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JUST LIKE US

You remember Elijah, right? He was the great prophet of the Old Testament. He was the one who stood up to the wicked King Ahab. He was the one, with great faith in God, beat the priests of Baal in a showdown at the top of Mount Carmel. He was the one who was taken up in the whirlwind and a chariot of fire sent by God, when his life's work was over. He was the one who God chose to meet and talk with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Elijah was a very special person, yet, there is this amazing statement in James 5:17 that says, "Elijah was a man just like us."

Just like us? For some reason, I just can't see Elijah waiting in line at McDonald's, ordering a Big Mac and fries. I just can't see him sitting next to me on the couch, watching the Yankees game on a Saturday afternoon. Yet, James says that "Elijah was a man just like us." Stranger yet, at the end of that same verse it says, "He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."

Wait! Maybe what James is saying is that God can take ordinary people and accomplish extraordinary things?!?!? Elijah was a sinner just like us. Elijah suffered hardships just like us. Elijah faced the trials of life just like us. Elijah laughed, cried, and got angry just like us. Elijah was just like us, and yet, God used Elijah to accomplish His wonderful and most perfect will.

It takes great faith and sacrifice on our part, however, for God to use us in this way. Romans 12:1-2 tells us not to conform to the things of this world, but be transformed. And here is how, "offer your bodies as a living sacrifices" to God. Then it tells us to "renew your mind." Let God's Word teach you and shape your thinking, your attitudes, and your values in a new way. It is only then that "you will be able to test and prove God's good and pleasing and perfect will" for your life.

Elijah was not a powerful man. What made Elijah appear to be greater than the average person was that he did not count on his own merits and abilities to accomplish anything. Rather, he looked to the grace of God and put his faith in God's power. Like Elijah, we must stand strong on the Word of God and proclaim it to the world today. Only then will we see God's wonders in our life and in the lives of those around us.

~Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

July 12- Young adult trip to Mystic-Zach/Tori for more details.

If you are not receiving Sat, e-mails check your spam or junk folder and move to inbox to get future emails.

**July 26- VBS 11 am - 2pm
Food sign up list is posted on back door.
July- Tidal River Christian Camp- if interested in helping see Pat Keller**

Our in house food pantry could use a boost

Prayer Requests

*Pray for **Allie and Cherie** as Al cares for her and decisions concerning her care.

*Pray for **Desirine Forbes** who is hospitalized being treated for CHF.

*Pray for Nancy Melson's husband, **Gerry**, recently diagnosed with cardiac amyloidosis.

*Pray for Doreen Palmer's dgtr., **Christina**, hospitalized for malnutrition and several medical issues.

*Pray for **Angela Webber** who is experiencing intense back pain.

*Pray for **Rosalyn Thomas** who is returning to Grenada to care for her mother.

*Pray for **Olivia Likely** (Ashley's sister) who is dealing with severe pain due to Trigeminal neuralgia.

*Pray for **Greg Belcher (and wife Lori)**, he is in the critical burn unit after coming into contact with voltage

*Pray for Barb Wangerin's dgtr., **April**, who had brain surgery in the past and is now experiencing symptoms again. Also for an immediate family member who took his life.

*Pray for Cindy Holly's cousin, **Seth**, serving in the military, stationed in Tehran.

*Pray for Debbie Christy's nephew's wife **Monica Christy**, who is suffering two forms of cancer.

*Pray for Mary Lou's friend, **Louise**, whose husband is in ICU.

*Pray for Debbie Christy's great niece who is having serious breathing issues.

*Pray for **Edward Cross** (Nadine's uncle) recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **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, Gina Porto

***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowksi. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, 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.

***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 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of 7/06/25

Song Leader: Patrick Keller

Lord's Table: Bruce Pancoast

Closing Prayer/Announcements: Derin Wilson

Usher: Bob Discala

Week of 6//29-705//25 Donations :\$1148 Expenses:\$1221

2nd quarter Donations \$35,109 Spending 37,859

