

2019 WABASH June Newsletter THE WORD from the minister's pen:

God of the Bible

God of the Bible, God of the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come.
You are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

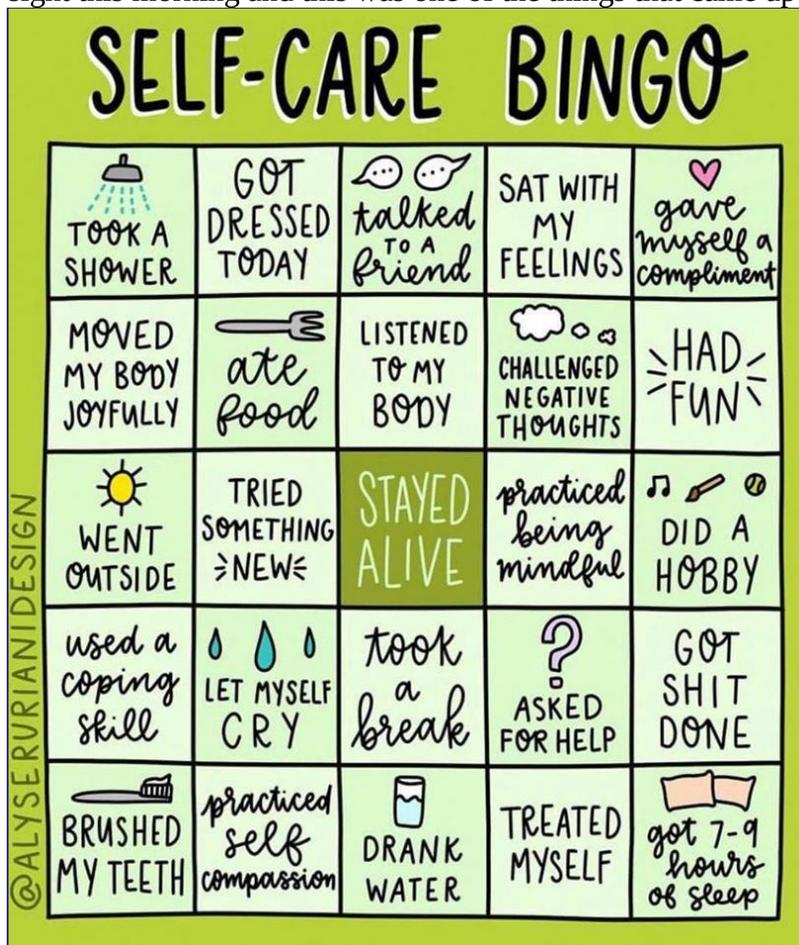
Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful. You do not change.
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--from More Voices #28

Grace & Peace to you, Dear Friends,

This is a new hymn that we sang last Sunday and also at the Regional AGM (Annual Meeting of Antler River Watershed—our new regional name). It addresses the fact that we are hopeful for the future amidst the many challenges. And yet, we are not afraid because God is with us—faithful & sure as the sunrise. Marlain Wolfe, the Bothwell Rep, Amy Malott, the Wabash Rep & I attended the AGM Regional May 24-26 in Port Elgin. The theme speaker was Rev. Cameron Trimble. I went on her web-site this morning and this was one of the things that came up:



This is typical of her practical advice and wisdom.

In her 2 presentations she challenged us to learn something new, be touched by JOY and go home ready to serve. In her latest book “Piloting Church”, she says, “I believe we need new kinds of leaders today - those who are both kind and brave. My work - my passion - is to support those who are ready to fly into their own leadership potential.” It is important not to hold on too tightly to the steering wheel, but feel the up and down drafts and & go with the wind. Her expression was “fly loose”. In the church what we do on a Monday or Wednesday may be just as important as what we do during worship on Sunday.

We have had the age of God, the age of Jesus and now we are in the age of the Spirit. People want to experience the Spirit of God in their lives.

She was also very humorous and talked about the “F” word—FORGIVE. “Forgive all your ex’s and move into the future. Take on the things that are essential. Be a hero not a victim. Our communities of faith need to be operated like a family where Kindness, Respect and Fairness lead the way. Listen to mentors who encourage us to live honestly with integrity & make demands of us to develop healthy living—no matter how hard it is!

In her conclusion, she said we are presiding over the death & rebirth of institutional religion. It is scary—but exciting . The new Christianity will live with boundless love, be kind, generous & brave. It is a growing movement whose time is now—Take flight!

News from the BWPC (Bothwell-Wabash Pastoral Charge): In April, our sister church Bothwell United had another very successful Ham Supper. Our thanks to Frances Lawson, Shirley Robinson, Dave Annett and their faithful team. It is much appreciated all their efforts to fund-raise for the good of BWPC. Over \$18, 00 was amassed to help with the charge’s expenses.

Also, we thank the joint UCW and the 2 congregations for leading in worship on the AGM Regional Sunday. Everyone appreciates all the volunteers do throughout the year for the benefit of church & community.

We look forward to hearing from our 12 youth from Zone Youth Club who are attending the Kids Across The Region this weekend at Camp Bimini. If you have children or grandchildren who are interested in Kenesserie Camp this summer, speak to Rev. Annalee. There are monies in our Joint Youth fund to help support this event. We would be delight to have some of our kids attend. They may also ask cousins or friends to go with them.

The summer fund-raiser will be the **Bothwell Council BBQ** and the **Joint UCW & Friends Bake Sale on Monday August 5** on Main St. Bothwell. Please support this with buying or baking—or you can give a donation to any of our treasures. All extra monies are gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and messages to the families of Anne Miller, Wayne (Bud) Jacques, Marilyn Adkin, Caroline Willicks, Lenore Mac Donell, Lyle Johnson, & Jesse Warner during their recent sorrow. So many of you take the time to uplift others. It is a shared blessing to let others know God loves them & upholds all of us on our life’s journey.

Our final service before the summer holiday will be **June 23**. The theme is **Celebrate Creation**. Please bring your stories & photos. It is also possible to have pets blessed. The service will take place outside —depending on the weather. Come & enjoy good fellowship and refreshments afterward.

Finally, the sun is shining more and our thoughts turn to relaxing & outdoor activities. Enjoy and celebrate God’s presence in this awesome world that God has given to us.

Let us live in the Light of Christ.

Shalom, Annalee

**“I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and asked you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.”**

(Isaiah 43:1-7)