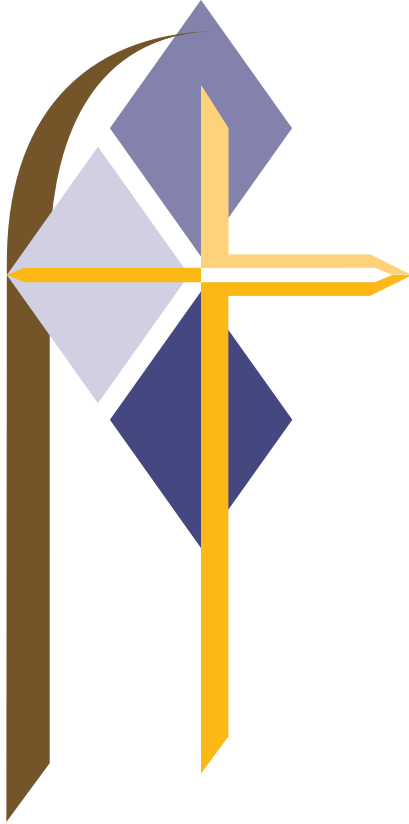


Dundee Presbyterian Church Newscaster

Loving God, Sharing Jesus Christ



April 3, 2011

Holy Communion

Relationships over Religion:

Wrestling Faith

Dr. Bob Jordan

Scripture Lesson:
Genesis 32:22-32

WORSHIP & EDUCATION TIMES

9 am: Worship Service - Rejoice! Praise Team

10 am: Lenten Bible Study, Children's Bible Study, CRASH

11 am: Worship Service - Chancel Choir



Wrestling Faith

Genesis 32:22-32

REFLECTIONS

In competitive amateur wrestling, opponents wearing nothing-left-to-the-imagination singlets grapple with each other in attempts to get the upper hand and eventually win the match. Matches are divided into rounds, and while the rules instruct how to start and referee a match, the actual wrestling is unscripted—just two athletes using every ounce of strength and every bit of wit that they possess to outdo one another.

Professional wrestling, on the other hand, is more interested in flamboyance and fan-base than in rules and actual grappling. The goal is to put on a good enough show in order to gain a lot of attention and further a wrestler's career.

A more recent outlet for wrestlers and their wrestling urges is found in the arenas of mixed martial arts. Two combatants enter a fenced-in ring or octagon and draw upon boxing, jiu-jitsu, karate, tae kwon do, muay thai, Greco-Roman wrestling, and various other international wrestling/fighting skills to beat the living snot out of each other. While you can win on a judge's decision, the preferred ways to end a fight are to knock someone out cold or to cause—by means of some pain-inflicting hold or life-threatening choke—your opponent to “tap out.”

Spiritual wrestling often follows one of these three patterns. One who orderly wrestles with God can do so with great intensity but still chooses to show honor and respect throughout the match. Those who are more like the professional wrestlers engage in conflicts with God more for the way it causes friends, family, and acquaintances to pay greater attention to them. Then there are those who enter the cage with God and use everything at their disposal to give God a good pounding.

M. Scott Peck's model for faith development helps to explain why wrestling with God is such a common experience for maturing Christians. He describes the basic spiritual journey as being marked by four distinct phases: chaos (I am the center of the universe), formal (my system of understanding God suits me just fine), doubting (some if not many of my spiritual answers aren't as clear or as convincing as I once thought they were), and mystic (my previous desires and needs to define God no longer limit my relationship with God). Whenever we seek to grow closer to God, or God seeks to grow us closer to him, there is a requisite letting go of control on our part—whether it's a letting go of our position in the universe, a portion of our system of answers, or the need to know everything fully. Seldom do we let go of these deeply valued, perceived treasures easily. More often, we'll give one heck of a fight to anyone or anything that attempts to convince us that it's in our best interest to surrender them.

While full alignment with God is clearly the Bible's stated goal for all of Christ's followers, thankfully the Bible also contains multiple stories of devoted God-followers wrestling with God for control of their lives—including the story in which Jacob seems to have physically grappled with God (Genesis 32). His match wasn't just for show, nor did it seem to follow Queensberry rules. It was more like a mixed martial arts match, with both combatants seeking each other's submission.

If there is wrestling that you need to do with God, then you might consider getting to it. Beware, however, he's no newcomer to the ring.

-Dr. Bob Jordan



Ready for Romance

Are you ready for "Romance"? If so, you will enjoy our last *Crescendo* Concert of this season on April 10th. Romanza, Canada's three tenors are classically trained and charged with vitality and talent. They are born to entertain on the international stage. Audiences have described them as expressive and fun while joining in harmonies and charming you along the way. They have reinvigorated opera hits, Italian favorites, popular folk songs and well-loved ballads with their own tailor-made arrangements for the contemporary audience. Stop by the church office for tickets, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Mariners Meeting- Saturday, April 9

The Mariners will meet at 6:00 in the dining room for snacks followed by a pot-luck dinner at 6:30. Sarah Browning, Extension Educator-Horticulture for UNL, will present the program "How Does Your Garden Grow?" Singles and couples of all ages are welcome to attend. Please call Lois Holmberg at 402-551-6892 with your reservation.

What happened at Session on March 22?

Session is what we call our church board. They have the responsibility of making sure the life and ministry of our church honors Christ through and through. At their meeting on March 22, the elders (session members) thanked the Building Team for putting together and approving a plan to replace DPC's boiler this year (a \$170,000 project with a September completion date). The Children's Director Search Team introduced their candidate of choice, Jenny Faiman, to the elders who formally approved her pay package. Elders spent time praying for each other and their disciple making efforts in our congregation. In preparation for an April 30th vote at presbytery, which could change our denomination's constitution, the session reviewed the history our denomination has experienced surrounding ordination standards for church officers and pastors.

Great Books Available

Are you looking for a book on Easter for your preschool or elementary age child or grandchild? Be sure to check out what the Children's Library has to offer! The Children's Library is located on the third floor just across from room 306.

Easter Lilies Form

I/we would like to provide a lily for the Sanctuary on Easter.

Cost: \$12.00 per plant. **Please print** information.

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

Given by _____

Phone _____

____ I/we will take this plant after the 11 a.m. Easter Service.

____ This plant may be available for delivery to a homebound person.

Submit form & check payable to Dundee Presbyterian Church by April 18th.

Dundee Christian Education

Adult Sunday School & Bible Study

All classes and Bible studies always encourage drop-in visitors. **Join Us!**

SUNDAY, 10 a.m.

Each year DPC closes down its normal classes for adults on Sunday mornings and everyone comes together for a book study during the weeks leading up to Easter. Everyone is invited. This year we'll use the book 'In the Grip of Grace' by Max Lucado.

MONDAY

- **Gospel-Centered Life** - 9:15 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., Dining Room Annex

TUESDAY

- **Women's Bible Study** - 7:30 a.m., Paradise Bakery (Regency)

WEDNESDAY

- **Bible Study** - 1:15 p.m., dining room, with Dr. Jim Eckman
- **Westminster Catechism Class** - 6:30 p.m., Parlor

THURSDAY

- **Retired Men's Bible Study** - 8 a.m., Village Inn (78th & Dodge)

FRIDAY

- **Men's Bible Study** - 6:30 a.m., Rockbrook Garden Cafe
- **Women's Bible Study** - 6:30 a.m., Wheatfields (One Pacific Place)

SATURDAY

- **Men's Bible Study** - 7:30 a.m., parlor

Youth Ministries

CRASH - For junior & senior high students. Sundays, 10-11 a.m. in the Underground. Come Rejoice And Sing Hallelujah! There will be singing, praying, hearing God's word, and spending time with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jr. High - Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm - includes a meal, small group discussion and heart-throbbing games.

Sr. High - Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30pm - includes a meal, small group discussion and irresistibly fun games.

Children's Ministries

Join in as the children grow in fellowship, Bible knowledge and faith – and have a really great time!

Kids' Own Worship - Sundays, 9am & 11am (ages 3-2nd grade) - Children will begin in the worship service with their families and be dismissed after the opening music. They will participate in an age-appropriate, engaging, interactive worship service composed of singing, offering, a Bible story, and prayer. Room 304

Sunday School - Sundays 10am, (Age 3 - Grade 6) - An in-depth study of God's Word using hands-on materials. All classes are held on the third floor; see signs for age level classroom locations.

FISH - Wednesdays, 5:15-6:45pm, (Preschool - 4th grade)

CLUB56 - Wednesday, 5:15-6:45pm - Rooms 306-308, (grades 5 & 6)

Deadline for the April 10 Issue of the Newscaster is Tuesday, March 29.

Please direct all information to amorrison@dpcmaha.org; or
in Ashley's mailbox at church.

Dundee Church Calendar

Sunday, April 3 - Holy Communion

- 7:00 a.m. · Rejoice! Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Prayer Walk – Sanctuary
- 8:15 a.m. · Weekly Prayer Group – Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. · **Rejoice! Worship**
 - *Kids Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 10:00 a.m. · Café Connection Fellowship – Narthex & Sanctuary Annex
- 10:00 a.m. · CRASH (7th - 12th grade) & Children's Christian Education
- 10:00 a.m. · Lenten Bible Study - Dining Room
- 10:00 a.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. · **Traditional Worship**
 - *Kids Own Worship* (age 3 - 2nd grade) – Room 304
- 12:00 p.m. · Prayer & Healing Ministry – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. · Café Connection Fellowship – Narthex & Sanctuary Annex

Monday, April 4

- 8:00 a.m. · Low Impact Aerobics - Sanctuary Annex
- 9:15 a.m. · The Gospel-Centered Life - Dining Room Annex
- 1:00 p.m. · The Gospel-Centered Life - Dining Room Annex
- 6:00 p.m. · Toastmasters - Dining Room Annex
- 6:30 p.m. · Boy Scout Troop 42 - Underground

Tuesday, April 5

- 7:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Paradise Bakery in Regency
- 10:00 a.m. · Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. · Deacons Board Meeting - Sanctuary Annex
- 7:00 p.m. · Deacons Meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. · Dundee Garden Club - Dining Room

Wednesday, April 6

- 1:15 p.m. · Bible Study with Dr. Jim Eckman - Dining Room
- 5:15 p.m. · CLUB56 - Room 306 - 308
- 5:15 p.m. · FISH - Chapel
- 5:15 p.m. · Alleluia Choir - Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. · Rejoice Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. · Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group - Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. · Westminster Catechism Class - Parlor

Thursday, April 7

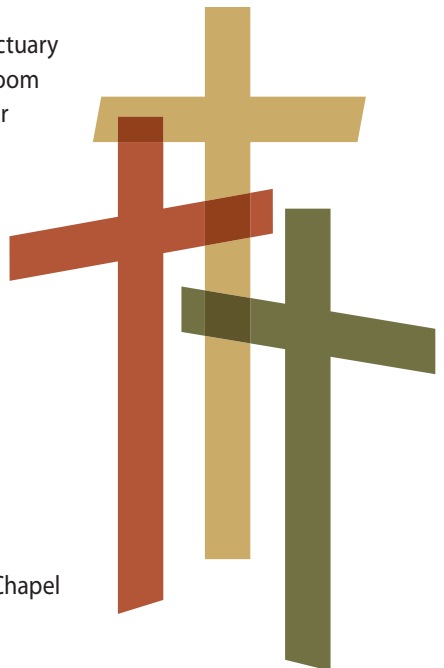
- 8:00 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Village Inn
- 7:00 p.m. · Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. · Brownell - Talbot - Parlor
- 8:00 p.m. · AA - Underground

Friday, April 8

- 6:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Rockbrook
- 6:30 a.m. · Women's Bible Study - Wheatfields

Saturday, April 9

- 7:30 a.m. · Men's Bible Study - Parlor
- 11:30 a.m. · Georgie Dudley Meeting - Parlor & Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. · Mariners - Dining Room



Financial Abuse and the Elderly

On Tuesday, April 12 at 4 pm, Dr. Juli-Ann Gasper, Associate Professor of Finance at Creighton University, will speak on "Financial Abuse and the Elderly," in the church dining room. Registration will be 3:45-4:00 pm. Pre-registration is requested. There is no charge for attending the presentation, and CEUs will be available. RSVP to feelhaver@tconl.com by April 8, 2011. You may contact Rosalee Yeaworth for more information.

Clothing Needed for Colombia Families

When you get dressed in the morning do you thank God for clean clothes? Dundee Presbyterian Church Mission Team, in support of our sister church in Colombia, will be collecting clothing to take to Bogota on May 20th. All clothing donations are appreciated with a special request for infants and children up to age 14. Do you have extra children's, women's, or men's clothing, underwear, or socks in new or good condition? This is a wonderful opportunity to spring clean your closets or pick up an extra package of socks and underwear at Wal-Mart and share with God's children. Please drop off your donations to the church office between March 27th and May 8th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Christian Womens Fellowship Plant Sale

CWF is hosting a plant sale just in time for Mother's Day! Order forms are available at the church reception desk or in the Narthex. The deadline for ordering is April 10. Please include your check with your order. Please contact Jennifer Duncan (402-393-5859) or Joan Worrall (402-393-4123) with any questions.

Fellowship Servers: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.: Lori Barton, Jo Simmons, Friz & Millie Miller

Ushers: 9 a.m.: Dennis Riekenberg; 11 a.m.: Scott & Sandy Knudsen

Prayer Team: 9 a.m.: Noreen Ward, Carol Ludwick
11 a.m.: Kendra Quinlan, Georgie Dudley

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