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The Slate



Thoughts and News
from St. Paul's
United Methodist Church

Up but not away

Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on May 13.

According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.



The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus' body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.



Special dates

- Christian Family Week, May 3-9, 2010
- National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2010
- Mother's Day, May 9, 2010
- Ascension of the Lord, May 13, 2010
- Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2010
- Pentecost, May 23, 2010
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 24, 2010
- Memorial Day, May 31, 2010



Seven things you'll never regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter — or not sending an e-mail — written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

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Birthdays

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| 1. Sheila Balk | 17. Maxine Clute |
| 4. Jack Ryder | 18. Ray Marrow |
| Donald Sampsel | 19. Stephen Grider |
| 5. Chris Morr | 20. Joan Stoner |
| 6. Laura Foster | 21. Zachary Churchill |
| Ellenor Heiss | 22. Bradley Brown |
| 7. Ed Bomia | 23. Matthew Smith |
| Emily Cotterman | 24. Joanne Wells |
| Joan Demarco | 25. Timothy Foster |
| Ron Ivey | 26. Stephen Hile |
| 8. Dan Hartong | 27. Kyle Himebauch |
| 9. Suzanne Courtney | 28. McKenna Klemz |
| Shirley Spence | 29. John Boyle |
| Rachael Thayer | 30. Paula Massengill |
| 10. Jeanne Dennis | 31. Aidan Brodie |
| Richard Lannen | 32. Mark Worrell |
| 11. Amy Brooks | 33. Sabine Duvall |
| Pat Cawood | 34. Don Helser |
| Thomas Diehl | 35. Gerald Howe |
| 12. David Barton | 36. Laura Burchette |
| Zachary Everly | 37. Kyle Leask |
| 13. Kyndra Braden | 38. Aimee Luck |
| Jean Doty | 39. Amy Ackerman |
| Brad Luck | 40. Elizabeth |
| Bryan Spence | 41. Harrington |
| 14. Bee Simmons | |
| 15. Timothy Luck | |
| 16. Yvonne Gnaedinger | |

Your faith can grow

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite floated across the water to the other side. Workers then attached a string to the thread and pulled it across. To the string, they attached a rope and pulled it back. By this slow-but-sure method, the bridge was built.

Our faith may be just a little thread or no larger than a mustard seed, but we must act on it (see James 2:14-18). Through action, our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23) as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:3). And in this slow-but-sure way, our faith can grow exceedingly (Ephesians 4:15-16).

Just for KIDS

"I am with you always."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.

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power will be saved.

Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)



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