

REview and PREview
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Good Wednesday morning. I trust the sun is shining in your neck of the woods. Let's keep in our hearts and prayers the memory of those who died on 9/11, the first responders who served and died and those who have died from illnesses related to their service, and all who grieve the losses.

REview - I've attached Sunday's sermon. I've already enjoyed conversations with a couple of you about the challenging scripture readings. I can always meet for coffee to chat if that is of interest to you.

PREview - The readings assigned to Sunday are Psalm 14, Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, 1 Timothy 1:12-17 and Luke 15:1-10. I'm looking forward to Rev. Erin's sermon!

I hope you'll make every effort to return to FUMC for learning, fellowship and prayer.

Sunday School - 9 AM in the Library.

Worship - 10 AM in the sanctuary.

Coffee/tea Hour - 11.15 AM in the Parlor.

Faith Formation - 11:30 AM in Room 101 (next to Parlor).

Please stop by the Office and pick up the book "Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: finding abundant communities in unexpected places." \$16. And PLEASE sign up for one of two great discussion groups: Tuesday-7 PM-Jarl residence (234 E. 9th Street, 512-694-3050) with Erin Simmons facilitating and/or Thursday-10 AM-Julander residence (22 N. Point Road, 360-808-9107) with Tom Steffen facilitating.

In the meantime, perhaps Steve Garnass-Holmes' words will move us from fearing evil to doing our small part to address it.

"Evil has only one small power: to destroy. It's not really power, just fear with practice. Evil can frighten but not teach, it can wound but not lead, it can destroy but not create. It can cause sorrow, but it can't move the world forward. It can only destroy. So can, by the way, a germ. It is no great power.

You need not save the world from evil. Merely live gently with hope, create beauty, spread love, give of yourself even in the face of fear, and evil with all its small terrors will be outdone. Even a massacre is not as great a thing as a child's drawing."