

MEDITATIONS FROM JANUARY 2019 SUNDAY BULLETINS

Fear Not

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Mr. Wayne Gatewood

The person who fears life, who fears this or that and is full of anxiety, gets little pleasure from living. There are people who are afraid of heights, afraid of poverty, afraid of being misunderstood, afraid of human death, and so forth and so on.

Faith and fear cannot live in the same room, and either we put all faith in the one and only Truth or we do not. With God there is no-thing to fear regardless of what appears to be real out in the world of effect. It is not real, it is illusion.

“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
Mark 4:39-40

Keep A Secret

January 13, 2019

Rev. Janet Friedline

We are intrigued with the mysterious and the unknown. We call what we don't understand a mystery, something beyond our usual logic and reason. We consider it a puzzle to be solved, looking for clues that give clarity and meaning. But some things are meant to remain secret, waiting for the open attitude and receptive ear capable of receiving the message. Many individuals live life on the surface, testing this and trying that, not going deep enough for significant pondering and contemplation.

In our time of meditation, we receive knowledge that goes beyond human understanding, and we are asked to keep it “secret.” Some things are meant just for us – not to be shared with the unenlightened among us. There will be a time when “all are ready,” and then, what is hidden shall be revealed. What is given will be shouted from the rooftops, no longer mysterious or unknown. In the meantime, let us keep things in our heart, pondering and reflecting what belongs to us. Each will find his own way and it will be good and very good.

Moments of Grace

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Rev. Donna Gatewood

Of all of the attributes of Jesus, the Christ, perhaps the most significant is that He was “full of grace.” In the Scriptures the term “grace” most often refers to the divine inclination and power to bless, bestow gifts, or otherwise act favorably toward man. The main idea of the word “grace” is divine means of help or strength. Grace is an enabling power. It enables us to do and to be what we cannot do and be by our own means.

While it may be expected that we achieve the fullness of the Christ, we cannot do so on our own. We need the divine power that can transform our souls. Gratefully, this divine power exists; it is God's grace.

God's grace is sufficient to lift us from death and error thinking and to endow us with the fullness of life. It is sufficient to change us, transform us, and perfect us. It is sufficient to enable us to fully realize our divine potential as the beloved children of God.

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.” II Corinthians 9:8

Truth is Hard Work

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us begin a study of Truth seeking answers to questions, and solutions to problems. We are certain that when we “find” Truth that it will fulfill its mission in us, going before us, making every crooked place straight. We have read that the power of God rests in its activity to do the work. And we eagerly anticipate the day when it will work its magic in our conditions and circumstances. We read and we study, and then we read some more, certain that this is the way of attainment.

But we soon discover that it is not as easy as we had anticipated. Truth is not something that we pull off a rack, and put on, like we would a coat, or a jacket. Knowledge of Truth is not granted as a reward, or prize, for a job well done. Truth dwells in the place of inner being. To learn of it, we must enter into this place with an open heart, and a receptive attitude. Only the pure in heart shall see God, it can be no other way. Be still, and know, this is the way.