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Pleasant Corners



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M-F 8-12

Kasson UMC
9:00 am Worship

Pleasant Corners UMC
11:00 am Worship

“The Prophet Jonah”

Jonah 1:1-3 “The word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, ‘Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.’ But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish...”

The account of Jonah and the whale is one of the better-known stories from the Old Testament. Many of you reading this can recall from your youth pictures of the prophet inside of a great fish/whale, being delivered from the sea. It sticks out because it is so unusual. This month we are going to be working our way through the book of Jonah, looking not only at the marvelous account of his being swallowed and spit up by the whale, but also what precedes and follows it. The set up for Jonah is remarkably relatable, and the result of his work in Nineveh are also astoundingly pertinent to our world. Jonah, Beloved, was a man of God who struggled to invite his evil neighbors into the kingdom of God, and he was taught a lesson about just how compassionate our Lord really is.

The account opens with the verses above. Jonah is called to go to Nineveh to preach about the coming destruction of the city for their evil deeds. Nineveh was the capital city of Assyria, a horrifically brutal neighbor of the Israelites that was known for their idolatry and cruelty. It was the very same nation that would utterly destroy the northern kingdom of Israel in the near future, and they were stark enemies of God’s people. Yet, here God is calling one of His prophets to go to their very enemy. Jonah flees to Tarshish, a city in the opposite direction from Nineveh, not out of fear but out of hate. Jonah knows what kind of Lord it is that he served, that God is merciful, and so to keep God from extending mercy to Israel’s sworn enemy he flees.

He takes a boat that is destined for the other side of the world, to run from the calling God has given him. Exactly the same as someone who tries to ignore God’s calling today, the Lord gets his attention in a profound way. The boat is caught in a massive storm, and after casting lots the pagans aboard recognize that Jonah is the one responsible. Jonah, in telling them what he is doing and why, does not do the rational thing and ask to be returned so he can fulfill his calling. He hates the people of Nineveh so much, he would rather perish than have Israel’s enemies enjoy God’s favor via repentance.

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Naomi Circle will meet
February 2nd at 9:30 am.

February 1	Steve DuBois
February 1	Trevor Larsen
February 2	Kennedy Bradford
February 2	Connor Castner
February 4	Amanda Schroeder
February 5	Courtney Bjerke
February 15	Lisa Dorschner
February 15	Stacey Pappas
February 15	Sam Wiegand
February 15	Carl Zomok
February 19	Alice Nelson
February 20	Pastor Jake Hanson
February 21	Connie Hendrickson
February 23	Camille O'Connell
February 27	Marcyne Leth

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

On January 22nd, Tanya Young from the Dodge County Salvation Army presented Kasson United Methodist Church with a certificate recognizing the church for their involvement with the Red Kettle Campaign this past December. Volunteers rang bells at Kasson Hy-Vee on Friday, December 9th and raised \$269.03, which was an amazing feat considering there was a blizzard that day! Thank you to all that helped with this and the church plans on helping out with this again this December. If you would like to know more about how the Dodge County Salvation Army helps those in need or to donate your time, money or goods, please reach out to Tanya Young at 316-390-5368 or email: tyoung8550@yahoo.com.

NOTE: The church window drawings on page 1 were drawn by Randy Wilbur.

Our You Tube Channel

Another option to view the service at a later date is our You Tube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBI-M9kRyNQgntLx-iSykDQ>

Bulletin board

KUMC do you read the bulletin boards?
The bulletin board outside the kitchen will have a question each month.
Plus there is other information on the board that you may want to read.

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Thinking of you

Pleasant Corners

Marlys Delzer
Wilma Jensen
Elaine Marquardt
Vera Schuck
Mae Miller
Marie Henslin

Just for Fun

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Which verse is at the exact center of the Bible?

Where was Solomon's temple located?

What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust
in man. Psalm 118:8
On the side of his head
Ruthless

Thinking of You

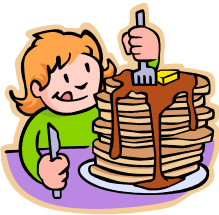
Kasson

Rodney Beckman
Cecil Brannon
Phil DuBois
Mary Gillard
Ron and Bonnie Herrick
Joyce Redfern
Gladys Rice
Karen Sprenger
Lorraine Spading
Virginia Thayer
Marlene Wordelman
Mary Mortensen
Connie Hendrickson

PANCAKE SUPPER & BAKE SALE

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

KASSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
801 5th AVE NW, KASSON



February 21st 2023

4:30 pm through 7:00 pm

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS
COFFEE AND MILK

Cost: \$10.00 adults



He tells them to cast him into the sea, where he expects to drown... except God's plans are no so easily thwarted. The great fish that we all remember from childhood is sent, swallows Jonah, and delivers the unwilling missionary to Nineveh's shore. Once there, Jonah does as God commanded, and proclaims to the entire city (120,000 people and a three day's walk) that God's judgement is coming for them in response to their idolatry and sin. After doing as he was told, Jonah goes to the hills outside the city, hoping to see God's judgement befall the Assyrian capital. Much to his dismay, the people repent... and God's mercy is shown in full.

From the king down to the lowliest peasant, the people humble themselves in sackcloth and ashes. They fast and they pray, asking that the Lord would withdraw His judgement. God shows His abundant mercy, and relents from destroying the city. Jonah, who should be praising the Lord for His salvation amongst even the most lost of people, instead wishes to die he is so angry. It is a stark contrast from the people of Israel themselves, who at this same time were rejecting God's word... yet their sworn enemies repented.

The final section of Jonah is one that should stick in our minds. The Lord rebukes the behavior of Jonah, showing that He loves even the most lost of people. "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?" Our Lord, Beloved, understands and is far more compassionate than we can imagine even towards the most lost of people... and even

the beasts of burden in the city He deems worthy of compassion!

For us, as we spend this month in this book, we should recognize that we are called to compassion ourselves. The Lord has called you and I to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to any and all in the world, even our enemies. He has compassion upon them and desires that they repent... so should we.

Blessings Beloved, I look forward to walking through the book of Jonah with you,

-Pastor Jake

LIKE A GOOD SAVIOR...
JESUS IS THERE!



God

Didn't promise days without

Pain laughter without

Sorrow nor sun without

Rain but he did promise

Strength for the day

Comfort for the tears

and Light for the way.



Ushers for KUMC

- Feb. 5 Doug Gochnauer and Mark Anderson
- Feb. 12 Mark and Rhonda Larsen
- Feb. 19 Bob and Lisa Kramer
- Feb. 26 Ryan and Brenda Berghuis
- March 19 Grace Gillies and Polly Lewis

What did Jonah's family say when he told them about what happened before reaching Nineveh?

Hmm... sounds fishy."

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are a great way to get to know other Christians and share our faith walk with each other. We currently have 4 Small Groups that meet. Each have a coach that helps to lead the group: Monday evenings-Marina Castner, Tuesday day-Ruth Schomburg, Wednesday evening-Chuck Coleman, and a group for those who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis or has in the past-Dawn Bowe. If you are interested in joining one of these groups or would like to know more about them. please let Pastor Jake or one of the coaches know.



Prayer Chain

KUMC offers a way to ask for prayers at any time. The prayer chain is a group of people whom will left up prayers to God when notified of a request. The prayer requests are sent out through an email or phone call. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain group, to pray for others contact Dawn Bowe at mail@bowehome.com to get on the email list or contact Ruth Schomburg to get on the phone list 507-634-7502.

To send a prayer request you can contact the church office, Dawn or Ruth.

There is POWER IN PRAYER

February 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Service Grp. 1 Polly and Lisa			1	2 Naomi Circle 9:30 Ground Hog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 SPRC 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19 UW Faith meets	20 Newsletter deadline	21 Pancake Supper 4:30-7:00	22 Ash Wednesday service at KUMC 6:00	23	24	25
26 All church mtg. 3:30 pm @ KUMC	27	28	Just for Kix Mon, Tues, and Thurs. Scouts Sun eve			

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

January 2023

We're on the web!
www.kassonumc.org

**Submissions for the newsletter are due
February 20th.**

Pleasant Corners UMC Mission Statement

Our church has an open door for all to enter, and they shall find within, a congregation with this mission (taken from the fourth chapter of Ephesians). "The work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God.....speaking the truth in love."

Kasson UMC Mission Statement

Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.