



The LUMinary

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“Should I Raise My Hand?”

question

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Noun

A sentence worded or expressed so as to elicit information

The well-known National Public Radio show, “Wait, Wait...Don’t Tell Me,” is a live comedy show in which the host, Peter Sagal spends about an hour asking a panel of 3 comedians questions about the previous week’s news. There is no telling what might get asked, just as there is no telling how off-the-wall the answers might be (correct or not). But, when it comes down to it, questions are the name of the game.

Why is this a fun show to listen to? Because we love trivia, we love answers, and we love to ask questions (why else do you think Jeopardy has been on TV since 1984?). Questions are how we explore, discover, and learn. Questions are how we express our curiosity.

And so, if all of that’s true, then why is it that so many people of faith are nervous about asking questions of our faith – or perhaps bigger yet...of God? For many Christians, the last time they asked questions about their faith, they were in elementary-aged Sunday school. So what do we do about this? Simple! We start asking questions!

For much of 2019, I am going to dedicate my newsletter article to addressing some of the questions you ask. These questions can be about your faith. They can be about Scripture. They can be about how the church operates. Whatever you find yourself curious about, just ask!

EXAMPLES:

- “Is the Book of Revelation really as scary as it sounds?”
- “The Gospels talk about demons and possession? Do we believe in that stuff today?”
- “Why does God give people the knowledge to be able to create tools of destruction?”



And so, how will we do this? It’s pretty simple: If there is a question you would like to have answered:

1. Email your question to me at pastorbrianwest@gmail.com.
2. Look for your question (or a similar one) to be answered in an upcoming newsletter.

Note: Don’t worry, no one will know who asked the questions. It is a safe place to ask!

I look forward to your questions. Ask away!

Blessings,

Pastor Brian



What is a Grandparent? (according to 8 year olds)

- Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

- Grandparents don't have to be smart.

February Volunteers:



Coffee Hour:

- 3: Roger & Sybil Curtis
- 10: Mary Walker/Martha West
- 17: Jeff & Jan Holyfield
- 24: Troy & Katrina Hill

Head Usher: Sebenick Family

COMMITTEE CORNER



Trustees:

Our group of Trustees continue to make sure things are running smoothly in the church and the parsonage. Thank you!

Finance:

Please pick up your 2018 Yearly Giving Statements. Send an email to the office if you would rather have yours emailed to you. Thank you for giving. Your giving makes a difference!



- 1: Katrina Hill
- 2: Jeff Holyfield
- 2: Lori Wagner
- 3: Tom Guetzlaff
- 5: Larry & Pam Wagner
- 6: Rosalyn Smith
- 8: Joel Parker
- 10: Tammy Wagner
- 11: Breslin Brook
- 15: Gary & Norma Davis
- 18: Ken Plont
- 21: Lee & Pat Hibbard
- 24: Ed Carpenter
- 28: Noah Brewer

Love is patient, love is kind. 

It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking, it is not easily
angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

-1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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Thank you, everyone, for your cards, calls and prayers during my surgery and recovery.

Your caring is very much appreciated.

Norma Davis

Big Orange Bucket – Big, Big Missions

This year, the Finance Committee is continuing in its effort to do the most ministry with every dollar, and is doing some very creative things to make sure this goal can be a reality. We are switching from a “pink envelope” special offering for Ministry Shares (aka “Apportionments”) to a “BIG ORANGE BUCKET” special offering. (The name may need a little work.)

On the last Sunday of each month, instead of using pink envelopes for a special offering toward Ministry Shares, we’re going to use huge orange buckets at the sanctuary’s exits to encourage you to give what you can: loose change, cash, and checks. Maybe you can even come up with a fun way to consider what you’ll pour into the bucket (examples: jar of loose change, cost of coffee for each day of the month, \$1/day in the month, etc.)

Our goal to start is to raise at least \$500+/month. We think that together, we can do it. We also believe that, with the generosity of this church family, we can exceed that goal.

LET’S DO THIS!

THIS JUST IN: Our January collection surpassed our initial goal of \$500. Together, you gave \$669!

For February, let’s aim high again! Goal: \$750!



“REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON’T GET HURRICANES...
AT LEAST WE DON’T GET HURRICANES...AT LEAST.....”



"I can see why they made February the shortest month of the year."

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