

A Message from The Pastor



Summer is such a fantastic time of year: lots of daylight, green grass and trees, flowers in bloom, trips to fun places, no school for many of us. We don't worry about slipping on ice or shoveling snow. Of course, with the temperatures rising and the weather getting more wild, we do still keep updated on the forecast. It is a wonder of science that we can know as well as we do what the weather will be like this afternoon or tomorrow morning! If any of you have ever explored that science, you will understand the difficulty of forecasting weather and how marvelous it is that we can do it at all. I praise God that we have the technology and trained, intelligent people to do that kind of thing.

Wouldn't it be great if we could forecast other parts of our lives? What would we do differently each day if we had a forecast of 80% chance of catching a cold this afternoon or a 20% chance of forgetting our glasses tomorrow morning? What if we had a 60% chance of developing diabetes in the next 2 weeks or a 90% chance of running into an old friend on Thursday? Would we change our lives? Would we be more careful about washing our hands or perhaps wear a mask to avoid that cold? Would we review our yearbook to remind ourselves of the names of old friends? We do know the chances of developing some medical conditions are increased if we make some choices and decreased if we make other choices. We probably already have habits in place which help us to remember our glasses and such. One thing we do know with 100% accuracy is that we will have God with us and that we will run into people in need. The people we encounter every day may need a kind word and a friendly smile. They may need some sound advice about a decision. They may need a nonjudgmental listening ear. They may need a fun companion. They may need food or clothing. They may need someone to assure them that they have value as a person, that they matter. They will need us! I offer this prayer as an example of how we can approach every day, even though we are not sure what the day may bring:

Wise and almighty God, I thank you and praise you for the gift of this day. I thank you for walking with me and dwelling in me every moment. Please help me to open my heart and mind to your Spirit today. Help me to be your presence of love and kindness and goodness. Help me to see the need of those I meet and help me to be your means of reaching out to them in love. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Margery