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Randy's Ramblings

I think it was last year when I read a book about the history of the English language (I know, it was a strange topic .. but it really was quite interesting). One of the chapters talked about the difference between American English and British English, including differences in spelling but focusing on how we came to use different words for the same thing. Differences like elevator and lift. Or the hood of the car versus the bonnet.

One such word choice not addressed in the book is one I've often thought about: why do we go on vacation while Brits go on holiday? I think it has to do with the American/Puritan work-ethic that defines life by the work we do. I will be on vacation in July and August. It is the American way of saying I will vacate my office and my responsibilities.

Maybe we should learn to think of it as a holiday, however. We do holy work when we take a break from our daily routine, much like a Sabbath relates to the rest of the days of the week. That became even more clear to me when I retired and realized I was no longer vacating an office; there would be no more vacations, only holidays!

Now that I'm back to working I wasn't sure if I go on a vacation or a holiday. Either way, I will be gone this summer. Ronda and I are driving out to California and up the coast to Washington. While in Washington we will visit friends and family, making what is quite literally a holy pilgrimage to the place I call home, to see family, to see the ocean. We have a tentative plan of our journey,

with room for flexibility to stay and linger if we want to.

It is both a vacation and a holiday, I suppose. The holiday is about what I am doing while away; the vacation is about the roles I will be vacating here in Kansas.

In my absence, we have identified two key parts of the work I have been doing at Hope that need to be continued: preaching and pastoral care. Preaching is probably the more visible role, though not necessarily the most important. We have invited Heidi Greenwood Doell to preach every week in July and August. I have no doubt that we will be blessed by her presence. (She has an article introducing herself to us in this issue of the Hope Headlines.) The Deacons will pick up most of the pastoral care roles. And I am confident they will meet the challenges. I will be too far away to return for unexpected events, but I will not ignore phone calls.

I hope your summer is enriching and fulfilling; I'll see you in September!

The PCRC appreciates the input received so far in the Congregation review. For those who may have missed one or both, the newsprint notes are available for review for the next few weeks. They are in the Fellowship Hall on the moveable wall. This summer, those notes will be turned into a set of potential priorities. All through the summer you will be invited to add your personal comments to the list, including suggestions to implement as well as why you think a particular priority is important to have. We will invite everyone to join another set of congregational response times in September.



Greetings, Hope!

I am a Bethel College alum, earned my Certification in Youth Ministry from the Institute for Discipleship and Youth Ministry Institute (IFD/YMI at Southwestern College), and I am a Master of Divinity candidate at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta Georgia. I serve as Worship Coordinator for the Office of Worship and Spiritual Formation at Candler, and I will graduate in May 2024 with Concentrations in Formation and Witness as well as Leadership in Church and Community.

Currently, I serve as Administrator, Instructor, and Preacher for Summit Youth Academy, and as an Instructor in the Specialized Ministry



Certification Program with the Institute for Discipleship and Youth Ministry Institute, both at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. Previously, I have served as adjunct professor at

Southwestern College, Director of Youth and Young Adult Discipleship and Director of Worship and Worship Production in the local United Methodist Church (UMC), and in many capacities at the local UMC level both as a volunteer and a professional.

Our family, myself, my husband, Jon Doell (Henderson, NE, Bethesda MC), and our three sons, Isaac, Aaron, and Samuel, live in Riverside neighborhood (est. 1886) in Wichita, Kansas. We enjoy spending time together working on home renovations and projects, sharing cooking, mealtimes, and conversation, and exploring the world near and far.

I consider curiosity and creativity great friends, and I have enjoyed working in medicine, academics, customer service, and commerce. I enjoy most sports and all creative arts--music, performance, visual, literature, and culinary. Current fascinations include the fusion of creative arts with spiritual disciplines, practicing zazen meditation, learning the art of "goofing off," kayaking the Little Arkansas River (*more rain for crops and to fill up lakes for sailing would be great!), and quiet consultations with my cat Simone.

I am happy to serve, and I am looking forward to our time together.

Pax et bonum, *Heidi K Greenwood Doell*

Upcoming Events

*On August 13 all students and teachers at Hope are invited to bring their personal backpacks for the upcoming school year to be blessed.

*Care & Nurture is inviting all to a brunch on July 9 after the worship service. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

*Also in August, Care & Nurture is planning an evening of ice cream and music on August 27 in the evening at 6:30. Please sign up on the bulletin board for that as well.



July Reminders....

July 2

Worship-Renetta
Scripture-Joanna
Pianist-Laurie
Song-Galen
Tech-Scott
Zoom host-Brenda

July 9

Worship-Jim V.
Scripture-Barb V.
Pianist-Ruthie
Song-Galen
Tech-Mike V.
Zoom host-Brenda

July 16

Worship-TBA
Scripture-Connie
Pianist-Cynthia
Song-Lowell
Tech-Randy P.
Zoom host-TBD

July 23

Worship-Renetta
Scripture-Vicki
Pianist-Laurie
Song-Lowell
Tech-Michelle J.
Zoom host-Barb V.

July 30

Worship-Connie
Scripture-Greg S-U
Pianist-Vicki
Song-Trae

Tech-Galen
Zoom host-TBD

Greeters

July 2-Jim & Barb
July 9-Greg & Dawn
July 16-Jan; Wendy
July 23-Lori & Myron
July 30-Travis & Charity

Sanctuary Prep

July 2-Connie
July 9-Lori M.
July 16-Russ
July 23-Ruthie
July 30-Joanna

Nursery

July 2-Lori Regier
July 9-Mike & Val M.
July 16-Eldon & Annette
July 23-Alison, Kloie, Hailey
July 30-Donovan & Laurie

Coffee

July 2-Holiday weekend-NO coffee
July 9-Summer Brunch
July 16-Mike & Kim
July 23-Chris B.
July 30-Randy & Joanna

Memorial Garden

June 25-July 8-Ruthie
July 9-22-Joanna
July 23-Aug 5-Connie

Mowers

July 2-Scott
July 9-Randy G.
July 16- Randy P.
July 23- Jerold
July 30-Travis