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Safe in the Storm

25 years ago, I was taking the ferry from North Island, New Zealand, to South Island, New Zealand. It was a good size boat, but we hit a storm that rocked the boat in such a way that I could not stand without running in whatever direction the boat was tilting. An older man seated in a bolted chair next to me, said, "Why don't you go to sleep?" "Sleep?!?" I said, "How can I sleep when I am afraid we are going to sink?" He laughed and said, "Nah, I have taken this trip hundreds of times, this boat can hold up under much worse." I watched him then close his eyes and sure enough he went to sleep in the midst of this boat rocking storm. That's what peace with God is like.

Jesus was asleep in a boat when a storm like that arose. The disciples were terrified and decided to wake Jesus, "'Lord, we will perish; save us!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 8:25-26) "He... rebuked the wind and said, 'Peace! Be still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39-40)

In Christ, we can be at peace in the midst of any storm we face in life. The more you put your faith in our Lord in the midst of the storm, the stronger your faith will become. Soon enough, like the old man on the boat, when someone asks if you are afraid, you will be able to say with confidence, "Nah, God has seen me through much worse hundreds of times." The storm rages on, but your heart will find rest in Him.

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Tues, morning Bible Study-Dec.12 via zoom @9:30 am via zoom

Ladies Bible Study- Dec. 9th 10 am @ church building A Journey to the Father's House- Dec. 9th 4-6 pm Meridin COC Dec 10 after service SIBI presentation by Jay Repecko
Dec 16 9-12 noon Families with young children Christmas Party
Our in-house food pantry is in need of restocking or grocery store gift cards (which can be given to Ron.)

Spooner House is in dire need of nonperishable items
Our food pantry needs some restocking- place items in a bag marked Trumbull Church food pantry Barnabas Project if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475) 529-5751

- *Pray for **Sam Walkup** who is hospitalized with many health issues.
- *Pray for **Helen Haddad** (98 Y.O.) who recently fell and is not doing well.
- *Pray for **Mike Fernandes**, Ray's brother, who is dealing with Several health issues. Also prayers for Mike's granddaughter Mallory.
- *Pray for Joe Nuzzo who recently had surgery.
- *Pray for **Randy Springer** who is recovering from back surgery.
- *Pray for Marie Cornel (friend of Paula & Mike Ross) who has serious health issues.
- *Pray for Irene Aschen who is having breathing issues, also for **Meegan's** job search.
- *Pray for safe travels for Esther and Rocko Aggrey, they Will be traveling to Ghana Dec.8th.
- *Pray for Angela's Aunt Mary, recently diagnosed with acute Leukemia.also for her friend, Fred Schy who is dealing with many health issues.
- *Pray for Brandy's F-I-L, Paul Woodward, who is not doing well.
- *Pray for the family of **Ralph Porto**, he passed away this past
- *Pray for Israel- the hostages and all those who have lost loved ones.

- *Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Sarah (Angela's niece), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.
- *Pray for adult children to develop a relationship with God *Pray for our country & our leaders in government,

first responders health care workers and those serving in the military.

*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: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Greg & Linda, Gina Porto

- *Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Cyrus (Zach's friend) dad who has brain cancer, Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.
- *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.

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

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Wednesday Bible Class: 7:00pm via zoom Bible class 10am, Worship Service 11 am Online bible class and worship service Go to our website:

> trumbullchurchofchrist.org Week of 12/03/23

Song Leader:Bruce Pancoast Lord's Table: Zach Saracino **Closing Prayer: Bruce Post Usher: Andrew Langalis** Week ending:11/26-12/02/23

> **Donations: \$ 1557 Expenses: \$2702**