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New Basel Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Most of you, I imagine, have heard the name Edmund Hillary. In case you can't place it right away, he became famous (if he wasn't already so) in 1953 as the guy that first climbed Mt. Everest. People had been trying to conquer the mountain for quite some time, and occasionally this effort would prove fatal for the climber, as it did for George Mallory in 1924. But do you know the name of Hillary's climbing partner? Tenzing Norgay. In fact, their expedition involved over 400 people, including 362 porters, who carried over 5 tons of baggage. He and Tenzing accomplished something that no one had ever done before, true enough, but there was a phenomenal amount of preparation and support personell behind their achievement. Yet even with all the work getting there, they only stayed at the top for 15 minutes before having to turn back!

The story of Hillary's climb up Mt. Everest is about the preparation it took to get up there. There is a story in the Bible about climbing a mountain, however, that isn't about getting to the top but what happened up there. Read Mark 9:2-10; it's the story of the Transfiguration. By comparing these two stories, we can see some interesting points, and learn something about the disciples' immediate reactions and subsequent changes to their understanding of life.

First, having a mountaintop experience is uplifting both emotionally and spiritually. Hillary and Tenzing shared a wonderful sense of accomplishment, and wanted to commemorate the day. They took a picture from the top of the mountain, proving they'd been there, and then each demonstrated the spiritual meaning by leaving something at the top. Tenzing left some chocolate as an offering of sorts, and Hillary left a cross.

This isn't all that different from the disciple's desire to build three tabernacles up there on the Mount of Transfiguration. The disciples knew something huge had just happened, and they wanted to commemorate the day.

Second, neither party really wanted to turn back! The Everest explorers only had 15 minutes to rest, so they were still pretty tired, but the disciples wanted to worship! The problem was that they saw Jesus as equal, in terms of importance, to Moses and Elijah. They thought there would be a new aspect to Judaism: the Law, the Prophets, and Jesus! God immediately intervened, however, and said that Jesus was more important.

The third comparison is that in both cases, their lives were never the same. Hillary was knighted, Tenzing received the British Empire Medal, and both were famous for the rest of their lives. The disciples' lives were changed, too, in that told this tale far and wide. Peter recalls this event, and its importance, in 2 Peter 1:16-18. This event gave the disciples a clearer understanding of who Jesus was, and gave them a chance to see and understand the true nature of Jesus before his crucifixion. It was this mountaintop experience that prepared them for the coming valleys.

Even though we weren't there, we can share in the disciple's experience and the revelation of that day. Many people believe that Jesus was perhaps one of God's children, and that listening to him is the same as listening to Buddha, Muhammad, or Confucius. God didn't seem to be interested in letting people see Jesus as equal to anyone else then, so why should we now?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday September 12, 2022

Called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Kenny Chamberlin

Present:

Elders: Kenny Chamberlin, Nicole Shrack, Pam O’Neal

Deacons: Holly Bethe, Mitch Cromwell, Francis Anderson

Trustees: Drew Snitker, Gary Foltz

Pastor Jamie opened with a Devotion

Pam O’Neal made a motion to approve the minutes. Mitch Cromwell seconded. Minutes were approved

Communications:

Village Manor Newsletter

Domain Listing for our website

Heifer Project asking for donations

Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child information (gave to Jessica Murphy Sunday School superintendent)

ECH (Every Child’s Hope) asking for donations

Reports:

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

Pam O’Neal gave the Financial Secretary’s report for August.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for August.

Pastor’s Reports:

Work Summary for 8/1/22 – 9/4/22

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday worship 4 times, 1 Sunday vacation

Administration Meetings- 1 Church Council, 1 Christian Education

Pastoral Care- 3 phone visits, 5 home visits

Other- 4 dinners with the Bonnemas, 1 Cross Talk video conference, 1 Ministerial Alliance

Incoming Calls- RightNow Media (2)

Vacation Days

This Month:5 YTD: 12

Professional Development Days

This Month: 0 YTD: 10

Milage: 57 miles

Elders-

Pam O'Neal reported 36 took Communion on September 4th

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

None

Old Business:

Harvest Home- October 2nd (Decorating, Set-up), Potluck meal. Pam and Nicole will work on decoration for Harvest Home. Kenny will check with Janice Haugh to see if the women's fellowship would like to serve the refreshments.

Barn Roof- materials have been delivered and a date needs to be scheduled

Food Pantry- September is our month to donate items to the Abilene Food Pantry.

Sunday School- will start Sunday September 17th.

New Business:

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented. Drew Snitker moved we pay the bills; Mitch Cromwell seconded the motion.

5th Sunday Brunch will be Sunday October 30th at 9:30 am with service following at 10:30am. Bring your favorite breakfast dish.

We will discuss a fall work date at the October council Meeting

Pastor Jamie suggested we bring back movie night at church. Informal discussion about movie night. Pastor Jamie will look into copywrite issues.

At the southwest corner of the church in the brick wall is a stone that says New Basel UCC. Discussion about taking the sign down or covering up the sign with a brass New Basel Church. Francis Anderson mentioned that the brick should not be covered up because it is part of the Church History. Will discuss more at the October council meeting.

Pam O'Neal moved we adjourn and Gary Foltz seconded.

Upcoming Events:

September 23rd ECHO Articles Due

October 2nd Communion

October 2nd Harvest Home- Potluck Dinner

October 3rd Council Meeting 7pm

October 14th Sunday School fall party

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary

Women's Fellowship

New Basel Women's Fellowship met in the church lounge on September 21st, 2022 at 2:00 PM with Janis Haugh as hostess. There were six ladies and Pastor Jamie present.

Janis took her devotions from James 1:17 on blessings. Janis read both the King James Version and the International Version to compare the different wording of blessings in each version.

Janis called the meeting to order.

The May 18th minutes were read and approved.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

For new business the Women's Fellowship was asked to furnish the drinks for the Harvest Home potluck luncheon. Janis asked for volunteers to help with it.

Janis gave the lesson on blessings or blessed. She used Psalms 128 as a reference for her lesson as well as other resources.

The next meeting will be October 19th in the church lounge. Janis closed the meeting with prayer.

Refreshments were served.

Carolyn Beetch, Secretary



Prayer Requests

Elaine Bethe
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Dwight Meuli
Cecil Schrader
Judy Lauer

Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Rodney Anderson
Peggy Meuli
Judy Barten
Family of Harlow Haney

OCTOBER INFORMATION

Birthdays

2nd Jessica Murphy
 5th Sarah Everett
 8th Farah Rothchild
 10th Sterling Bonnema
 13th Ed McAdams
 Colton Haney
 15th Rita Gantenbein
 18th Blake Murphy
 21st Deb Foltz
 Ryan Foltz
 26th Jane Haney
 27th Sydney Taylor
 30th Scarlett Murphy



Anniverseries

6th Francis & Clema Anderson
 Brad & Karie Anderson
 7th Kenny & Janet Chamberlin
 14th Gary & Deb Foltz
 18th Gordon & Sara Hunnicutt

Upcoming November birthday

4th Kenny Chamberlin



Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for October

Greeters:

Acolytes:

2 nd	Drew & Lindsey Snitker	Austin Smiley
9 th	John & Peggy Meuli	Farrah Rothchild
16 th	Rita Gantenbein & Marcile Park	Benson Smiley
23 rd	Gary & Deb Foltz	Wyatt Hunnicutt
30 th	Sam & Nicole Shrack	Axie Shrack

Usher: Bob O'Neal

Thank you to Dwight Kamm for being the September Usher!



The church Fall Party and bonfire is scheduled for Friday October 14th, 6:30 pm at Sam and Nicole Shrack's home. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church. Bring a lawn chair. Everyone is invited!



