

A Message from The Pastor



We have some flowers in our yard that grow slowly throughout the summer to about waist high. At this time of year, they bloom in purple splendor. The flowers are in clusters with blooms shaped like tiny trumpets. Years ago, when the girls and I were walking to the bus stop about 6:45am, we realized that bumblebees were tucked inside these blooms. Each bloom was just the right size for a bumblebee. The flower clusters were filled with fuzzy bumblebees snoozing quietly in the early morning. Year after year, at the beginning of the school year, walking past the “bumblebee hotel” was a joyous way to start the day.

I think of people we might encounter who are like those flowers. They offer joy and beauty to all those around them, whether they are known or whether they are strangers passing by. Sometimes, their joy is offered in expected ways: a smile or a kind word or allowing someone to go ahead of them in line or offering their cart to the person heading into the grocery store. Sometimes, the joy they offer is unexpected: a larger than usual tip or a small gift for no reason at all or doing a chore for a neighbor or sending a card of encouragement. Have you ever experienced someone bringing you joy, just because? Are you a person who brings joy by your kindness? God asks each of us to spread love and kindness everywhere we go. We are to be like yeast or like salt: a little has a powerful effect. You may be only one person, but your kindness will permeate throughout the place where you are, and God’s kingdom will grow in that place. May God grant us the privilege of bringing joy wherever we are, wherever we go.

Blessings,
Pastor Margery