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Pastor's Path - Time Lapse

By: Rev. Chuck Cram

One of the things I have been experimenting with recently is time lapse photography. It is unfortunate that I cannot show any examples of what I have done so far, as they tend to be in a video format instead of a still image that can be reproduced in a newsletter. But I can include a few of the stills that are only a part of the whole, just to give you an idea.

If you are not familiar with time lapse photography, the idea is fairly simple and you have probably seen examples of it without realizing what it was called or what you were watching. The basic concept is a series of still images taken a few seconds apart that are then sewn together into an apparent moving image that condenses the amount of time expired into a much shorter actual time. For example, I have shot a series of still images as a full moon rose over the LC Valley. I shot about 500 still images, around 20 seconds apart, which took about 45 minutes as it got dark and the moon came up. When I linked the still images together, the resulting "video" lasted about 90 seconds and you could watch the moon rise in accelerated time-covering the 45 minute actual time period in about 90 seconds. I have been experimenting with other options just for fun, for example I shot a series of the ducks swimming around in the duck pound along the levee trail and I have several series of flowers opening and that sort of thing. I find this is another form of creative expression which helps me constantly polish that connector link with the Divine. But there is another lesson I am beginning to realize; that time is such a subjective commodity.

I find myself often frustrated that I never have "enough" time, things always take longer than I think they should, and there is an impact that happens as a result of time deadlines that shift the important things into secondary status because they seem less urgent than



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SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- **JUNE 2** - SPRC MEETING - 6:30PM
- **JUNE 2** - WORSHIP COMMISSION - 5PM
- **JUNE 9** - COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING - 5PM
- **JUNE 11** - TRUSTEE MEETING - 6PM
- **JUNE 10** - SALVATION ARMY DINNER - 3PM
- **JUNE 20** - MEN'S BREAKFAST - 9AM
- **JUNE 25** - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - 7PM
- JUNE 24-27 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE
- JUNE 28-JULY 4 - FAMILY PROMISE

WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAYS

- BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 8:30AM
- WORSHIP - 10:30AM
- COFFEE SHOP - 11:30AM
- YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY - 4PM
- DISCIPLESHIP GROUP - 6:30PM

MONDAYS

- PREACHER'S PUB - 10AM
(RED LION HOTEL -MERIWETHER'S)

TUESDAYS

- BIBLE DISCUSSION - 10AM

WEDNESDAYS

- DISCIPLESHIP GROUP - 11AM

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the deadline. For example, if I am working on a sermon for Sunday morning, that has a definite time deadline; it must be done prior to Sunday morning. If I have a dinner planned and I end up being late to dinner because I am still working on a sermon, then the important aspect of family time has been reduced to the secondary, because it seems less urgent than the pending sermon. This is all hypothetical of course; my sermon is always done in plenty of time, and I am never late for dinner...

It is also interesting to me how often I come into contact with the phrase "not enough time" in daily life. The subject can be almost anything, but it seems that almost everyone doesn't have enough time to do what they want to do. This is so interesting because we all have the same amount of time; we just ration it differently. There isn't a single person who has more time than any of the rest of us; we all have the same amount, each day.

Time lapse photography also helps teach me that time is something that we are perceptive of only because we have figured ways to measure time that make sense to us. This presents an interesting dilemma in the sense that time may exist in other ways that are measured differently. When we talk about geologic time, a year for example, has almost no meaning; not to mention days, weeks, hours or minutes. The erosion of a mountain is not perceptible in a lifetime, and yet it is happening.

This begs the question of what is time to God.

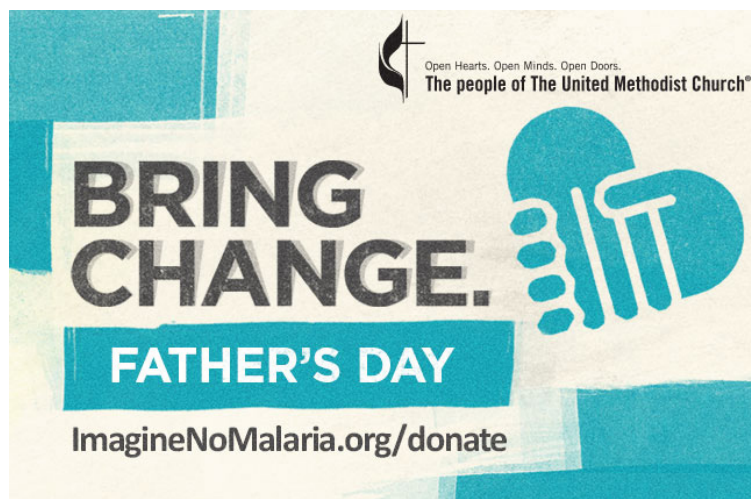
With eternity as a basis of understanding, what becomes of time? When we become impatient with God's timetable, can we remind ourselves that weeks, months or even years have little meaning in the Divine scheme of things? How do we comprehend a subjective concept such as time in the context of our relationship with God? How long are we willing to wait for God's plan to be unveiled in our lives? How long are we to wait for the prodigal son or daughter to return home? How long are we to wait for a physical or spiritual healing? What is time to God?

Of course the answers to questions like these are way above my pay grade and security clearance; God still plays some things fairly close to the vest. But I will offer this tidbit of insight; I think it helps some to try to forget about time, and simply live in the now. Focus on what is happening right at this moment and don't project your "what ifs" into the future and don't be judgmental of the past. The now is the only time you have, and it is the only time that is real; every other time is just a theory and it doesn't really exist until you arrive and then it is the now.

Time lapse photography helps us experience a different measure of time in "real time" and helps us see what we could not normally experience, like the opening of a flower or the rising of the moon. But the only "real time" there is... is the now.

Food for thought.

Chuck



Pumpkin Patch Committee

The Pumpkin Patch Committee is already gearing up for our Fall Pumpkin Patch this October. If you are interested in helping out with this committee, contact Deb Snyder who is the Committee Chair, or "Pumpkin Head" for this fun community outreach. Deb Snyder - djsnyder83501@gmail.com

Thank you,

Irene Roth would like to thank everyone for all the love and support that she has received from the church family during this difficult time.

Welcome Summer Schedules!

With summer right around the corner the regular meeting, and practices will be either moving around of canceled until fall.

Including:

Adult Sunday School: On Hold until Fall

Choir Practice: On Hold until Fall

UMW/Circle of Spirit: On Hold until Fall

Trustee Meeting: Moving from second **Tuesday** to second **Thursday** of every month starting June 11th.

Church Council: has been canceled for **June Only**, due to conflicting schedules.

Worship Commission: For **June Only** was moved to June 2nd

2015 Summer Camps

The 2015 TwinLow Summer Camp Schedule is on the bulletin board in the narthax. You can also find the same information and sign up for summer camp at twinlow.org or pnwcamps.org.

The
Memorial
Fund
needs your help!

If you are looking for a place to donate please consider giving to the memorial fund. Contact Rita Mills with any questions.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Beginning in mid-July, Pastor Chuck will begin to offer a series of new membership classes; these classes will be held in Wesley Hall on Sunday mornings after worship. The approximate time will be from 11:45 AM until 12:45 PM. The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about Methodism and what it means to be a Methodist, our core beliefs and structures, some of our history, a light theological overview and what is involved in church membership. Joining the church is not a necessary part of the class and those who have already joined are welcome to attend as well.

The classes will begin on Sunday, July 19th and run for 4 consecutive Sundays; July 19, 26 and August 2 and 9th. On Sunday, August 16th those who are interested will be welcomed into church membership during the worship service. If at all possible, it is recommended that all four classes are attended, but the classes will be repeated this fall, so if you want to make up a class that will be possible. Check with Pastor Chuck if you have any questions or concerns.

Church Financial Update - June 2015

Expenses:	<u>Paid</u>
Staff Pay Checks:	<u>Paid</u>
Utilities:	<u>Paid</u>
Common Ministries:	<u>Not Paid</u>
Pastor Pay 1st Check:	<u>Paid</u>
Pastor Benefits:	<u>Paid</u>
Pastor Pay 2nd Check:	<u>Paid</u>

End Month:

Unpaid Bills:	\$ <u>2004.86</u>
Check Book Balance:	\$ <u>970.92</u>
Investment Balance	\$ _____
Memorial Balance	\$ _____

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Budget:

Staff Pay Checks:	\$ <u>1500</u>
Utilities:	\$ <u>2000</u>
Common Ministries:	\$ <u>2000</u>
Pastor Pay 1st Check:	\$ <u>2000</u>
Pastor Benefits:	\$ <u>1500</u>
Pastor Pay 2nd Check:	\$ <u>2000</u>

Summary:

Weekly Expenses - Total	\$ <u>2540</u>
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Note: This is a simplified budget that does not include any unusual expenses or repair bills.

TWEENERS SUMMER BBQ

Saturday, June 13th, the Tweeners group are having a BBQ at John Stalters home at 443 Teresa Ct. in Clarkston. John will be cooking up some Polish Sausage but the group is asked to bring salads and desserts to round out the meal.

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Church Office Hours for 2015
Monday - Friday
10am-2:00pm

We welcome you to Lewiston First United Methodist Church! Our church is always open to all the children of God in all our wondrous diversity. Our Services are lively, informative, thought provoking and relevant to the challenges of living in the 21st Century. It is our view the warmth of the Spirit will be evident every time we gather for worship, Bible discussion or a small group Discipleship gathering. We hope the love of the Divine will bring you comfort and serenity in our sometimes stressful and chaotic lives. Thank you for taking a minute to look over this newsletter and we hope to see you again in the near future, so you can *share our view!*



Mark your Calendars!

June Birthdays

03 - Eva Bringman	11 - Marian Combellick	22 - Pat Schrupp
04 - Kim Brown	13 - Wanda Thompson	23 - Laurie Herndon
04 - Tammy Ledgerwood	17 - Barbara O'Brien	30 - Kathleen Ross
05 - Mary Jo Fursteneau	20 - Brett Mills	30 - Nancy Follett
09 - Sally Butts	20 - Evelyn Jordan	

Happy Birthday TO ALL OF YOU FROM LFUMC!

June Service Schedule

Greeters:

07 - Bill & Pat Schrupp
14 - Leonard & Barbara O'Brien
21 - Pat Heimgartner & Kailey Druffel
28 - Larry & Gayla Ballantyne

Liturgists:

07 - Colleen Mahoney
14 - Robin Stewart
21 - Kailey Druffel
28 - Debbie Snyder

Accompanists:

07 - Laureen Trail
14 -
21 -
28 -

Ushers:

07 - The Forge Family
14 - John Stalter & Dave Walker
21 - Stan & Mary McNish
28 - Bob Morton & Bill Dugger

Counters:

07 - Larry Ballantyne & Ed Statham
14 - Cottie Hood & Larry Butts
21 - Lois Woelfel & Carl Paulson
28 - Barbara O'Brien & Fred Weaver

Coffee Shop:

07 - Potluck
14 -
21 -
28 -