

Dates to Remember

February 14th: Valentine's Day

February 12th & 19th, 10:15am: Encounter-FMCSB Adult Education Class

Marriage & Forgiveness

February 17th: CDCC OPEN for Lincoln's Birthday February 20th: CDCC OPEN for Presidents' Day

Save the Date

March 27th-31st: CDCC OPEN for Spring Break May 25th, 12:00pm: Pre-K Graduation

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14th. If you are able to, you are welcome to bring Valentine's cards for your child's class. Please write who the card is from so that they can be easily distributed.

Valentine's Day

Class Numbers

Miss Ashley: 4 Miss Kolap: 10
Miss Halie & Miss Erica: 7 Miss Alyssa: 11
Miss Norma: 9 Miss Lily: 13
Miss Emily: 8 Miss Delanie: 14

Adult Education Class at the Free Methodist Church on Marriage and Forgiveness

All are welcome to attend 2 upcoming classes on "Marriage and Forgiveness". Forgiveness for both small and big issues is key to healthy marriage - but not easy to do without God's help. Our teachers are Dr. Denny Wayman, pastoral counselor, and Cheryl Wayman, retired marriage & family therapist, who speak from both professional and their personal experience of 50 years of marriage.

We will meet in the upper room of the Free Methodist Church from 10:15-11am on **Sundays Feb. 12 and 19**. Classes and childcare are provided free of charge. Reach out to Pastor Nikki (nikki@fmcsb.org) if you have any questions, and childcare@fmcsb.org to let us know what your childcare needs are.

CDCC is OPEN for Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day

If you would like your Elementary-age child to attend Cliff Drive full-day programming on Friday, February 17th, and Monday, February 20th, please send us a message through Brightwheel or text Miss Jenny.

CDCC Spring Break Camp

We will have a week of full-day programming for Elementary children the week of Spring Break, March 27th-31st. If you would like your child to attend, please send us a message on Brightwheel or text Miss Jenny.

February School Themes: Valentine's Day, Friendship, Caring, and Compassion

Chapel at CDCC

We are grateful to gather weekly to sing songs and hear a story from the Bible.

The February lessons are:

February 1st: Operation "No More Tears" from Isaiah February 8th: Daniel and the Scary Sleepover from Daniel 6 February 15th: God's Messenger from Jonah 1-4 & Hebrews 1-2 February 22nd: Get Ready! from Nehemiah 8-10, Malachi 1,3,4, Ezra 7

My wife, Nancy, and I did something very different this past Thanksgiving. We have a daughter who lives in New Zealand, another daughter who lives with her family in Spokane, and a son who lives in Santa Barbara but was gone away for the long weekend.

With no family in town Nancy and I decided to road trip to the Grand Canyon for a few days. Neither of us had been there for any significant time so we decided to go explore.

Staying for two full days in the park we enjoyed all the different views of this magnificent seventh wonder of the world. One day we dared to venture part of the way down into the canyon. To the canyon floor would require a 5,000+ foot descent and then there is the climb back up. We chose to take the 1,000 feet descent. Having reached our sixth decade of life we have gained some wisdom!

After many switchbacks down we enjoyed the canyon from a different perspective. Rather than push it too far we decided to turn around and ascend. We determined our rule would be to stop for a moment at every second switchback, take a breather, and then proceed on. When we stopped, out of the way at these corners, those hikers following would often apologize for rushing us. We quickly said, "No worries, we needed the rest and we are enjoying the view!"

As parents of young adults now and former parents of preschoolers/elementary children, we remember the days/seasons when it felt like we were ascending 1,000 feet on switchbacks. It was tiring and the trailhead seemed miles away. Looking back I wish I had spent a little more time employing our resting procedure for the Grand Canyon: Stop, breathe, and enjoy the view!

In the Old Testament of the Bible, the book of Psalms chapter 46 and verse 10 simply but profoundly says, "Be still and know that I am God." God has created a beautiful world and beautiful little people for whom we get to care and teach. The views can be many and fulfilling.

I hope you will take the time to be still, breathe, and enjoy "the view." In the busyness and anxious moments of being a parent don't miss the moments of joy and wonder.

We love your kids and want God's best for them. Thanks for entrusting them daily to our care. We are grateful.

Pastor Doug

