



Monday @ St. Paul's

Weekly News of St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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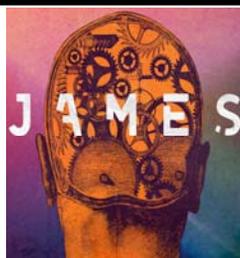


A Disciple and Maturity

How Faith Works #1

The Characteristics of a Mature Person

1. **What maturity isn't:**
 - a. Age
 - b. Appearance
 - c. Achievement
 - d. Academics
2. **God says maturity is determined by your character.**
But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.
James 1:25 (NLT2)



3. Character Traits of Maturity

1. **A mature disciple has endurance.**
For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. James 1:3 (NLT2)
2. **A mature disciple has wisdom of God.**
If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5 (NLT2)
3. **A disciple is loyal to God alone.**
But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. James 1:6 (NLT2)

Something to Talk About:

1. How do you rate your maturity? How has your spiritual maturity grown? What help? What hinders?
2. Have you ever met an older person who isn't that mature? What were their characteristics? What do you think determines someone's character?
3. What kind of endurance do you have? How has your endurance increased or decreased over the years? What about your Godly wisdom?
4. Are you a loyal person? How do you demonstrate loyalty? Is loyalty to God different? What actions do God loyal people show?

Next Leadership Training is
Sunday, October 6 (5 - 7pm)
RSVP @ 541-3179
Childcare available



Hurricane Dorian's hit to the Bahamas has been severe and we are anticipating damage and loss along the East Coast of the United States. Please know that UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief is monitoring this dangerous storm closely and is in contact with the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church as well as partners along the East Coast.

You can give through the church by designating your gift to UMCOR Hurricane or follow the links below.

To support relief and recovery efforts internationally, please give now to <https://advance.umcor.org/p-641-umcor-international-disaste...> To support relief and recovery efforts in the United States, please give to <https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-....>

Crossing Borders Shoebox Ministry



Our Children's Sunday School classes will once again be filling boxes for Christmas for needy children across the border in partnership with Crossing Borders Ministry of Fabens, TX.

In the month of September, we will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste and wrapped hard candies. Please bring by September 29th.

A Faith that Works Series



- 9/15 – A Disciple and Temptation – James 1:12-18
- 9/22 – A Disciple and Loving Others – James 2:1-13
- 9/29 – A Disciple and Their Mouth – James 3:1-12
- 10/6 – A Disciple and Conflict – James 4:1-10
- 10/13 – A Disciple and Wealth – James 5:1-6
- 10/20 – A Disciple and Prayer – James 5:13-20