



HEAD START May 13, 2018

The sermon title for this coming Sunday is *"They Don't Get It"*. The sermon passages are **Mathew 5:31-32** and **19:3-9** (NLT). The passages are about God's intention for marriage and some teachings about divorce. What did Jesus mean by what he said about divorce? As important, what was the situation in his world to which he was seeking to correct? The two passages state one situation, "unfaithfulness". Are there additional acceptable reasons for divorce? Whatever your answer is, why do you think it is true? I also suggest you read John 8:1-11 in preparation for the sermon. Does Jesus' teaching allow a divorced person to remarry and not commit adultery? I highly recommend you set aside all you have been told about divorce and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what Jesus' teaching meant when he first taught it and how it is to be applied to us today.

Please invite your family and friends who have divorced and remarried, to come to worship with you. As I said, the sermon title is, *"They Don't Get it"*. Who doesn't get it? And, what don't they get?

Joint Worship with Westminster

On May 20, Pentecost, our neighbors from Westminster in Chehalis will join us for an inspirational worship service to celebrate the Worldwide Church's birthday. Mark McHugh will preach. Following the service there will be a *potluck lunch*. Those whose last names begin with A-H bring a *salad*, I-Q bring a *main dish*, R-Z bring a *dessert*.

Addition to Worship

During three worship services in Lent, we added a time to discuss the sermon and scripture and for prayer around tables. This added a wonderful dimension to the worship experience for some. Other people did not benefit from the change. In fact, it was distracting to them. I asked the Session and Discernment Team to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as to what we should do so all would benefit. At the Session meeting on May 7th, several ideas were shared. The idea that the Session believes might be from the Holy Spirit is: after most worship services to designate some tables in the foyer for those who want to discuss or respond to the sermon and have a time of prayer. There will be other tables for those who want to fellowship with others in the congregational family. May 27th is the date set to start doing this.

-Ralph

New Ministries Updates

What exciting times are ahead for Harrison Square! On May 22nd at 7 PM we are launching **"The Common Room"**—a theologically diverse group of college and young adults who want to ask tough faith questions and to know Jesus in deeper ways. The ramp-up towards May 22nd has a lot of moving parts—we're making T-shirts to market the Common Room, outlining vision statements to disclose who we are, assembling a worship team to lead us in praise, forming worship, teaching, hospitality and media committees, crafting sermon series that will teach people more about Jesus, spreading the word on social media to those who we know, and reaching out to connect with Youth Pastors of other churches to spread the word about what's coming. There is a lot taking place, but we are confident that "The Common Room" will be both the start of a new chapter for College and Young Adults and that this ministry will serve a deep and profound need in Lewis County. Please continue to be in prayer for this community and its leadership team (six young adults from Centralia/Chehalis) as we seek to be faithful to what God is summoning us to

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do and to become. Also, if anyone is interested in providing *childcare* during our gatherings, we need some folks who can do so on one/some/all Tuesdays between May 22nd and June 26th. We are also in need of a sound booth tech and a bass player, so keep your ears open for anyone who can help us out in these ways.

On another front, here at Harrison Square we continue to see the Spirit at work in growing this community. This growth happens as the Spirit works through each of you to invite friends and family to join us at our Sunday gatherings. Let's keep this good work up as we have had new folks in worship a lot this Spring (even some who now read this weekly Head Start!). In light of this continued growth, on June 3rd following worship we are planning another "**Interested in Membership Meeting.**" We will have our soup and bread luncheon on that date, and anyone who is interested in membership will gather together in Room 207. If you are interested in joining us for the brief class on June 3rd, let me know (markemchugh@gmail.com).

-Mark

News & Announcements

Relay For Life is May 18-19 at the SWW Fairgrounds, 4 pm Friday-12 noon Saturday. *Donate to Fight Cancer ~ Help Save Lives ~ Join the Movement. Support the Fords Prairie-Harrison Square Team!* Stop by the table in the foyer this Sunday and talk to Julie Iverson about opportunities to help, or to make a donation.

Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser for the Possibilities *Women's* Center: The baby bottles are available beginning Mother's Day this Sunday, May 13 in the foyer. Pick one up and take home to fill with checks, bills or coins and return by Father's Day, June 17. The center's mission is to serve our community by offering the hope and love of Christ for those unprepared for pregnancy. Hosted by our HSPC Deacons.

Basic Needs Ministry: HSPC coordinates with Love INC to provide help to those in need in our community. *Items needed:* dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers—complete list by the church office. *Monetary donations also appreciated.* Bring items to the *church office*. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

May 13-20, 2018

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day

9-9:45 am Adult Class on "The Acts of the Apostles" led by Mark McHugh, 207

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Infants-5 Years Old, 210 / Kindergarten-5th Grade, 207

Following Worship, **Deacons Meeting**, 207

11:30 am Prayer Group, led by Ron Vernon, 205

1-3:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship, Sanctuary / Following Worship, Hogar de Fe **Mother's Day Potluck**, Foyer

Tuesday, May 15

9:15 am Staff Meeting, 205

5:30-7:30 pm Young Adults Worshiping Community Planning ~ "The Common Room," 404

7:00 pm Westminster Bell Rehearsal, HSPC Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 16

12:30-3:00 pm **Abundance Food Pantry**, Foyer

5:00-6:30 pm **A Joyful Noise Daycare Family Night:** Dinner-Abundance Pantry-Family Fun, in the Foyer

6:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

7:30 pm Hogar de Fe Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 17

1-3:30 pm Adult Study & Support Group, 207

Friday, May 18

Church Office Closed

4 pm Friday-12 noon Saturday: *Relay for Life of Lewis County* at SWW Fairgrounds

Sunday, May 20 Pentecost

9-9:45 am Adult Class on "The Acts of the Apostles" led by Mark McHugh, 207

10:00 am **Combined Worship Service with Westminster Presbyterian** of Chehalis, **at Harrison Square**

10:00 am Infants-5 Years Old, 210 / Kindergarten-5th Grade, 207

Following Worship, **Harrison Square & Westminster Potluck**, Foyer

11:30 am Prayer Group, led by Ron Vernon, 205

1-3:00 pm Hogar de Fe Worship, Sanctuary / Following Worship, Hogar de Fe Fellowship Time in Foyer

Church & Daycare Phone Numbers - The main number to call is still **360-736-9996**. Direct lines for each office:

360.669.5054 HSPC Reception Desk

360.669.5051 Ginger Peters

A Joyful Noise Daycare Office:

360.669.5053 Pastor Ralph Carr

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360.789.6585 Mark McHugh (Cell)

360.669.5048 Ron Vernon

360.669.5052 Shalii Crownover, Daycare Dir.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9am to 2pm. Closed Fridays ~ **Daycare Hours:** 6am-6pm Monday-Friday