



# **NEWSLETTER**

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**FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD**

Fireworks. Since every holiday must provide an opportunity to buy things, the upcoming Independence Day is devoted to single-use items, giving special meaning to the term “planned obsolesce.” A fuse is lit, and seconds later money goes up in smoke and sparks. Shortly thereafter all that remains are cold, empty paper shells, cold wires that were briefly sparklers, remnants of a brief, bright glory. With Passover passed, the “fire”works (get it? “like tongues of flame” Wait! I’ve got a million of them!) of the Liturgical year are finished until we light up again this Fall with Advent. But don’t blink; I’m already receiving Advent planning literature.



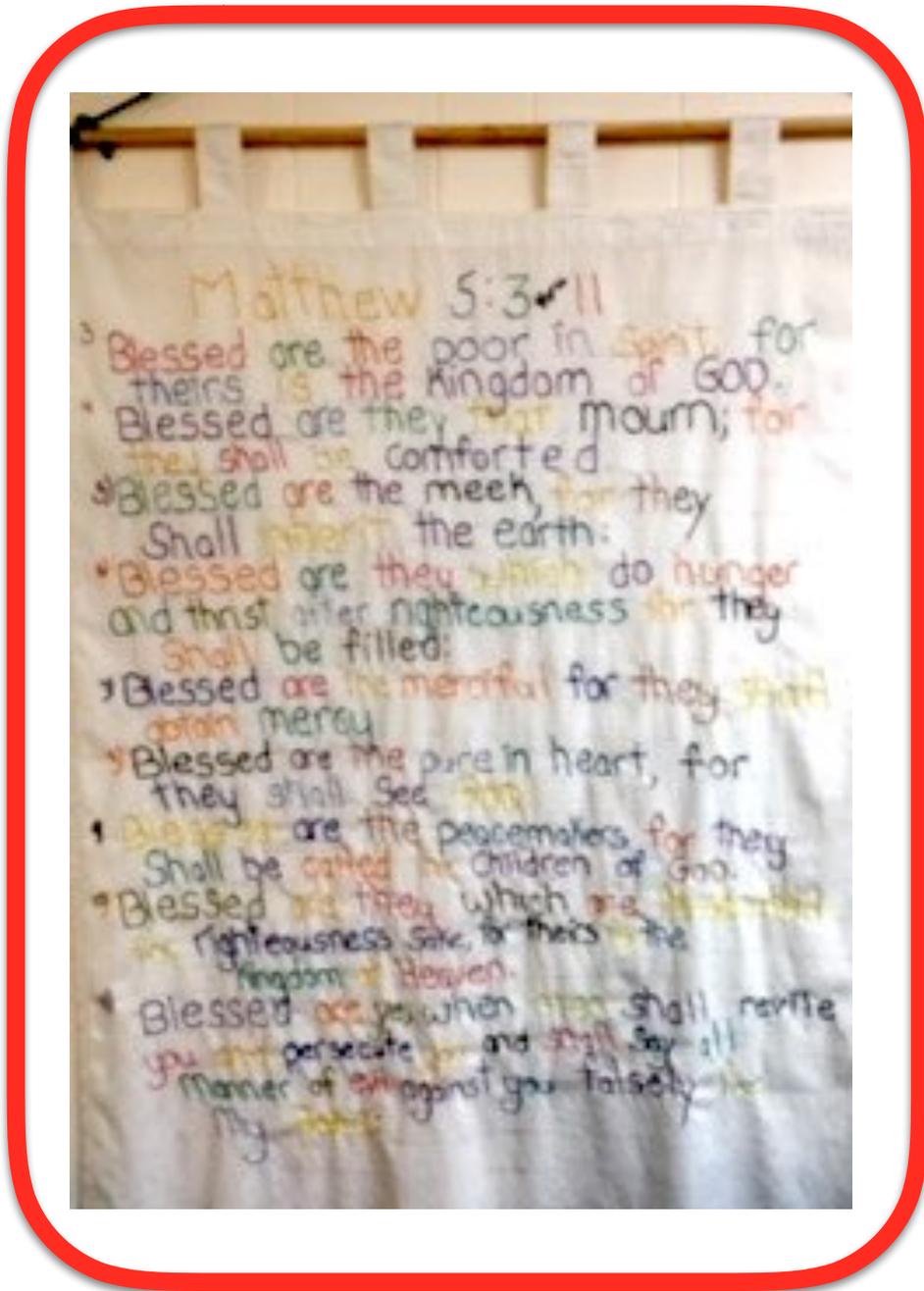
One of our great powers is our adaptability. Humans have figured out how to live in the Arctic, at the Equator, and everywhere in between. And whatever situation we are in quickly becomes “the norm” and is less of a challenge, less interesting, and gets less of our attention as we are drawn to another mountain to climb, another problem to solve. Why solve a problem? Because it is there.

This flexibility can be a problem for Christians. If we grew up in the Church, then it possible that the fact that God, who has existed forever and created all that is, loves each of us so much that He knows the number hairs on our heads, is just

the norm. On May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1953, the first two men climbed Mt. Everest. In 2017 alone, 648 people made the trip, including some who do it regularly for a living. It has become a normal occurrence. But also in 2017, six other people died trying. God, and our eternal souls are like that. No matter how often we talk to God, worship Him, serve His children, share His Word, we must be careful to never let Him become “the norm.” This life is short, Eternity is forever, Hell is for real, and we should never lose the sense of urgency that comes with being alert for any opportunity to do His will. The fireworks of this world quickly fade, but we must keep the excitement of being God’s children alive always.

God bless you,

*-Pastor Keith*



### **A Beatitude Blessing**

You may have noticed a new addition to our Fellowship Hall. We now have a beautiful handmade banner embroidered with The Beatitudes from the fifth chapter of Matthew. Maria Blea is a participant in the ECHO food distribution hosted by our church once a month. She was so grateful that we have opened our church facilities to the food bank that she made this banner for us. If you know Maria, be sure to thank her for this lovely gift.

-Julie Griffo

## More pictures from the Mile Long Yard Sale



Pastor Keith with Bethel's Director, Linda Smith and husband, Lee



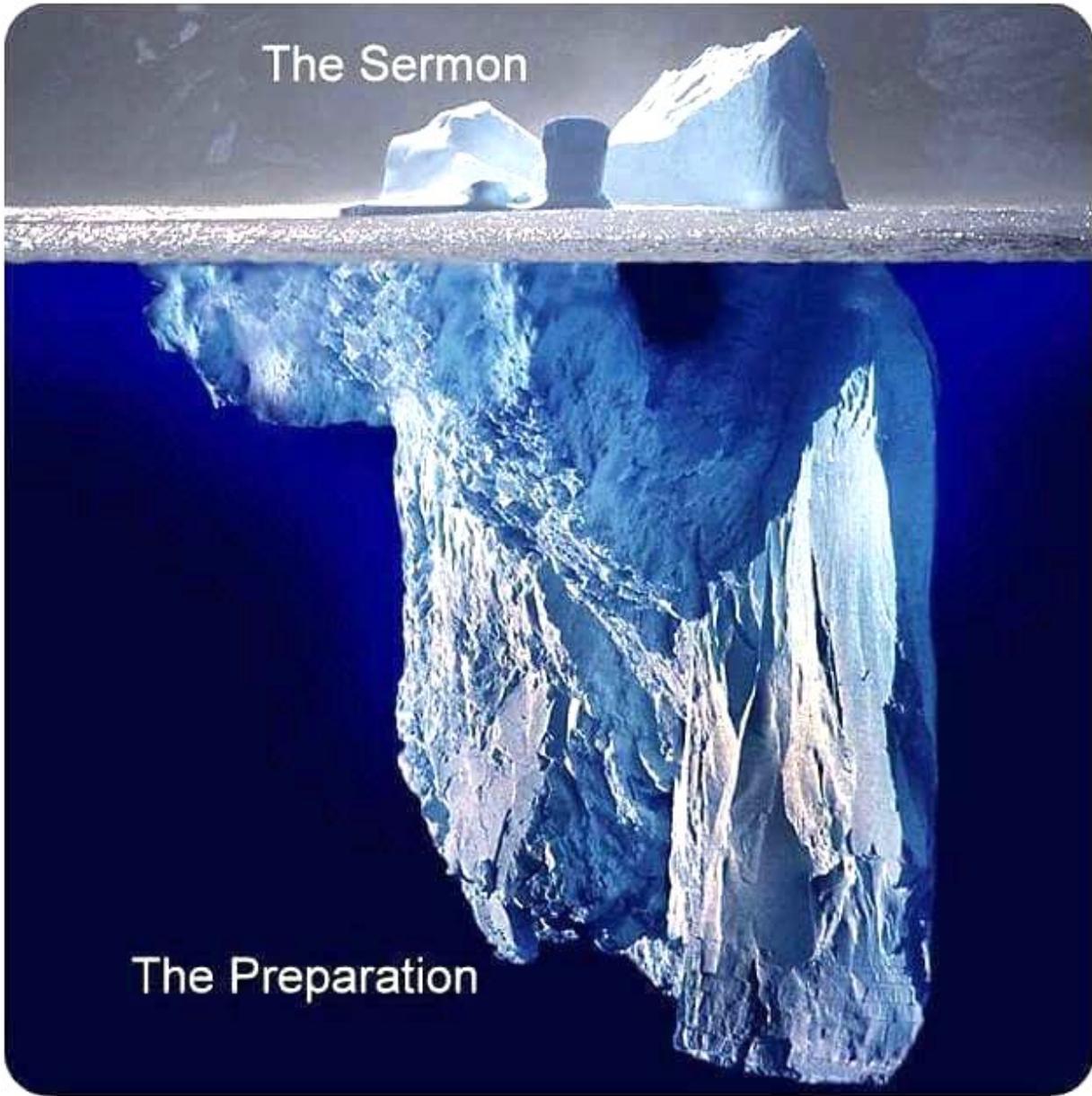
A much-needed break!



Nick modeling the merchandise



Our friendly sales associates



**For those of you that think that Pastor Keith's fabulous sermons happen just before church on Sunday mornings**







Vickie does King's Kids June 3rd



## **Service – Why is it important?**

You hear it all the time—how important it is to take care of those around you. From your little brother or sister to the homeless you see in the street, it seems like society constantly reminds you how important it is to be concerned about others. You might ask: Why is service to others so important? I know it helps them, but how does it help me? How will serving others make a difference in my life?



The answer is quite simple. When you decide to notice, when you decide to act, when you decide to make a difference (even in a small way), you have taken the first step in changing the world.

Look around you—who do you see volunteering their time? Your parents or your friend’s parents may be coaching you & your friends in soccer, baseball, football, cheerleading, skating, hockey, etc. Many parents and parishioners volunteer countless hours to help teach you about your faith & to make your Confirmation Retreat a memorable time for you. Many people help on various community events which helps our schools, the Beautification Committee who plants & cares for the flowers at the traffic islands & center area. These are just a few of the people who volunteer in our parish & community.

What’s in it for you? Your actions will not only be appreciated, but chances are, they will touch the lives of both the people you meet and many people you may never even see. The greatest reward of serving others is how it makes you feel about yourself. That special feeling is God’s way of telling you thank you! Thank you for caring! Thank you for making a difference in the world!

What does the Bible say about service? Jesus tells us time and time again how important it is to serve others as a part of leading a Christian life. A genuine commitment to others is ultimately a commitment to Christ. It will make a difference in the choices you make and even the vocation that you are called to. In the book of Matthew Jesus says to the people “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” In other words, if you are feeding or clothing the poor, you are doing the same for Jesus.



Give of your time and talents (we all have many hidden talents we aren’t even aware of until we are asked to help). Give of yourself with a happy and loving heart! It is when we do this that we realize that our actions in the name of service truly imitate Christ! God will bless you with a rewarding sense of fulfillment that comes from serving Him through serving others.

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY** – When Jesus was describing the universal judgment that will take place at the end of the world, He spoke of the importance of good deeds done for others. These are: to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to bury the dead, to give drink to the thirsty, to shelter the homeless, to visit the imprisoned. Again, “As long as you did it for the least of my brothers, you did it for me.”

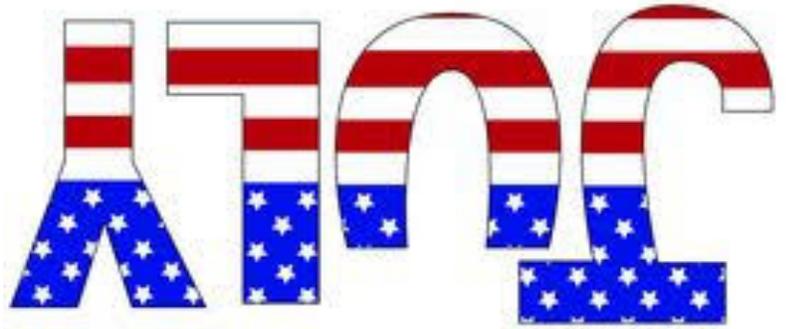
**SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY** – Gathering together other words of Jesus, the Church also teaches us to: counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, pray for the living and the dead, instruct the ignorant, forgive injuries, admonish the sinner, bear wrongs patiently.



# 2018 July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	<b>16</b> ECHO Food Distribution 9:00 - 12:00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
<b>22</b> Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Women's Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>



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### **Promises to help you trust God**

It will come to pass that before they call, I will answer;  
and while they are still speaking, I will hear

*Isaiah 6 5:24*

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You  
Because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever,  
For in YAH, the Lord, is everlasting strength.

*Isaiah 26:5-4*

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;  
For YAH, the Lord, is my strength and song,  
He also has become my salvation.

*Isaiah 12:2*

***-Elizabeth Elliot***

*(The Shaping of the Christian Family)*

*-Contributed by Alma Wimsatt*

Jah or **Yah** (Hebrew: יה **Yah**) is a short form  
of Yahweh (in consonantal spelling YHWH Hebrew,  
the proper name of God in the Hebrew **Bible**)