive: (www.umportal.org)

UMNS on Facebook: (<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=iflTKWNrGaIKL3K&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHgIWF>)

UMNS on Twitter: (<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=olL5LeMPLeKYLpl&s=chKUK5NBKbLQI5OKKsG&m=edIKIWPrHgIWF>)

Interpreter Magazine: (<http://interpretermagazine.org/interior.asp?ptid=43&mid=7085>)

EI' Interprete (Interpreter in Spanish): (<http://elinterprete.org/>)

10thousanddoors.org: (<http://www.tenthousanddoors.org>)

Rethink Church: (<http://www.rethinkchurch.org>)

UM TechShop: (<http://secure.umcom.org/store/catalog/categoryinfo.aspx?cid=16>)

UM Global Health Initiative: (<http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.4407745/k.89CF/>)



FUMC-Winona Cookbook



Anyone who has not submitted recipes for our cookbook, please do so by August 15, 2010 on the form provided on the table at the back of the church and online at:

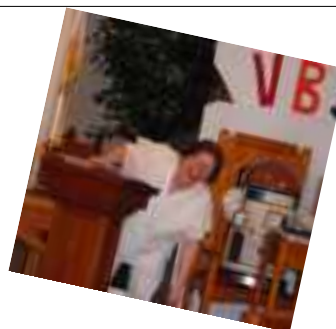
<http://www.fumcwinona.org>

Please give this form to Ray Presson or Sherry Mason. Thanks to all of those who have submitted recipes.

THE EVIDENCE OF FAITHFULNESS

July Totals Giving:
General Fund
\$4,363.00
\$323.75 (BBQ)
Missions
\$61.00

Other
\$116.00
Total Giving
\$4,863.75
Total Budgeted
\$6,173.66



Worship Attendance
136
VBS Attendance
28

Hamburger/Bingo

First United Methodist Church—
Winona

206 Tyler Street
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Cake Auction

Friday, August 20, 2010

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\$8 per person \$3 extra bingo card

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Hamburgers w/all the fixins



Chips, Tea & Dessert

*Children's Nursery
w/Games & Prizes*

Red Lobster
Gift Certificate