

The TrumBulletin

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Are You Available?

You might be asking yourself, "Am I available for what?" The answer to that is, "Whatever God has in store for you." Sounds straightforward, doesn't it? If it were only that simple.

Often opportunities arise for us to be involved in the Lord's work but we start analyzing them. "Do I want to do this?", "Do I have the time?", "There is something else I would rather be doing than this.", "Isn't _____ (insert name) better suited for this than I am?" are often thoughts that run through our heads. How many times do we even place church activities in our calendars? I mean our cell phone calendars, where all our other important appointments and events get placed.

I have wondered lately about events I have missed in the past that were, in all reality, missed opportunities for me to meet someone who God specifically placed there for me to meet, because I would be able to reach them. How many times have I missed helping a brother or sister with a problem simply because I didn't show up for an event? This is not about me at all, but about how unavailable I was to God for some of the excuses listed above. Because of that I missed opportunities to do His will because I was doing mine.

We have these opportunities every day, not just during church sponsored events and activities. Sometimes we just walk silently by when we should be stopping and talking to the very people we see everyday.

I have been accused, quite accurately I will add, of quoting Ephesians 3:20-21 often. "20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (NIV) (emphasis mine) God can do immeasurably, I really like this word, more that we can ask or imagine but only if we are available for Him to use. I added the emphasis on "within us" as that is how He works. If we are not available, then some of His work does not get done. It really is that simple, and sad. So, I have to ask the question again. Are you available? If you are, that is wonderful. If you are not, why not? What is stopping you from being available for God's use? Is there something we, your brothers and sisters, can do to help you become more available? God gives us many opportunities every day. Church sponsored events are some of those ways, but definitely not the only ones. It is my hope that we all place the Lord and His work above all of the other "appointments" in our calendars.

Jay

NEWS & NOTES

***Kent Men's Retreat- June 24-25**-see Patrick Keller for details
***Building clean up day** June 18th 9am-12 noon
***Jay** will be speaking at the **New England Lectureship** May 6-8th
***Tuesday morning Ladies Bible study**-May 3rd @ 9:30am via zoom
***Friday evening Ladies bible study**- May 13th @ the building and via zoom

***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.
Spooner House has specific needs for towels, washcloths, pillow cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We will be collecting toiletries for the battered women's shelter over the next few weeks.

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 the tithe app
Spooner House is in need! Donations may be dropped off at the church building or contact Ron. We are 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 service

Prayer Requests

*Pray for Dorteia and family, her sister Debbie past away this past week *Pray for Donna Post who will begin a new chemo regimen, also for the family *Pray for Nadine who has surgery scheduled for May 9th. *Pray for Ray's S-I-L Teri recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is starting radiation therapy. *Pray for Toni Bonadio who had a stroke is home recovering. *Pray for Greg Cerminara who is home from the hospital , but still needs more testing done. *Pray for the family of Chuck DuBerry (Northside Church of Christ, Hartford) Chuck passed away suddenly a few weeks ago *Pray for Pamela Pimpton's friend Karen Harvey who has breast cancer. Pray for Angela's niece Sarah who has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and will be starting chemo. *Pray for Beulah Collymore's family, her nephew was murdered in Trinidad. *Pray for David Fitzinger, his cancer has returned. *Pray for George & Elaine Caruthers , Elaine recently suffered a stroke. *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 Sylvia Sandavol (Elmer's wife, Spanish ministry) who has a rare autoimmune disease that can cause paralysis. *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 Ukrainian 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, Judith 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 Kirchgessler & 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. Planning meeting after services today. New directories are on the back table, please take one per family. Thankyou Ashley! *Anyone interested in helping with World Bible School- contact Ron *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.
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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
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 914-914-486-9146

Deacons: Ray Fernandes 203-459- 0284
Luis Ruiz 203-610-2396

Week of 5/1/2022

Online Bible Study and service
Go Trumbull Church of Christ website
trumbullchurchofchrist.org
Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast
Lord's Table: Steve Froehlich
Closing Prayer: Ray Fernandes