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Down-to-Earth Blessings

After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 'Go,' He told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means 'Sent'). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing." John 9:6–7

Every spring when I prepare my garden, I think about dirt. As I turn my raised beds, rich, loamy compost feeds my soil. But there are many other textures of dirt: heavy clay, grit that rubs between the toes, mud that clings to everything. You'd think the Holy God of the universe would like things sterile, pristine. But He got His hands dirty when He formed Adam from the dust of the ground. When the pharisees were about to stone a woman, Jesus wrote on the ground with His finger. He washed grit from His disciples' feet. And He amazes me daily as He walks beside me in the muddy confusion of my ordinary life.

One of the powerful messages of the incarnation—Jesus becoming man—is that God doesn't hold Himself far away from us. He also uses the real-life things at hand to do His miraculous work in our daily lives. He could have healed the blind man with a touch, a word or even a thought.

It's so interesting to me that Jesus made some mud and used that as a tool of healing. This story makes me more alert to the ordinary and even messy aspects of life that God can use: an unexpected phone call that interrupts our agenda and steers us in a new direction, a broken window that gives us a chance to teach a child about grace and forgiveness, a miserable cold that reminds us to rely on God instead of our own strength, a bowl of soup that creates a memory of love for our family, a friend's e-mail that suggests a solution to a problem they didn't even know we had, a book we happen to pick up on the precise day we need the message within, a new job, a birth, a funeral and even a mud puddle. Jesus came down to earth and continues to use the down-to-earth parts of our life to bring blessing.

Sharon Hinck

NEWS & NOTES

- *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School**-contact Ron
- *Asking for donations of nonperishable goods for inhouse pantry.

Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class -April 5 @ 9:30 am

Friday eve, Ladies Bible Study-April 8th @ 7pm at the building

*Kent Men's Retreat- June 24-25-see Patrick Keller for details

- *150th planning meeting -April 3rd after worship service
- *Youth Rally hosted by Kent County Church of Christ in Rhode Island-June 4th
- *Game Night -Saturday May 21st 7-9pm at the building. Bring your favorite game and snacks.

Prayer request for bulletin may be sent to Margaret @ mrizzio07@gmail.com

*Please let us know if you are not receiving robocalls so we can update our list.

Tithing can be done either through the mail or via tithely app

Spooner House is in need! Donations may be dropped off at the church building or contact Ron. Weare also collecting travel size personal care items for abused women that come to the shelter.

To Our visitors: We welcome you to the worship service of the church of Christ that meets in Trumbull. Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate when it is passed so that we may have a record of your attendance. If you have any questions concerning why we worship the way we do or what we believe, please feel free to ask. We would be happy to set aside time to study the Bible with you. Please let us know if we can be of serv

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for Ray's S-I-L Teri as she goes for an endoscopy and awaits results.
- *Pray for Pamela Pimpton's friend Karen Harvey who has breast cancer.

Pray for Angela's niece Sarah who has an enlarged thyroid and is going through testing and awaiting results.

- *Pray for Dorthea Cooper's brother David and sister Debbie who are both in the hospital.
- *Pray for Beulah Collymore;s family, her nephew was murdered in Trinidad.
- *Pray for Nadine's upcoming surgery.
- *Pray for **David Fitzinger**, his cancer has returned.
- *Pray for **Pat Yaglowski** who is having additional health challenges in addition to her intense pain.
- *Pray for **George & Elaine Caruthers**, Elaine recently suffered a stroke.
- *Pray for **Judith Gomez** who is struggling with intense pain.
- *Pray for **Skip French**,a close friend of Jay Repecko.
- *Pray for **Jody Pancoast** who is due with her second child at the end of May.
- *Pray for **Flo** who is not feeling well and has been undergoing testing to find a cause.
- *Pray for Carolyn Metz recovering from a mini stoke.
- *Pray for **Sylvia Sandavol** (Elmer's wife, Spanish ministry) who has a rare autoimmune disease that can cause paralysis.
- *Pray for **John Partington & family**. Their 9 y.o grandson, **Seth** has been diagnosed with a degenerative, incurable disease and their son (**Seth's father**) suffers from multiple health problems
- *Pray for Nadine's cousins, **the Philips**,who are struggling in age with their health.
- *Pray for Jen Ruiz who is struggling with severe vertigo.
- *Pray for Jay and Flo's daughter, Lauren.

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, Donna Post, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend)
 *Pray for our country & our leaders in government.
- *Pray for all the Ukranian citizens and those trying to help them.
- *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord.
- *Special prayers for our church leaders.
- *Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Greg Payne caring for his mother ,Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Dean Perkins-Mildred Perkins, Paula & Bruce-Fran.
- *Pray for: Pat Yagowski, Fran Elizus, Mildred Perkins,, Daniel Ruiz
- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Nuris Gomez,Irene Aschen, Mel, Gladys Howley,, Noah Darrow, Orion,, Tabitha, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti,, Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Taylor Rusin and Rocco's friends (Karolyn Kirchgesler & Joanne Karow) Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- ~Tidal River Christian Camp- info on back table. See Pat Keller for details.
- ~Next year our congregation will be celebrating it's 150th anniversary. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping to plan this event.
- "I was sick and you looked after me" (Matthew 25:36) We will be collecting new toys for children at Yale Children's Hospital.
- *Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m canceled til further notice, participate online via Zoom Sunday Bible Class 10 am @ church building

Worship Service @ 11 am

Elders: Bruce Pancoast 203-452- 0426 Ron Saracino 203-913-8345 Minister: Ron Saracino 203-913-8345

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914-914-486-9146

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Week of April 3, 2022
Online services
Go to Trumbull Church Of Christ website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org
Song Leader:Greg Payne
Lord's Table: Jay Repecko

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3/20-4/2 Donations: \$4204

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