

March 18, 2019 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

This week we officially greet spring. The weather has turned more spring-like already, and the snow is disappearing. However, that means a heightened threat for flooding in the Yellowstone Valley and surrounding areas. Please keep that in mind during these warming days.

Yesterday in worship at Huntley United Methodist Church we talked about God's promise to Abraham. God called Abraham to leave his home and his extended family and go to a land that God would reveal to him once he arrived. In return, God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation, and that he would be a blessing to the world. Many years have passed and Abraham is trying to remain faithful, but he is troubled that God has not fulfilled the promised of an heir. God reaffirms the promise one night by asking Abraham to "look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God declares, "So shall your descendants be." God had not forgotten his promise to Abraham.

Abraham assumed that God's promise delayed was God's promise denied. How often have we done the same thing in our own lives of faith? We've offered up a prayer to God, but seemingly no answer came, and we assumed that God wasn't listening, or didn't care, or at the least said, "No!" The answer could be 'no,' but we should not assume that. God's timetable is not our timetable, but that does not mean that God does not hear, and it does not mean that God will not answer. God can be trusted. Whatever your greatest need is today, whatever your discouragement, whatever the test of faith, don't give up and don't give in. God can be trusted.

Companions in Christ group meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Scrap Booking group will meet on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Huntley WCI Team will meet on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Huntley United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Huntley Community Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Huntley United Methodist Church. Please watch for further details as we get closer to the date.

See you in worship,  
Pastor Gary Geiman