

August 19, 2019 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

In worship yesterday at Huntley United Methodist Church we talked about faith, and we used Hebrews chapter 11 as our scriptural basis. Hebrews chapter 11 is often referred to as "The Faith Chapter," and it gives us example after example of courageous, uncompromising faith in the face of incredible odds. Several Old Testament characters are named, and their examples inspire us. They often faced severe tests and many did not survive those tests, but they remained faithful to the end because they believed in the ultimate promises of God.

So when you face adversity, do not despair because God loves you and is with you in your situation. Jesus said very clearly that God "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous," and by extension hail upon sinners and saints alike, as evidenced this past week. In other words, good people prosper, bad people prosper; good people suffer, bad people suffer. All sorts of tragic events can happen to the most blessed of saints. Expect the best, but should life deal you a crippling blow, be prepared for it and hold on to God.

Sunday worship will return to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 1st.

Sunday school for children and youth will resume on Sunday, September 8th, and we will celebrate with a balloon launch. Please join us.

Adult Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 29th.

See you in worship,
Pastor Gary Geiman