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THIS ISSUE'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: 1 Peter 4:8-11

a time to ...

DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS

1 Peter 4:8 states: *Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.* How amazingly beautiful and how utterly difficult.

It is in this beauty and challenge that we approach this edition of the magazine, for which our theme is about deepening relationships.

Relationships are a challenge. They can be frustrating. They can be hurtful. They can be annoying. They can be downright destructive.

Relationships can also be some of the best experiences of our lives. They can be uplifting. They can take us places we never thought possible. They can make us the best we have ever been. They can show us what love is actually about.

As you read the stories in this month's edition, I challenge you dive deep into the relationships of your life – the good and wholesome relationships as well as the more challenging ones. Look and see what God shows in each of these relationships. How does God challenge you to live in love, especially when love isn't an obvious choice? Where are you being called to forgiveness? Where are you being called to see grace and mercy? How are you being called to see the image of God and see the unfolding of the kingdom of God in your very midst? That can be a challenge. But it's always worth it.

This is a time to deepen relationships – the relationships we have with others, with God, and with ourselves. I pray that these stories will assist you in that.



Pastor Matthew Best



WELCOMING THE TRAVELER

by Karen Hendricks

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As we focus on the theme “Deepening Relationships” within this magazine, we might naturally think about relationships we have already established—with our friends and family members, fellow church members or ministry partners.

So here’s a relationship you might not consider at first: How about our relationship with strangers? Wait—how do we have a relationship with people we don’t even know?

These questions speak to hospitality, being welcoming and friendly, open and embracing of people we don’t yet know—so that we leave open the possibility for relationship.

Jesus, speaking in Matthew 10:40, says,

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

And Job, recalling the Godly way he lived his life, says, “no stranger had to spend the night in the street, for my door was always open to the traveler,” (Job 31:32).

One of the ways St. Stephen will begin welcoming strangers and travelers alike is through a program called Harvest Hosts. It’s basically a nationwide network of safe places where RV travelers can pull off a highway and spend a night.

My husband Bob and I joined Harvest Hosts last year after we became RV owners. Buying our RV was our 30th anniversary gift, and our primary goal is to visit and explore state and national parks. But along the way, Harvest Host locations have helped us connect the dots in between parks.

Here’s how the program works: For one annual fee of less than \$100, we can stay at any of hundreds of locations for free, provided that there’s space for us. Harvest Hosts began with farms, wineries and breweries as the “hosts.” This really fulfilled three goals—for travelers to have the opportunity to stay in unique locations where no one else could stay; to give travelers a deeper appreciation for farmers, vintners and brewers who make a living off the land; and for the hosts to make a

small amount of income from these travelers who patronize their small businesses—farm markets, wineries and breweries and/or restaurants. A purchase is not necessary but suggested.

In our experience, Bob and I have loved these truly one-of-a-kind experiences! We’ve had the opportunity to stay at a beautiful farms, numerous wineries with hillside vistas overlooking neatly-kept grapevines, and a ciderie in Virginia encircled by the Blue Ridge Mountains. At one farm, we were free to walk the farm’s lane, bordering pastures on one side and mountains on the other—where we caught a spectacular sunset—and where we purchased delicious cheese made directly on their farm. The people we’ve met along the way—the hosts—were warm, friendly people who were generous in sharing their little piece of God’s earth with us.

Harvest Hosts has expanded several times to widen their network. Many museums and tourist attractions are now included, as well as... churches! And why not? Churches are safe havens where people are welcomed—not only for worship, fellowship, dinners and more—but into relationship with Jesus. What a perfect addition to the Harvest Hosts network of safe places for travelers to stay!

As I think about churches beckoning to travelers, like beacons, I’m reminded of the Israelites’ journey: “By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night,” (Exodus 13:21).

Whether travelers already know Jesus, or not, what better way to remind, rekindle, or spark a relationship with Jesus than welcoming them for a safe overnight stay alongside a house of worship like St. Stephen. †



St. Stephen recently signed up as a site through this program and has already hosted several guests. Find out more at [Harvesthosts.com](https://harvesthosts.com) or by contacting Mike Kulikauskas.



WHAT IS BEING CHURCH ALL ABOUT?

by Rev. Matthew Best



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1 Peter 4:8-11 states: *Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

This August, I received the following email from Shirley of Salem Lutheran Church in Lebanon County:

Dear Rev. Best, Here are some of the fruits that the Lord started with the Flying J *[the original name of St. Stephen's ministry assisting those who are experiencing homelessness, based on the truck stop where we first met with them]*. Hopefully, these events will continue to grow. Another event that is taking root is the Little Free Market in downtown Lebanon. We are using Hunger Legacy Grant money to buy produce at Sunset Grocery Outlet and providing a free distribution of food on Sundays from 11-1. We also serve hot dogs and snacks. The section of Salem Lutheran Church we are using is the first floor of the Old Salem building. There is a kitchen with double doors that open to the court yard with picnic benches. We are advertising this

event through the Meals on Wheels program and Lebanon County Christian Ministries. We are the only food distribution that is happening on a Sunday. The event continues to grow and is a transformational ministry for the Lutheran churches. I will send you pictures too so that you can see what this event looks like.

Shirley had been in touch with me previously, telling me how she and others had seen what was happening at St. Stephen – how God was working through our congregation to touch lives in our community in so many ways. She told me how it inspired people in Lebanon to act. She saw how it transformed lives – not just of the people who were served, but also those who were serving. This is what discipleship is all about. This is what the church is all about.

I'll be honest, hearing this brought tears to my eyes. This *is* what church is supposed to be about – making an impact in such a way that it inspires others to act as well. This is how we participate in the unfolding of the kingdom of God. This how we spread the Good News. This is what makes it all worthwhile.

Shirley proceeded to provide me a report after the event; the results were amazing. In the course of two short mid-day

events, 26 volunteers from three churches served 177 people from the community an unbelievable amount of food. People were being fed. They would not go hungry. They were receiving love and care and concern from their neighbors.

This is what it means to love one another – to love our neighbors. To welcome the stranger.

But more than that, they served up what we read about in 1 Peter – constant love for one another, hospitality, good stewardship, serving one another, speaking the very words of God, serving, and glorifying God. I have no doubt that God not only looked down on this and smiled but stood among those being served and felt welcomed. I can imagine Jesus reciting Matthew 25:34b-36: *Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.*

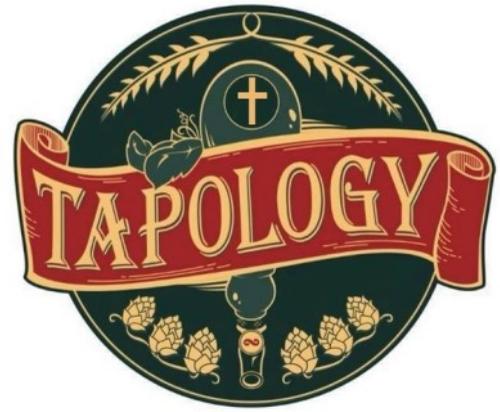
You see, this is what church is all about. Church isn't an institution. It's not a place we go to on a certain day of the week. It's not about a membership. I'm sure that upsets some people to hear from a pastor. But here's what I know: church is where we encounter God most fully ... and that happens in a variety of ways. It certainly happens in worship. It is in worship that we do the liturgy – which is the work of the people. We gather together, we hear and speak the word of God, we share the meal together, and we are sent out into the world to serve.

Is there any part of that is missing in what Shirley described of those mid-afternoon events in Lebanon? People gathered together. The word of God was spoken in hospitality. Food was shared. And people were sent – looking forward to the next time they could gather again. I know for certain that everyone there departed with Good News that gave them hope. They went away with a sense of peace. They went away knowing that someone cared about them. They went away having been seen.

If that isn't what church is – if that isn't being in the presence of Jesus – I don't know what is. The words of 1 Peter aren't just words of encouragement written for a community experiencing suffering. They are words of liturgy, words to guide our everyday lives. The liturgy is special and, at the same time, it is as normal as the flow of life.

Yes, the liturgy is both special *and* normal. It is something that draws us in for marked occasions as well as mundane moments, from formal worship in the sanctuary to mid-afternoon gatherings of food distribution that impact people in many other ways.

1 Peter 4:8-11 gives us advice for a multitude of times, a wealth of wisdom to guide and speak to us and to supply us with what we need, nourishing us like those who show up on a mid-afternoon in search of food. 1 Peter 4:8-11 is like one of those volunteers ready to serve us as we hunger, searching for love, seeking to be seen, wanting to hear a good word. And it doesn't disappoint. It fills us. We walk away thanking God. Amen. †



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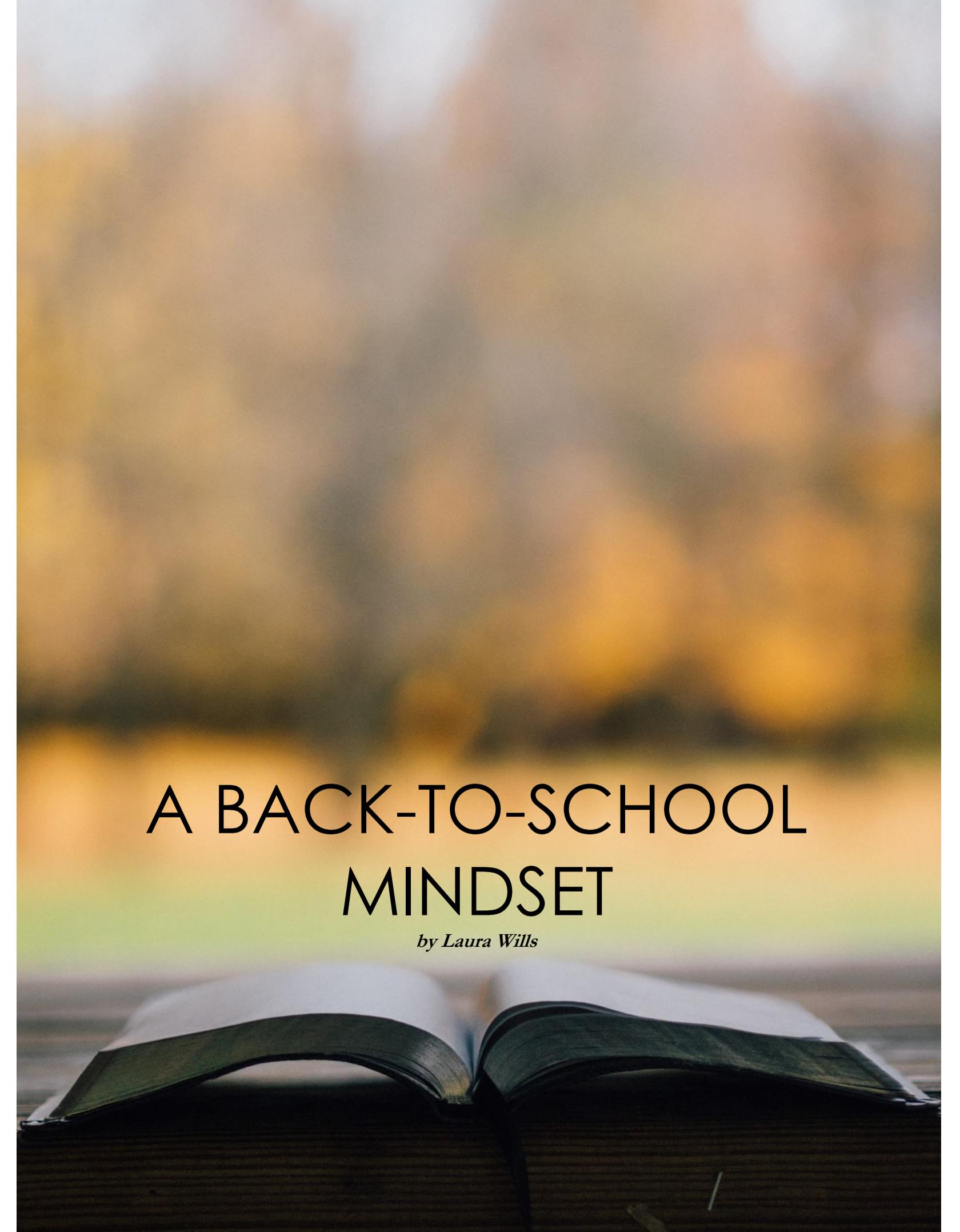


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A BACK-TO-SCHOOL MINDSET

by Laura Wills

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This time of year makes me think of “Back to School.” Even if you don’t have kids in school, commercials and store promotions remind us all that it is “Back to School” time. For millions of people, this means going back to elementary school, middle school, high school, college, etc. But it’s also a great time to recommit to participating in Sunday Church School and the other learning opportunities we have at St. Stephen.

Learning and growing in faith shouldn’t stop when we are confirmed. As the Learn page on our church website states, “Faith formation is a journey, not a destination. We recognize that faith itself is a gift from God, but it is a gift that God intends for us to deepen and put into practice in our daily lives in his world. As such, the gift of faith never stops growing; it needs nurturing and encouragement throughout life.”

St. Stephen has Sunday Church School classes for all ages – yes, even for adults. We have Bible Studies happening on a regular basis on Wednesdays. We offer VBS during the summer. We hold Confirmation classes that include a “refresher” for adults interested in engaging differently and on a deeper level with their faith. We maintain a library full of books to help answer your questions. Pastor Matthew provides a Stroll Through Scripture every Monday morning on Facebook. We offer midweek services during Lent and Advent. We have Tapology out in the community on the first Sunday of the month. We offer scholarships to help all members who want to experience church camp. There is no shortage of ways to continue to learning and to connect with others.

Young or young-at-heart, we have something for everyone. Attending these life-long learning opportunities help deepen our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with one another. They help us to grow in our faith. They give us a place to gather together to look at scripture and to talk about the

meanings of Jesus’s teachings. They provide a time for study and fellowship – we have much to learn from each other.

Let’s get in a “Back to School” mindset and, as life starts to return to something more normal, reach out to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to join you in any of these activities. You can even reach out to those you hardly know by posting an invitation to these programs on your Facebook page.

Perhaps your friendships and your desire to learn in a communal environment took a backseat during the pandemic due to social distancing guidelines. I hope you will participate in one or more of the educational activities already mentioned and encourage others to join you. It’s time to reconnect with each other, recognizing we are all one in the body of Christ. It’s time to renew relationships, recognizing that our faith is strengthened as we learn and grow together. And it’s time to make new connections to further grow that body.

Let’s go “Back to School” together! †



DEFINING NEIGHBOR

by Sally John



I spent the majority of my early years growing up in a small town in Ohio that is situated on a peninsula jutting into Lake Erie. This sleepy town's population in the winter triples in the summer. Tourists swoop in to partake of its world-class fishing, search for the migratory birds that stop off enroute to and from Canada, boat to the nearby Lake Erie islands, visit the well-established wineries, and enjoy its close proximity to Cedar Point amusement park.

The year-round residents for the most part all know each other. My school guidance counselor (who later became the mayor) lived a few houses up the street, the town's deputy sheriff lived behind us, the Clerk of

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Courts lived across the street, some of my parents' best friends lived next door, and the pastor of our church eventually moved in three houses away. I felt surrounded by a support system of people I knew well. If I ever would have needed anything, I would have been comfortable going to any number of my neighbors, knowing they would gladly give assistance.

As an adult, I have lived in the same house for thirty-three years. Recently, our backyard neighbors put their house up for sale. I don't even know their names. What I do know is that they have seven dogs. Seven large German Shepherds. Seven large German Shepherds who regularly tear back and forth across their narrow fence-less yard, sans leashes, while vocalizing in deep, baritone barks. Even though we are dog-lovers, this recurrent activity makes it difficult for us to go into our backyard or peacefully enjoy our deck. We hope their house sells quickly, as we won't be sad to see them take their menagerie somewhere else – hopefully somewhere with plenty of space for dogs to run.

While we do have friends around us that we regularly socialize with, somehow the idea of *neighbor* just doesn't feel the same as it did when I was growing up. Now it feels more

like a drab noun – a person who lives close by. In my youth, it went beyond that; it was also an active verb. I remember my mother occasionally talking about this person or that who “neighbors” quite a bit. There was an essence of caring to the word. An air of comfort. A come-inside-and-chat, I-would-hold-your-hand-in-the-emergency-room, congratulations-sign-on-your-garage-when-your-daughter-graduates element.

This all makes me ponder the idea of what the word neighbor really means. In Luke 10, the parable of the Good Samaritan strongly suggests that Jesus had a very broad definition of the word, in the noun sense. A neighbor was not limited to someone who owned

property bordering your own. The meaning transcended local communities, countries, status, culture, and religious restrictions. After many locals passed him by, the beat-up victim lying on the side of the road is eventually helped by a Samaritan – someone who really has no business associating with the injured person, a man raised to hate Jews. Jesus calls him the true neighbor.

The definition in the parable also had an active component to it as well. In its verb form, it would probably have synonyms that are more relationship-based, encompassing respect, care, and service. In the parable, we are told that a man pushes Jesus to tell how he would define “neighbor.” Jesus responds quite simply that a neighbor is “the one who showed mercy” to the person in need, and stresses the importance of even going so far as to love your neigh-

bor. A very active verb indeed – one with lots of substance.

We joke within our family about my mom having had some odd ways of saying things. Her sometimes-quirky insights became known fondly as “Lu-isms.” But perhaps old Lu had that “neighboring” thing right all along. Perhaps it is time that I refresh my definition of neighbor to intentionally make it more of an active verb again. I may just have to bake some cookies to give the new folks who move into The House of the Seven Dogs. Then again, Jesus’ definition of being a true neighbor might challenge me to walk over now, while the current dog-full neighbors are still there, and take them some cookies ... as well as seven extra-large Milk Bones. †



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December 21, 2022

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<https://memorialblanket.org>



SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

by Stacy Schroeder



As humans, we move through all kinds of communities, both chosen and acquired, from classmates and co-workers to neighbors, family, and those with common interests or experiences. What makes a spiritual community different from any of these? What does it mean to deepen our relationship amongst those with whom we share a faith affiliation?

Sister Rose Mary Dougherty, a contemporary writer, teacher, and spiritual director, defines spiritual community as the “person or group of people with whom my desire for God comes alive and through whom I am supported in honoring that desire.” What do you think of this definition? Where and when in your life have you found this kind of community?

This past summer, I attended my first ten-day residency as part of my training as a contemplative spiritual director. About forty classmates and instructors gathered at a beautiful Maryland retreat center. In this holy place, we both learned about and became a spiritual community in an intense, short burst of time. Removed from the distractions and obligations of everyday life, we were free to focus on God and each other. I was fascinated to observe how quickly relationships developed and how we moved through many aspects of society in microcosm. We were spending so much time in prayer and

silence that our hearts were open and vulnerable. There were established checks and balances to keep any one personality from dominating and mentors for individual support. And yet, of course, occasional rubs and conflicts cropped up. What was touching to see is how quickly people recognized and reached out to resolve these minor issues rather than letting them fester. What a model for living in community!

In this space, I drew closer to God than I have ever been, feeling and hearing the Spirit regularly each day, trusting – expecting! – that She was with me each moment, teaching, nudging, and loving me. (A key contemplative teaching is that God is always present; an inner awareness is what is necessary, not an invitation to God.) There was a wholeness among us, a shalom both soothing and invigorating.

I have been fortunate to encounter other mountain-top experiences and spiritual communities during my life, including my summers as a counselor at Camp Nawakwa. About ten years ago, I wandered into another such community, one that God meant for me but that I would never have sought out on my own. An acquaintance was forming a women’s wellness circle, which I expected to be focused on physical health. It turned out to be broader than that, encompassing

women from many different church and unchurched backgrounds. We delved into meditation, self-care, yoga, Reiki, and conversations about the Divine Feminine. Much of this was new to me; I was drawn to it but also kept checking in with our pastor to see if what we were doing was “of God.” (She assured me each time that it was.)

This unique space offered perspective I had not found before, a chance to view spirituality from outside the lens of traditional “church” organizations. I came to see how much fear and misunderstanding both churches and “spiritual not religious” groups carry for each other and, ironically, how much in common they have. Both gather people together for the purpose of connecting to the Divine. Both use surprisingly similar, though differently-named, liturgy and rituals to do so. Both, at their best, center their work in God and, at their most flawed, in human sin and division.

Noticing all of this is part of what led me to the work of spiritual direction. God is calling me to support those who have been hurt by the church, holding space for clergy and other leaders and also for those who have been ostracized because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or wisdom tradition.

My question – is this of God? – is still central but my definition of spiritual community has expanded. I tend to agree

with Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong, who once said, “God is not a Christian, God is not a Jew, or a Muslim, or a Hindu, or a Buddhist. All of these are human systems which human beings have created to help us walk into the mystery of God. I honor my tradition, I walk through my tradition, but I don’t think my tradition defines God, I think it only points me to God.”

There has been a lot of hurt generated over the last decade. The pandemic has shone an even brighter light on divided communities and further ripped apart some of them, including North American churches. There are frequent calls for healing and for unity. Some suggest throwing everything away and starting over. Others cling to rules and structures that no longer work. Some use unity as a code word for silencing those who disagree. Others harken back to what are perceived as better times, wanting to replicate what was successful then. All of these ignore the wound in lieu of wresting control. While I do not have an answer to this problem within society or the church, I do know that none of these options will build a healthy community, let alone a spiritual one.

This as a time of pivotal change in the world as we know it. I don’t see how we can escape that. We do not need to like it but we will fare better if we learn to sincerely work together. How can we continue to be open to God and to one another, holding lightly our own personal comfort zones so we can hear the truth in what others say? How can we honor our call in this time and place in a way that is both rooted and fluid?

Nearly twenty-five years ago, Christian contemplative, philosopher, and writer Beatrice Bruteau said, “A new revelation is coming, and many threads from the past will be woven into it, drawn from all the old traditions. But some of the ‘former things’ will ‘pass away’ (Revelations 21:4) – whatever isn’t compatible with planetary peaceful life together.” I love how this resonates with the scripture theme for this issue.

We once more have the opportunity to redefine our spiritual community at St. Stephen. I say that joyfully, even after being deeply involved with the R3 and mission renewal process over the last four years. Was all of that discernment work worth it? Absolutely. But it wasn’t really about the structure we ultimately chose. It was about learning to listen to the Spirit and base our identity there rather than on earthly markers.

These core questions remain, to be prayerfully asked again and again: How do we respond to Christ’s love? How do we feed those who hunger in mind, body, and spirit ... including those with whom we might disagree? As a spiritual community, how can we genuinely deepen our relationships and how do we bring alive in each of us the desire for God? †



CLOSING PRAYER

God of depth, go deep within us.
Reach down to the core of who we are.
Go past the muck and grim of our brokenness.
Go past the mess and confusion and distraction we create.

Go past the walls of separation we put up.
Go past all those things we design to keep you out
from who we are.

Go deep.
Touch our very souls and hearts.
The very being of who we are so that
we may know your loving embrace
and may be softened by you.

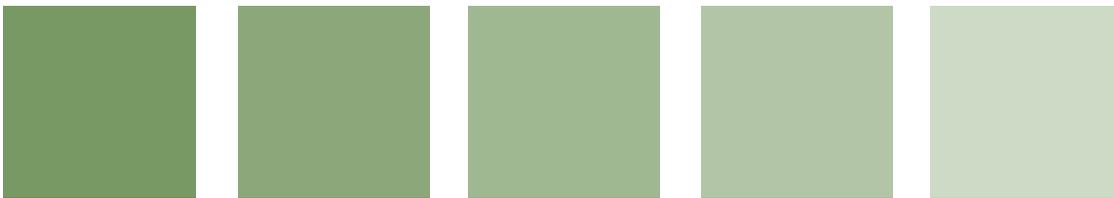
Let your touch break down the façades we have put up
that show the world how strong we are
(though we aren't).

Let your mercy rain down on us
melting away the steel and concrete walls around our hearts
so that we may know your love
so that we may be in relationship with you
and with others
so that we may know what
vulnerable love really is.

AMEN.

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A FEW WAYS TO RECEIVE & RESPOND

1

You can hold our ministries and those who work in these ministries in prayer. In need of prayer yourself? We pray at every gathering and also have an electronic prayer list that goes out regularly with specific requests. If you would like people to pray for you, please call 717-766-2168 or send a message to prayer@StStephenLC.org.

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You are invited to worship and engage in the life of ministry. Our worship services and other gatherings are listed throughout this magazine and our website. There are many opportunities to learn and participate as well as to volunteer your time and skills. For more info, contact Pastor Matthew at 717-766-2168 or pastor@StStephenLC.org.

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