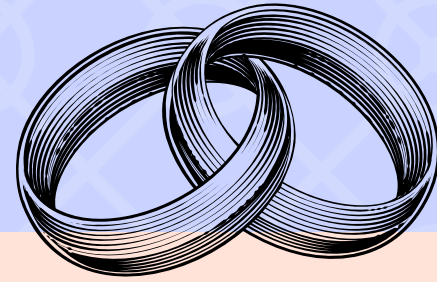




August 3, 2021



Parable of the Pastor

While officiating the marriage ceremony of Brooklynn and Juan last weekend at St. Andrew's, I looked into faces filled with love. Their relationship has been formed through a vast array of experiences that have drawn them closer. Those experiences, both good and bad serve as the ingredient that will continue to mold their lives together for years to come. The kind of commitment Brooklynn and Juan made before a gathering of family and friends lifted my own faith as a reminder of the commitment that Linda and I made long ago and the commitment that you have made throughout the years to those to whom you have committed your life.

As I reminded this couple on Saturday, I remind us all: commitment is never easy or automatic. It takes work, hard work each and every day. There are some days that it would be easier to give up and call it quits.

Relationships are an act of faith, in the other person, in yourself and in God to guide you through the rough patches until you can see clearly your way again.

To whom have you committed your life? Has doubt crept in making you question that commitment? Have you walked away from some of the promises that you made to keep, honor, and continue to work toward a healthy and vibrant relationship? It is never too late to renew a commitment you made long ago that may have fallen by the wayside. It is never too late to ask for God's help. Actually, the vows of a couple made as they committed their lives to one another are not inappropriate for us to renew as we examine our own relationships. Are we in those relationships for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health till death shall part us? If so, let us covenant with God and with one another, we will with the help of God.

Renewed Blessings to each of you. -Pastor Mitch

Pastor Mitch and Linda Have Moved

Update your directory with their new address:
Address redacted for newsletter
posted online. Please send
any mail intended for the
minister to the church.



*Love is patient,
love is kind,
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.*

A message from our ushering team:

Thank you to those attending Sunday services, the ushers really appreciate your efforts to follow the rules for in person gatherings. Please remember, at the completion of the service everyone must, in an orderly fashion, exit the sanctuary. We cannot permit folks to remain in the sanctuary for follow up purposes. You are welcome to visit with other attendees once you have exited the building. Anyone needing assistance, or requiring the ramp, should wait in their seat and when safe to do so will be assisted to exit.

Hang in there!

We hope that soon we won't have such strict rules and we'll be able to worship together, and enjoy each other's company also.

[Click here](#) for a reflection for Emancipation Day from the PCC

"If you hear dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the wood, keep going. If there's shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want to taste freedom, keep going."

—Harriet Tubman, Abolitionist

It's Time for a Chat!



Join us Thursday afternoons, between 2&4pm, outside in the laneway.

Come for the iced tea, shortbread and conversation or just to sit in the shade and enjoy seeing familiar faces.

All welcome!

Questions? Call Sheelagh - 250 385-5157

Whitney will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm starting August 11th.

Whitney will continue to work from home on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays for now and is available via phone or email.

Reservations for Sunday

[Click here](#) to fill out the reservation form for this Sunday's service.

Those who do not have a computer are welcome to call Whitney at 778-587-1227 to reserve a spot at the service. Reservations need to be made by Friday afternoon.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
- Psalm 130
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

