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LESSON TOPICS FOR MAY

May 6 REGAINING YOUR LIFE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

Feeling that we have lost control of our lives can be devastating. Come learn a practical way for reclaiming the power for our lives.

May 13 MOTHER'S LOVE
Rev. Donna Gatewood

God's love for His children is pure, unconditional and all encompassing. A mother's love for her children is God's love in action.

May 20 WHAT IS TRUE?
Rev. Janet Friedline

There are times when life brings confusion and uncertainty. Clarity is given to the soul of man. When we perceive with the "I" divine, we may say, "before, I was blind, but now I see."

May 27 THE WAY TO VICTORY
Rev. Janet Friedline

All of us wish to be victorious. But let us be careful of what we wish for. What is the true victory? Before we act, let us study our

intent and our desire. Law reveals we will reap what we sow.

LET IT BE
Rev. Pat Beach

There are instances when we've waited and even prayed for God to do something we believe will make things right in our life. Yet, try as we might there seems to be no response. This situation happens when we have a very limited understanding of God's real nature.

As we come into a greater understanding of how God governs, we recognize all of creation as His handiwork. We begin to accept that we of ourselves do not have the answers. We come to know that by acknowledging Him as the Source and entirety of creation, His Power, His Presence and Wisdom are available to us.

With this humble perspective, we discover that God has always been with us waiting and even praying that we would listen for His guidance. Turning to God, not as a separate, distant entity but abiding within us as the essence of who we truly are, we find rest. In this fortress, all of creation takes its rightful place as His expression. For His majesty to be revealed, we have only to let Divinity be as It has been since the beginning.

For this understanding, Most Gracious God, we give You thanks. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring from the church Board of Trustees!

ITEM #1

The early calendar arrival of Palm Sunday did not deter a fine turn out for our fourth annual **Palm Sunday fundraising brunch**. This is an event that is sponsored by the Board of Trustees. Everyone was pleased with the menu of eggs and cheese in casserole, sausage (both regular and vegetarian), tater tots, pancakes, fruit salad, biscuits and virgin mimosas, and of course coffee and tea. The food, coupled with the social atmosphere of the day made for a pleasant afternoon. In addition, we received contributions from several individuals. The results for the day totaled \$1,243. Proceeds from this event go directly to the church General Fund. We look forward to next year's brunch.

ITEM#2

For the next Board Term 2018-2021, the **Board needs two members to be elected**. Two current board members, Gene Policastri and Jacquie Scotland, have agreed to run for a second term. If you are a member of the Church, you should receive a ballot in the first week of May. Please vote for two candidates and return the completed ballot by noon, Sunday, May 20.

ITEM#3

This month the church **Annual Meeting and delicious board-sponsored luncheon** is scheduled for Sunday, May 20. We hope to see everyone there. It is a time for recapping all of the events of the year as well as reporting the results of the election.

Immediately following, the new Board will meet. All are welcome. However, voting is open only to church members.

ITEM #4

The Board voted to accept a proposal, submitted by Rev. Donna Gatewood, that **Mayu White serve as the back-up substitute secretary** when needed in the church office. Mayu happily accepted this task in addition to her job as church organist and is now in training with Margaret.

As the spring season emerges, the city of Washington evolves into full bloom. The streets and parks are filled with those who stayed in during the cold of winter. We look forward to seeing each of you on Sunday morning.

Shirley Taylor-Moore
President, Board of Trustees

SPECIAL WELCOME!

We would like to extend a very special welcome to our newest church members, Hernan and Elvira Olivares of Frederick, Maryland.

BOOKSTORE



Thanks to your continued support, the bookstore showed a profit of \$279.37 for the first quarter of 2018. Below you will see the Profit and Loss Statement for the three month period, January through March 2018.

Here is a quick overview of the financial transactions that took place during the reporting period.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Our income for the three months totaled \$663.22 and is made up of book sales in the amount of \$637.72, reimbursement of postage and handling in the amount of \$5.50 and \$20.00 from the sale of CDs. Our expenses totaled \$383.85 of which \$333.85 was spent on the purchase of new books and \$50.00 in the miscellaneous category for a payment to Joshua Rich representing the sale of his CDs to members of the church following his December fund raising concert. It should be noted that individuals purchasing Joshua's CDs paid the bookstore in cash and a check was then written to Joshua.

Bookstore Profit and Loss
Jan-Mar 2018

Income

Book Sales	637.72
Reimbursed Expenses	5.50
Tape and CD sales	<u>20.00</u>
Total Income:	663.22

Expenses

Book Purchases	333.85
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expenses:	383.85

Net Income: 279.37

We have several new books for sale in the bookstore this month from one of our favorite authors, **Lillian De Waters**. We hope you will be interested in reading one or more of the following new titles: **Our Sufficient Guide, Practical Demonstration, Private Lessons, Science of Ascension, Who Am I**.

Rev. Donna Gatewood
Manager, Bookstore

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, Charmaine Hawkins, Michael Adeniji and Judy Coleman-Kla hosted a Spiritual Fairy Tale discussion. The Alumni Association selected "Jack and the Beanstalk" as the fairy tale to focus their discussion around. The task was to look closely at "Jack and the Beanstalk's" Spiritual construction. Fairy tales are allegorical, and are an excellent way of showing spiritual truths within a story format. These marvelous stories are filled with symbolism that resonates with the soul. They are more than simple works of good versus evil; they tap into something deeper, using symbols to trigger the subconscious mind, and deliver lessons. Some of the symbols selected from the "Jack and the Beanstalk" fairy tale were identified as: bean stalk, cow, widow, golden egg, and giant. These symbols were discussed, and interpreted in a variety of ways within the group, with all explanations, and translations contributing significantly to the message, meaning, and lesson it held for each of us.

Nevertheless, the meaning, message, and lesson of the fairy tale vary based on our level of consciousness, suggesting that we may learn in ways that are relevant to our individual stage of spiritual development. So be aware of the Spiritual message veiled within a Fairy Tale the next time you read one.

Thank you, Charmaine, Michael and Judy, for sharing your understanding with us. And thank you, Donna, for the delicious and abundant refreshments. We hope all can join us for the last Alumni Presentation of the "school year" on May 6, when Wayne Gatewood will present.

FLOWERS



There are still a few dates for people to sign up to dedicate flowers for our Sunday services. The flowers cost \$25 and you may take them with you after the service. If you are not here or prefer not to take them with you, you may request that they be given to a particular person at the service or that we “free raffle” them off at Coffee with Clarence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6, Sunday, 12:15 Alumni Association Presentation, Wayne Gatewood presenting.

May 20, 12:15 pm, Church Annual Meeting with lunch followed by meeting of new Board.



Ongoing Prayer/Study Group:

Tuesdays – 6:30 pm

OFFICE COVERAGE:

Tuesdays - Rev. Janet Friedline
Wednesdays - Rev. Donna Gatewood
Thursdays - Practitioner Wayne Gatewood

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TRAFFIC ISSUES

Sun, May 6, **Race for Hope, 5K** starts at Freedom Plaza in DC (Pennsylvania Ave between 13th and 14th) 7:00 am



Sun, May 27, Memorial Day weekend – **Rolling Thunder** motorcycle ride will tie up the Pentagon/Memorial Bridge//Mall areas from early morning.

