

May 6, 2019 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

Our Huntley Community Blood Drive this past Wednesday was a big success. Thanks to everyone who helped organize the drive, provide hospitality, and especially to all those who donated the gift of life. We plan to host another drive in the fall, and to host two drives each year. Other blood drives are planned throughout the year on Huntley Project in Worden and Shepherd. Please consider giving your blood donation as often as possible.

In worship yesterday at Huntley United Methodist Church, we talked about another of Jesus' resurrection appearances to his disciples, this one on the seashore. In this memorable encounter, Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Peter responded each time by saying, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

It's hard to escape the symbolism of this encounter, intended or otherwise. Peter was warming himself by a charcoal fire in the high priest's courtyard when he denied three times that he even knew Christ. Now, sitting around a charcoal fire where Christ has prepared their breakfast, the risen Christ asks Peter three times, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Is Jesus giving Peter a chance to redeem himself? That certainly would fit Jesus method of operation. Jesus was always calling people to new life, increased faith, a different way of being, a renewed sense of calling. Peter was certainly a fallible individual, but then, aren't we all? It would be just like the risen Christ to come to Peter once again, upon whom he said he would build his Church, and secure the foundation upon which this institution would be built. Jesus reminds Peter of his divine calling, to "tend his sheep," which is every believer's divine calling as well.

Scrap Booking group will meet on Wednesday, May 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Huntley United Methodist women will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd at 1:30 p.m.

New summer worship hour: Starting on June 2nd, Sunday worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the months of June, July, and August. The only exception will be on August 4th when the Outdoor Worship in the Park service will be at 10:30 a.m. Worship service time will change back to 10:30 a.m. beginning on September 1st. Please note this change in our worship schedule.

Also, Sunday school will be on break through the summer months.

See you in worship,
Pastor Gary Geiman