



Congregational Clarion

AMERY CONGREGATIONAL UCC

PASTOR'S POINT

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Check out these three “starter” verses below, and try to guess why I’m smiling:

Pro 22:6 NKJV Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Eph 6:4 NKJV And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Pro 1:8 NKJV My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

Have you figured out what in these makes me smile... Look again at Proverbs 1:8... do you see it?

Well here it is... “**hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother.**”

Even in Biblical days men/fathers would say, “go ask your mother”. Even in the text it says, the dad gives “instruction” which needs to be heeded, but the Mother’s word... “is law!”

We fathers may not know it but we do leave a legacy within our kids. They watch us, they try to emulate us (remember Dads watch your language when you are out working in the shop... “cuz little ears are listening and learning!) We give our kids and grand kids information which becomes a legacy by which they carry on their lives. It is not “if we leave a legacy” but what legacy are you leaving your kids? This is a

sobering fact. Our kids/grandkids to need us ALL through their lives. Our role as a Father is not some “one and done” type of thing. When the kids leave the house, our job as father is not finished, it (our father job) has just changed, has entered into another gear.

We fathers need to take our “cues” from our Father in Heaven, and God’s qualities of persistence, justice, faith, strength, compassion, vision for the future, and fidelity are all the qualities we need to embody within our lives so as to be able to send our families into the future.

It is never too late. We might have had fathers who were not so “good” at showing us the “God Qualities” that we need...but that’s no excuse for us current dads and grandfathers from not learning and adopting them and putting them into place in our lives. It’s never too late. Once you learn the “God-Qualities” and put them into practice within your life, then Proverbs 22:6 really takes on new meaning for us. “Train up the child...” “In the way they should go”...and in their aged years they will still be living and following what you have taught them...and that’s quite a legacy to leave behind. One reason is that our kids will be teaching this Godly quality to their kids and grand kids, and the process never stops. If, though, we fail at this task, we can only imagine the negativity that will result. So Dads...It’s time to work!



06/05 Kolten Espinosa
 06/06 Keli Ash
 06/06 Mary Adams
 06/07 Rae Wooldridge
 06/16 Nancy Sigsworth
 06/20 Layla Rondeau

06/22 Bill Faughn
 06/23 Scott Edin
 06/27 Samantha Ross
 06/28 Gabriella Moody
 06/30 Jake Carnine
 06/30 Beryn Scott



JUNE BIRTH FLOWER—THE ROSE

The True Meaning of Roses

According to Greek mythology, a sweet smelling rose with a thorny stem represents a symbol of beauty and is the flower of Venus. The Romans considered the rose a representation death and rebirth, often planting them among the grave sites of their loved ones.

Rose Color Symbolism

When it comes to giving roses as a gift, it's important to consider the hue of the flower based on the occasion. Every rose color has its own meaning, making it simple to

choose a shade based on how you want to express your feelings towards someone. Consider the following guide when purchasing roses for the ones you love:

- Red – The most traditional color of the bunch, red roses symbolism love, romance, beauty and perfection. This is the perfect way to express your love when you can't put words into your feelings.
- Pink – The pink rose is a representation of admiration,

gentleness, joy and grace.

- Yellow – An assortment of yellow roses are the perfect option to send to your best friend. They represent cheer and happiness
- White – White roses represent innocence, purity and charm . This option also represents new beginnings and can express remembrance for those who have passed.



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from your YOUTH MINISTER

To our Congo Youth Group Families: I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer! Be sure to "like" our Amery Congregational UCC Youth Facebook page for youth group updates throughout the summer. Please feel free to contact me this summer at youth.ameryucc@gmail.com or 715.338.6929 with any questions or concerns.

God Bless - Charlotte



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Congratulations to our Congo youth group member, Bailey Johnson Class of 2020 graduate.

Council Meeting: May 3, 2020 (Video conference via Zoom)

ATTENDANCE: Pastor Barry Schaefer, Sheldon Betzold: Moderator, Barry Tulkki: Diaconate, Virginia Ormsby: Treasurer, Sandy Morris: Clerk, Richard Wooldridge: Financial Secretary, Charlotte Gillen: Youth Director and Christian Education, Chad Leonard: Trustees, Abby Betzold: Congregational Giving, Rae Wooldridge: Congregational Giving, Julie Smith: Recording Secretary

Pastor Barry opened the meeting with prayer at 11:04 am.

Sheldon asked Chad to start out the meeting by asking him about the current guidelines regarding "Safer at Home" and potential steps for reopening procedures. (Since Chad is a teacher, he gets updates on the topic frequently). Chad confirmed that the "Safer at Home" policy is in place, via Governor Evers program, until May 26. Chad referenced several guidelines outlined in the *Badger Bounce Back* program.

It is interesting to note that if you would like to find out more information about the Badger Bounce Back program you can check out this website from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/

Sheldon opened up the discussion for questions and ideas on moving forward regarding opening the church and things we can continue during the interim period. Chad said that the Governor's plan includes phasing in the "opening" of facilities by limiting the size of groups that can congregate at any one time. We might be limited to no more than 50 people at first.

Sandy addressed some concerns about the church building itself and how it is utilized. With the 16 churches in Amery, perhaps we should consider revising how church facilities are used and perhaps we could work with other churches together to meet the needs of the community.

Abby agreed that this is a good time to bring up these types of questions about how the church should be run going forward. Pastor Barry said that discussions held at the ministerium meeting (all regional Amery churches) were focused on summer camps and when individual churches will be opening. There was no discussion about joint ventures regarding re-opening. Sheldon said that we need to have more discussions on how to pursue some of these ideas and how the Amery churches can work together.

Pastor Barry said that there is a good possibility that one of the Confirmation classes would be able to complete their classes and be Confirmed sometime in June. Classes would be completed via Zoom and the graduation ceremony could be broadcast via FaceBook video. Abby motioned that the church would like to support Pastor Barry to help the Confirmation class complete their studies. He will be following the COVID-19 safety guidelines and recommendations for gathering of groups, etc. Virginia 2nd the Motion, it was voted on and approved.

Pastor Barry announced that, unfortunately, the June Mission Trip for this year has been cancelled. He also stated that there is an extensive list of requirements that need to be met before the church is able to re-open.

Barry Tulkki affirmed that it may be awhile before the church opens—we need to focus on the needs of the congregation at this time.

Pastor Barry confirmed that the Wednesday Zoom services have been going very well and are a beneficial way to reach out to church members. Unfortunately, several members don't have the access to this technology and we need to reach out to them as well. Rae stated that about 30% of the congregation has been receiving written devotionals via the US mail and she has received a lot of positive feedback on this service.

Virginia reported that since the church is closed, and certain expenses are not present, we are actually currently under budget. Barry Tulkki suggested that we might need to get other members of the congregation to assist the Pastor with the video services, i.e. scripture readers, special music, etc. Chad said that an Interim Pastor is being considered (for after July when Barry retires), but an official decision has been made yet.

Pastor said he would like to have a few people to take part directly in the sermons. He also brought forth for discussion on when the church might re-open.

Discussion was held on different possibilities that need to be researched and pursued on options that are available to us.

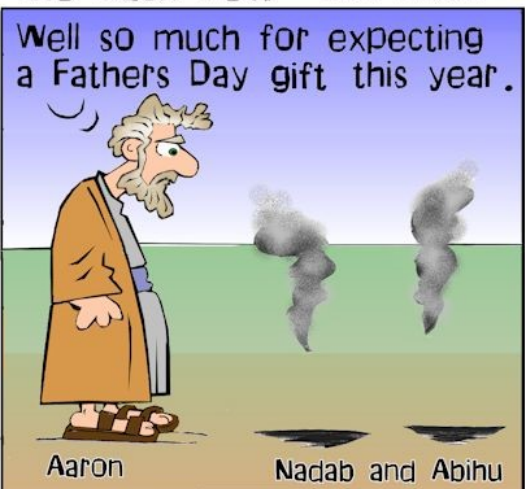
Sheldon confirmed that the next Council Meeting will also be a Zoom meeting.

It has been scheduled for Sunday morning June 7 at 11 am.

Barry Tulki closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted, Julie E. Smith, Recording Secretary

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu .. offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, contrary to his command. So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, **Lev 10:1-3**