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Story on Peace

There once lived a very wealthy man who was willing to pay a small fortune to the artist who could best illustrate the presence of peace. Several artists brought paintings of sunsets and quiet meadows, but the man did not accept any of these. One day as he was walking through looking at the most recent attempts, two paintings captured his attention.

One was a painting of a beautiful calm lake surrounded by lush green mountains. The water seemed as still as glass and wispy white clouds danced in the bright blue of the sky. Next to this painting was another with vast differences. It was also a picture of a lake surrounded by mountains, but the strong winds had whipped the lake into a tempest and the dark clouds hovered about the rugged mountain landscape ready to release a downpour of torrential rains.

The audience standing about watched with anticipation to see which one the man might choose to depict the story of peace. All were shocked when he did not choose the first, but instead chose the second. How could such a stormy scene tell a story of peace?

The rich man explained. The first painting was beautiful and peaceful, but it didn't tell the truth of where peace can be found. Anyone could feel peaceful upon a crystal-clear lake with white clouds drifting across the sky and barely a breeze blowing across the water.

Then he pointed out something in the second painting which everyone else had overlooked. If you peered closely into the mountains of the second, there was a waterfall, and tucked into a crevice of that mountain near the waterfall was a small nest on which a mother bird sat upon tiny blue eggs.

The man spoke. "This second painting is a picture of true, perfect peace because it is within the storms of life we find real peace tucked into the side of God knowing His presence will guard and protect us even in the midst of this world's storms."

NEWS & NOTES

Secret Prayer Sister activity-if you would like to participate please let Nadine know ASAP

Feb. 10- 10 am Ladies Bible Study at the church building Feb. 13 @ 9:30 am-Tues. morning Bible Study via zoom Feb. 16-5pm Young Adultswill meet at the sports center for laser tag then at the church building for a Bible study. See Zach or Tori for details Feb. 24 @ 4pm Game Night

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Spooner House in need of non-perishable items.

Our in house food pantry in need of restocking or grocery store gift cards. Barnabas Project- if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475)529-5751

- *Pray for **Jess Taylor's** remaining 2 months of pregnancy.
- *Pray for **Paula Ross**'s sister and B-I-L, their house recently burned down.
- *Pray for **Simone Beans** who is struggling with several health issues and recuperating from covid *Pray for **Eric Reynolds father** who has been in

and out of the hospital.

- *Pray for Chelsey Eddy'sgrandfather, **Raybern Ragland,** is recovering from a stroke
- *Pray for all those who have/or are recovering from **covid.**
- *Pray for Marie Preteska who is dealing with a difficult situation, also for the Cerminara, Bonadio, DiScala families.
- *Pray for **Kevin Early** (Bruce's B-I-L) who is struggling with a mental health crisis.
- *Pray for **Carol Ligori** who is in severe pain due to sciatica.
- *Pray for **Emille Jones**, recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. He is awaiting PET/CT scan results and is also in a lot of pain.
- *Pray for **Mike Fernandes**, Ray's brother,who is dealing with several health issues. Also prayers for Mike's granddaughter **Mallory**.

*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 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:

NadineKeller,Greg&LindaCerminara,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), 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 Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am Online bible class and worship service go to our website: **trumbullchurchofchrist.org**

Week of 2/4/24

Song Leader: Bruce Pancoast Lord's table: Andrew Lagalis Closing Prayer: Zach Saracino

Usher: Bruce Post

Week of 1/28/24-2/3/2024

Donations: \$3833 Expenses:\$4181